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HAPPENINGS ABOUT CITY TOLD IN BRIEF

Mrs. Clyde Sullivan and her little son Clyde, Jr., left for Roanoke to join her husband, where they will make their future home.

R.R. Gillingham's truck was struck by an electric train this morning on upper King street. No damage was done.

Mr. William H. Humphries and his grandson, Harry Humphries, of 1105 Prince street, are at Virginia Beach for a few weeks.

Mr. Edward C. Wildt has returned from Ocean View, Va., where his wife and two sons are spending the summer.

Mr. Daniel R. Stansbury and his son Daniel R. Stansbury, Jr., have returned from a visit to Mr. Stansbury's eldest son, Mr. Herbert Stansbury, in Tucumcari, New Mexico.

Messrs. Armstrong, Briscoe, Caton, Duncan, Creagan, McKenny, Peyton and Poss of the Virginia Athletic Club left last night for an extended trip to Colonial Beach.

Mrs. William H. T. Brooke is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemper, who have a cottage at Ocean City, Md., for the summer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman has returned to her home in Washington, after spending the month of July with her brother, Mr. Luther H. Thompson in South Fairfax street.

Mrs. J. J. Sullivan and little son John Woodrow and daughter Mrs. Julian Haislip and daughter Vivian are visiting Mrs. A. B. Terrell in Roanoke, Va.

The funeral of Oscar Lee Beall, nine months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beall, who died yesterday at the hospital, was held today at Wheatley's funeral chapel. Burial was in Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Louise Arrington, fifty-six years old, died yesterday at the Alexandria Hospital. The body was taken to Wheatley's funeral chapel and shipped today to Occoquan, Va., for burial.

A regular meeting of Alva Aerie No. 871, Fraternal Order of Eagles will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) night at 8 o'clock in their lodge room fourth floor, Alexandria National Bank building.

The Dreadnoughts will hold their regular Tuesday practice at 5 o'clock on the High School grounds. An exhibition game has been arranged with Harry Hinken's all stars, which will probably go six innings, and this will give both teams good practice.

EIGHT PERISH IN FLAMES.

Low Water Pressure and Bursting Hose Handicap Firemen.

Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—Eight persons were burned to death and four injured late yesterday afternoon when fire which started in a factory at 123 North Fourth street swept through six buildings, while firemen, handicapped by low water pressure and bursting hose, fought madly to check the flames.

The fire started in Harry Horner's woman's suit factory on the fourth floor of the five-story building.

Hose lines were soon brought into action but at least four hoses burst in quick succession and it was not until water towers and a score of engines reached the scene that the firemen began to get in effective work.

The six bodies of the unidentified dead were found in a gas fixture manufacturing establishment on the third floor in the rear of 123 North Fourth street, where the flames reached their greatest height. They were burned beyond recognition.

The rapid spread of the flames made the frantic efforts of the firemen seem helpless for a time and the thousands of spectators were provided with thrill after thrill as the firemen, plunging into smoke-filled rooms in search of workers, were forced to swing from windows to ladders to escape the rush of the fire.

LEEDY CLOSES CAMPAIGN

Predicts His Nomination at Virginia Primaries Today.

Luray, Va., Aug. 3.—Col. Robert F. Leedy, closed his campaign for Congress from this district at a large meeting yesterday afternoon. Colonel Leedy spoke for 1 hour and 20 minutes, being introduced by Capt. R. S. Parks, Commonwealth's Attorney of Page county.

Colonial Leedy was severe in his strictures of Congressman Harrison's official record and of the Volstead act, citing how the Prohibition Department had used high-handed methods in enforcing the provisions of the act, and how the officials had come into this county, and while attempting to make arrests, had, it is alleged, help up women at the point of revolvers while they searched their premises for liquor. He denied emphatically that the liquor interests were financing his campaign, mentioning a long list of names of prominent men throughout the district who had made voluntary contributions whereby he was enabled to prosecute his canvass. Throughout, the crowd was in sympathy with him, punctuating his address by frequent and prolonged applause.

