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The Times Dispatch

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THOUSANDS TO ATTEND LAUNCHING

Immense Crowd Will See Virginia Go Overboard

ATTENDANCE RECORD WILL BE BROKEN

Chesapeake and Ohio Prepared to Haul Six Thousand People to Newport News.

MILITARY AND CLUBS WILL GO AS BODIES

Six Special Trains to be Operated From This City and Five More From Points Beyond or Intervening—How the Traffic Will be Handled.

District Passenger Agent W. O. Warren, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, is very busy preparing for the immense movement of passengers from points along the line of the railway to Newport News on the occasion of the launching of the battleship Virginia there April 8th. Besides the Governor and his staff, Miss Gay Montague, the sponsor, and the launching party, it is considered probable that all the local military will go. The Richmond Light Infantry Blues battalion will go, and probably also the five local companies of the Seventeenth regiment and the Richmond Howitzers battery. Besides the military organizations, the members of the Westmoreland and Commonwealth Clubs will go down as bodies. The Governor and his special party will be handled on the regular train, leaving here at 6 A. M., and returning to leave Newport News at 6 P. M. The Chesapeake and Ohio will run these special trains to handle the heavy business on this occasion.

Two excursions will be run over the James River and one from Clifton Forge, Lexington, Lynchburg and Intermediate points, and another from Clifton and points between there and Richmond.

Another special train will be run over the main line of the road from Covington between there and Richmond. Still another special train will be operated from local stations along the line of the Peninsula division of the road, from Richmond to Newport News.

Another train will be operated over the Seaboard Air Line and Chesapeake and Ohio Railways from Petersburg and Intermediate points, via Richmond.

From Richmond six special trains of ten coaches each have been arranged so far, two of which are for the use of the Westmoreland and Commonwealth Clubs. It is probable that more than four trains besides the two club specials will be required to handle the business from Richmond.

Altogether the railway has at its disposal one hundred and fifty coaches for this occasion, thus enabling this railway alone to pour into Newport News between 5,000 and 6,000 people on the day of the launching, not to mention the number that will be brought from Norfolk, Portsmouth and other points by boat.

The trains leaving Richmond en route to the launching will leave here at 8:15, 8:30, 9:15 and 9:45, making the run to Newport News in an hour and forty-five minutes each. Returning, the excursions will be made at intervals from 4 until 6:30 P. M.

All the trains will arrive at Newport News in ample time to witness the launching, which is scheduled at 1 P. M. promptly, and it is expected that thousands from Richmond will be here to make the trip.

Following the launching, the Governor and the distinguished guests will be transported by steamer from the shipyard to Old Point Comfort, where they will spend in the palatial dining room of the Chamberlin Hotel. A large and distinguished party from Washington will make the trip down, and at the banquet will be many men prominent in the affairs of the nation.

MUCH LAND REDEEMED.

Clerk Walter Christian Gives Delinquents Last Moment.

Business was brisk in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court yesterday, and many persons whose lands were sold for non-payment of taxes were given the opportunity to save it by paying up and reclaiming it according to law.

This applied to lands that had been purchased by others than the original owners, and who were unable to pay the taxes, and the purchasers, yet where they were valuable and unencumbered otherwise and had clear titles, the owners for the most part came forward and settled.

Clerk Christian remained in his office up to 6 o'clock last evening, so as to allow all parties desiring to pay their taxes an opportunity to do so. The books closed last night, and there can be no further redemption.

Branch R. Allen's New Home.

Branch R. Allen's new location will be No. 830 East Main Street. He will move into this well suited place by May 1st, at which time the business office of The Times-Dispatch will be moved to Branch Allen's present location, No. 918 East Main Street.

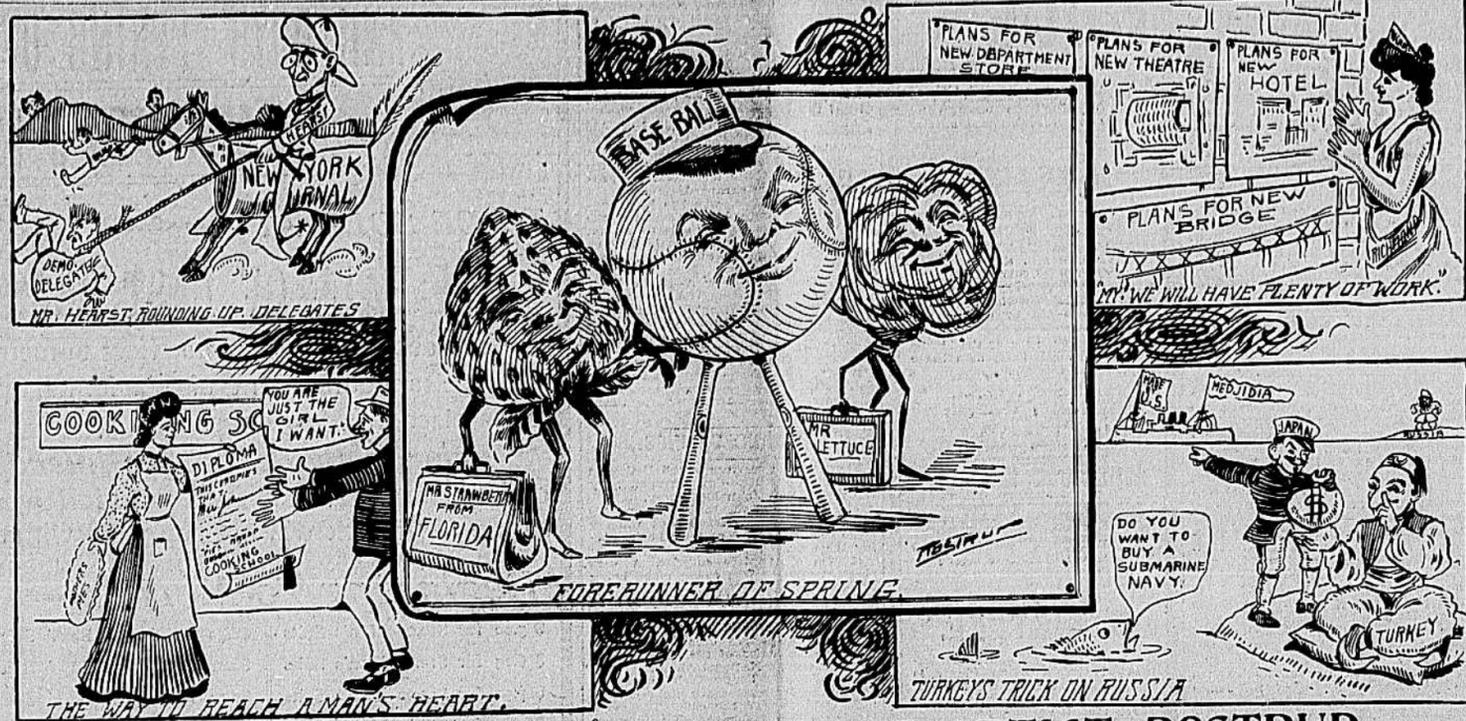
Mr. Beck to Run.