This was more pronounced while Colonel Leedy was dealing with Congressman Harrison's record in Congress. Colonel Leedy had a long list of laws that Harrison claimed that he had been instrumental in having passed, quoting from the Congressional Record, which showed that many of the laws were passed before Representative Harrison began his Congressional career. He predicted that he would be elected at today's primary.

Fewer Flies in London.

The London Star says: Has the ministry of health unexpectedly won its war on flies? A rare, but not unprecedented sequel this summer has followed the usual mysterious hibernation of flies. Midsummer day has passed, there have been spells of hot weather, but the common house fly, officially described by the South Kensington scientists as "one of man's greatest enemies," is in our midst, not in swarms, but in enormously reduced numbers. A scientific correspondent attributes the remarkable scarcity of flies to the following causes:

Increasing use of petrol.
Abolition of dangerous fly lairs, such as stable yards, now garages.
Shortages of sugar.
Recent heavy rains and thunder storms.

Universal spring cleaning after five years which has destroyed egg laying haunts.

Success of "Swat that fly" campaign.
Lord Montagu, of Beaulieu, attributed a former mysterious reduction of the numbers of flies in London before the war to the petrol vapor emitted by motor cars, cycles and buses. Flies cannot stand petrol or the smell of it.

KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Princess Anne, Md., Aug. 3.—Mrs. William B. Spiva, wife of the cashier of the Somerset Bank, of Princess Anne, was instantly killed and her husband seriously injured in an automobile collision on a road between Centerville and Wye Mills yesterday afternoon.

With his skull fractured and his collarbone broken, Spiva was lying unconscious at the Easton Hospital.

Driving along the State road in his big automobile, bound for a vacation at Atlantic City, Spiva's car struck a smaller one and turned over three times and stopped right side up.

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DAY
Tuesday
Aug. 10th
Watch for
Dollar
Day Cards

STATE'S AUTHORITY IN LIQUOR CASES

Right of Virginia to Enforce Law to Be Heard

SET FOR NOVEMBER

Court of Appeals to Hear Cases of Two Alexandrians Charged With Violating Prohibition Law.

The Supreme Court of Appeals, upon the petitions of George Miller and Peter Rozick has granted a writ of error to the judgment of the Corporation Court of this city by which they were convicted of a violation of the State Prohibition Law last March.

The questions raised in the petitions in these cases are as to whether since the adoption of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the passage of the Volstead Act, the State law is any longer in force and effect. The petitioners contend that the Act of Congress on the prohibition question has the effect of setting aside all State laws on the subject of prohibition; that the State laws are in opposition to and in conflict with the United States statutes and for that reason are no longer enforceable by the State authorities or by the State Courts.

This important question will be heard at the November term of the Court of Appeals. If the Court of Appeals should uphold these contentions, the result will be that the State will be relieved of the expense of any further enforcement of the prohibition law. The petitioners are represented by attorneys Edmund Burke and Carl Budwesky.

ENDS IN SUICIDE

Wife Watches Husband as He Learns To Shoot Himself

Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—Daily, for an entire week, the wife of John A. Tubbs, wealthy retired merchant, watched him sitting under an apple tree on the lawn of his big home in National Park, N. J., aiming a shotgun at his head. He told her he was "only playing." But yesterday she knows he was really practicing suicide.

He put his practice into effect early yesterday. Shortly after day-break he crept out of bed, and was descending the stairs before his wife awakened. She leaped from bed and followed him, but before she reached the door, a shot sounded from the lawn.

Rushing out, she found her husband dead beneath the same tree where he had so often "rehearsed." He had blown off the top of his head with a shotgun, discharging the weapon with his feet.

AUTO GOES OVER BRIDGE

Four Killed and Two Others Fatally Hurt When Car Drops Thirty Feet

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 3.—Four persons are dead, two are dying and two were injured as a result of being crushed beneath their automobile which crashed through the railing of a bridge over the C. C. & O. Ry., at Mayo, S. C. Sunday afternoon and fell thirty feet onto the railroad tracks below.

The dead are John Wilton Morris, Custer Hunter, Samuel H. Clark and Miss Ila Gilmer. Miss Mary Ellen Rodgers and Miss Callie Reel are dying in a local hospital with crushed skulls. S. F. Sutton, who was driving the automobile, has lacerations of the scalp and concussion of the brain. Miss Lottie Gilmer has a broken arm.

Mr. Sutton, with seven companions was returning from a trip to the northern section of the State, when in turning a sharp curve at Mayo, the machine hurtled through the railing at the end of the bridge, throwing the entire party to the tracks below. All the members of the party were from Glendale, this county.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sullivan of Cottage Park announce the approaching marriage of their youngest daughter Sarah B. to Paul Hauspivig formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., but now of Alexandria, Va., the marriage will take place in the early autumn. 184-1p

RAILWAY INDUSTRY

Fairfax Harrison Says Roads Now Have Chance to Make Constant Reductions.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Completion of "the cycle of government management of the railroad industry" through increases in freight and passenger fares, was said last night by Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway system, to leave the carriers of the country the opportunity for "a constant and progressive reduction of rates accompanied by an enlargement of service."

"The tremendous increase of railroad rates authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission," said President Harrison, in a formal statement, "seems to complete the cycle of government management of the railroad industry. It was necessary to carry the scale of expenses set up by the railroad administration, but it must cause great concern as to its economic consequences."

"It now remains for private management to resume the practice of competitive efficiency and self-reliant initiative, which distinguished the American railroads during so many years, and to justify the preference of the American people for that form of administration by making possible not only the success of individual companies and the prosperity of their loyal employees, but a constant and progressive reduction of rates accompanied by an enlargement of service to the public, such as may be traced through the old-fashioned railroad statistics."

"No one can expect this to be accomplished overnight, considering the practical conditions, but a start can be made at once. Relying on the co-operation and support of the employees the management of the Southern Railway system will make the effort."

\$4,000,000 DISCREPANCY

Lieutenant J. D. Nolan, Director of Finances, Mysteriously Disappears From Ceiling.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Lieutenant James Donald Nolan, director of finances of the central department of the United States Army, has mysteriously disappeared, and auditors who are checking his accounts have found a discrepancy amounting to \$4,000,000, it was announced yesterday. According to Federal authorities, the shortage may amount to many thousands of dollars.

Army authorities stated that Lieutenant Nolan deposited in a safe in his office, the combination of which he alone knew, sums ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 during the course of a month's routine. Experts were summoned to open the safe, after the finance officer's disappearance, but, according to the authorities, there was no money in it.

AIRY CEREMONY

Christen Child at Top of Uncompleted Skyscraper.

New Orleans, Aug. 3.—Fourteen stories from the street, on a slender girder of steel, Ole Peterson, structural iron worker, held his 5-month-old son at noon yesterday while the Rev. William Reese, chaplain for the Central Trades and Labor Council here, performed a christening ceremony.

Fifty members of Iron Workers' Union No. 58 were named godfathers. They occupied positions on nearby girders.

The whole thing started when Peterson was unable to decide on godparents for his baby. It was suggested that all members of the union to which he belonged be pressed in to service, and that the son of a structural iron worker could appropriately be named on the top girders of the uncompleted building of the Whitney Central National Bank.

The mother gave her consent, and the child formally came into possession of the name of Weed L. Peterson.

LIGHTNING RIPS SHOES OFF

Belt Deals Odd But Not Fatal Injuries to Woman and Child.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 2.—As Mrs. Peter Harkins, of Harleigh, a mining village near here, was in the attic of her home putting down the windows as a thunder storm came up, she was struck by lightning which tore off her shoes and threw her to the floor uninjured beyond shock. Her 6-year-old daughter Theresa, standing in the front door, was also hit, and sustained severe burns and cuts about the legs.

NEW PASSENGER FARES AUGUST 20

Railroad Executives Expect To Put Schedule Into Effect By Then

PREPARE SCHEDULE

Total Cost of Government Operation Estimated at \$1,500,000,000—Pullman Rates Advanced.

The new passenger fares probably will become effective August 20 and the advanced freight rates August 25, according to a program outlined by Alfred P. Thom, general counsel for the Association of Railway Executives.

The increased charges for Pullman travel and the new rates on excess baggage and milk will be put in force simultaneously with the passenger raise.

Railroad rate experts have begun the preparation of blank rate schedules increasing the transportation costs on a percentage basis. These will be presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission five days prior to the proposed effective dates. The rate sheets will be supplemented by printed tariffs containing rates for all territories and on all commodities as soon as the physical task of working out the multitudinous details can be accomplished. Until this work is done local rail officials will compute the new rates and charges for their respective territories on the basis of the existing rates plus the percentage increase authorized by the Commission.

While this method of putting new (Continued on Page Three)

Declines Call

Rev. Dr. Jackson Had Offer In Newport News

Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, this city, has refused a call to accept the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Newport News.

Dr. Jackson received the call several days ago and announced to his congregation Sunday that he had declined to accept the call.

The news that he would remain as pastor of the First Baptist Church was received with gratification by the members of his congregation. Dr. Jackson has been pastor of the First Baptist Church here for nearly five years and has the confidence and esteem of not only the members of his own church but of all others as well.

BRAND AND KILL "SPY"

July Death Toll in Riots Reached 22 In Ireland

London, Aug. 3.—A placard, bearing the single word "Spy," was attached to the body of an unidentified man found in a field near Glenmore, County Cork. The man had been shot after having his hands bound behind him.

London, Aug. 3.—Twenty-two persons were killed and fifty-seven wounded in fighting in Ireland during the month of July. Premier Lloyd George declared yesterday in the House of Commons, the killed were fifteen policemen, four soldiers and three civilians. Wounded were thirty policemen, twenty-two soldiers and five civilians.

He also stated that armed men held up the Mizenhead lighthouse on the Irish coast early Sunday morning and removed a large quantity of explosives used for fog signals.

WORKERS SEIZE SAXON CITY

Berlin, Aug. 3.—Zittau, Saxony, a city of between 25,000 and 30,000 population, where labor troubles recently occurred, has been since yesterday in the hands of radical workers, according to a dispatch to the Zwofuhrblatt.

The message adds that the police have withdrawn and that a committee of 15, composed of Independent Socialists, Communists and Syndicalists, has assumed authority over the city.

FORD OWNERS

OUR MOTTO—If it is done at Remschel's, it must be done right. 183-1f.

TO ENTER POLITICAL FIGHTS

A. F. L. Leaders Will Draft Plan for Nonpartisan Activities

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 3.—Following a preliminary session of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor here yesterday, the statement was authorized that Samuel Gompers, president, and Frank Morrison, secretary, together with James McConnell head of the metal trades, had been appointed a committee with complete power to formulate a program of nonpartisan political activities for the members of the federation.

"Labor is not going to take a stand with either party in the impending national campaign," declared James Duncan, of Massachusetts, one of the vice presidents. "Labor is going to adopt the only logical position for workmen to adopt, and that is to support its friends loyally everywhere, and fight its enemies everywhere with might and main."

DEATH OF A MARQUIS

Queensberry's Varied and Picturesque Career Comes to an End in South Africa.

London, Aug. 3.—Percy Sholto Douglas, Ninth Marquis of Queensberry, is dead at Johannesburg. He was born October 13, 1868, succeeding to the title upon the death of his father in 1900. He was formerly midshipman in the British navy and later was lieutenant in the third battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. He was twice married and is survived by two sons and one daughter.

According to a Central News dispatch from Johannesburg, Union of South Africa, dated Sunday, shortly after the death of Douglas, which was ascribed to pneumonia, an affidavit was filed making certain allegations against some persons with whom the Marquis was closely connected while in South Africa. The affidavit is not regarded seriously by the criminal investigation department, but its existence retards disposal of the body.

The late Marquis had a varied and picturesque career, which carried him over most of the world in search of wealth. During most of his life he was poor in money, although rich in family dignity and honors. At one time or another he was a cowboy and journalist in America, a gold miner in Australia and a plantation foreman in Ceylon. He made money in the Australian mines, but eventually lost it on the Stock Exchange here, although several times he amassed considerable riches.

RUMANIA THREATENS REDS

Means War if Russ Troops do Not Withdraw Within Three Days.

Vienna, Aug. 3.—Rumania has served an ultimatum upon Soviet Russia, giving the Soviets three days to withdraw their troops from Rumanian territory, according to a Belgrade dispatch received here today.

In the event of Russia's failure to comply, it is added, Rumania will declare a general mobilization.

LAD COMMITS SUICIDE

Fifteen-Year-Old Youth, of Knoxville, Takes His Own Life With Razor

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 3.—A corner's jury last night returned a verdict that Grigby Morgan, aged 15, son of John Morgan, president of a local coal company, committed suicide. His body was found in the bathroom at the Morgan home, Sunday night, lying in a pool of blood, with his throat slashed, evidently by a razor that was found near-by. Robbery at first was believed to have been the motive of the crime and one suspect was arrested, but released. The motive for suicide was not revealed.

BRIDE COMMITS SUICIDE

Former Texas School Teacher, Commits Suicide.

Clifton, Tenn., Aug. 3.—Mrs. B. H. Weston, aged 30, a bride of two weeks and former school teacher, committed suicide as she lay in bed beside her husband late last night, having fired a bullet into her temple. Weston was taken to police headquarters and questioned, and later was released. The couple came here Sunday from Dallas, Texas, where they were married. No cause is assigned for the suicide.

GERMANS WILL PROTECT BORDER

France Informed Action is Necessary to Protect East Prussia

SOVIETS' DEMANDS

Roumania Threatens War on Russia if Bessarabia Is Not Evacuated—Military Experts Optimistic

Paris, Aug. 3.—The German Government will dispatch troops to the Polish frontier if their presence is considered necessary to protect East Prussia against the warfare between the Poles and Russians, the French Government is informed.

A note addressed to the Allies stated that the commissioner at Allenstein in East Prussia, had been given authority to move forces to the border. The note said that the order was issued in default of a reply from the Allies to the previous request of Germany that she be allowed to send troops.

Since the council of ambassadors was not in session, Dr. Goepfert, head of the German delegation in Paris, forwarded the note directly to the French Government.

The military experts here are still inclined to view the situation in Poland optimistically. The reports they received indicated that the Soviet cavalry had not advanced farther than yesterday's advances indicated, being still about 75 miles from Warsaw.

Other developments they regarded with satisfaction were the action taken toward reconstituting the Polish Army including the replacing of General Mestjowsky by General Hallor; the activity of the southern army, which is counter-attacking with good results, and the regular arrival of great quantities of munitions from Danzig.

The principal menace to the Poles at present is considered to be at the center of their front, where large concentrations of Soviet troops are reported.

Secret information reached officials regarding the progress of armistice negotiations between the Poles and the Bolsheviks. Dispatches from Basle, quoting Soviet sources, purported to give the demands of the Bolsheviks, which amount to absolute surrender.

Poland must submit to military occupation for five years, according to these advices, and the Russians shall take over Poland's coal and salt mines as security for the Soviet administration, after which the Poles would be allowed to choose their own form of government.

The Bolshevik spokesmen are said to have demanded further that Poland renounce claims to Vilna, Minsk, Grodno and Cholm, and surrender all war materials and 7 per cent. of the country's rolling stock.

FRED SHARFF DIES.

Fred Sharff died yesterday afternoon at his residence 1408 Prince street. The deceased formerly lived in Martinsburg, W. Va. He was a son of the late John H. and Frances J. Sharff. His mother was a Miss Frances J. Ford of this city. Besides his wife he is survived by a sister, Miss Anna R. Sharff and two brothers, Ernest P. Sharff of Baltimore and Harry H. Sharff of New York.

His funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from his late residence. Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. W. J. Morton, rector of Christ Episcopal Church and burial will be in Bethel cemetery.

FARMER EXONERATED

Negro Beasted of His Attack on Alford's Wife, and Later Shot and Killed Him.

Rome, Ga., Aug. 3.—Ernest Brown, a negro, was shot and killed at an early hour this morning by George Alford, a prominent farmer of the Chulo district, following an alleged attempted assault of Alford's wife Sunday.

According to evidence produced at the inquest, Brown, after boasting of his exploit to negro friends, returned to the scene of the assault, and when approached by Alford drew a knife, when the farmer killed him. Alford was exonerated by the coroner.