Alderman Henry P. Beck, of old Jackson Ward, has announced that he is a candidate for reelection to the board in the coming primary. So far but few of the incumbents have announced their candidacy, but it is understood that most of them will run again.

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HOW CURRENT EVENTS STRIKE ARTIST ROSTROP.

MILLIONS IN BUSINESS

President's Arbitrary Action in Increasing Roll Much Discussed Everywhere.

BIG DRAIN ON TREASURY

Estimated That Northern Veterans Will Get Thirteen Millions More Than Now.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The ruling of the commissioner of pensions in the matter of increasing the pensionable list for disability consequent upon old age, has caused more talk in Washington than the action of any executive officer in a long while, not even excepting the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, charging members of Congress with improper conduct in connection with increases of salaries and allowances for third-class postmasters.

Representative Flood hit the nail squarely on the head when in the course of conversation the other night he characterized the order, issued under the direction of the President, as legislation, pure and simple. Commissioner Ware issued the order after consultation with the President, who told him that he had a perfect right to do so.

"The President has turned up an old dead statute in order to accomplish that which the Republican party was afraid to undertake—the passage of a service pension bill," said Mr. Flood. "Mr. Roosevelt takes a law which says that at the age of seventy-five an old soldier shall be entitled to a pension of \$12 a month and construes that to mean that at the age of sixty-two the veteran is entitled to half as much. It is ridiculous to the last degree."

It is argued that if the President has the power to say the veterans shall receive six dollars a month, he has the

right to say they shall receive a hundred dollars a month.

Republicans profess to believe that the increase in the amount paid for pensions will not swell the rolls more than three millions above the present total, but others who are in position to know say that the new ruling will mean a yearly increase at once of not less than thirteen million dollars.

BID FOR VETERAN VOTES.

The motive of the administration in putting into effect at this time the statute under which the ruling is made, is manifest to everybody. The Republicans themselves making no concealment of its purpose. It is intended for political effect and seeks to placate the Grand Army people, who have been urging the passage of the bill introduced by Representative Calderhead, of Kansas, known as the Grand Army bill. This bill, among other dependent pension bills, is now before the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, and it was learned to-night from a member of the committee that it was the intention of the committee at the meeting yesterday to take it up and favorably report it. The pressure brought to bear upon the Republican members of the committee was so great that they could not avoid doing so.

It was then that the administration, foreseeing the inability of the Treasury at this time to meet this additional expense, had recourse to the moribund statute, which it now revitalizes. It's good politics, and the administration, as usual, is playing it for keeps.

JUDGE MIERS' VIEWS.

Judge Miers, of Indiana, the minority leader of the House Committee on Invalid Pensions, was seen to-night by The Times-Dispatch correspondent, and was asked his views regarding the order and the probable increase in the pension rolls which it would cause.

"It is estimated," Judge Miers replied, "that there are 150,000 old soldiers who will be eligible under this order to receive pensions. That is to say, there are this number of soldiers who will become new pensioners upon the government. Assuming that 100,000 of these come under the \$12 class, that would mean an outlay annually for the \$12 class alone of \$1,200,000. I judge that \$2,000,000 would cover the cost for the other three classes—that is to say, the \$8, \$10 and \$12 classes. Approximately, therefore, the prospective annual increase in the pension rolls under the new ruling will be \$3,000,000."

"The ruling is, however," he manifestly said, "unfair to the Civil War veterans, in that they will receive only \$4 a month as a service pension, while the Mexican war veteran is given \$12 a month."

Judge Miers thought the department had full power to rule as it did, but he believed that it was not prudent at this time to do so.

Judge Miers, who now has an estimate of what the increase in the pension roll would be under the Calderhead bill, said that it would amount to \$20,000,000, or about one-third of the amount resulting from the present ruling.

MINORITY VIEW.

Representative Richardson, of Alabama, the minority ranking member of the House Committee on Pensions, when asked to-night his opinion of the order, said that it was a great mistake to give a pension of \$12 a month, and that he was not opposed to giving worthy veterans a fair pension, this was an arbitrary construction of a statute, under authority of which the President and his commissioner of pensions could just as well say that the soldier should receive \$100 a month, and that he would not be surprised if he should receive \$8. There was, seemingly, he said, no end to this pension business.

The ruling will prove a gold mine to pension attorneys, who are already getting in readiness to meet the new contingencies.

NEW PASTOR AT ST. MARY'S

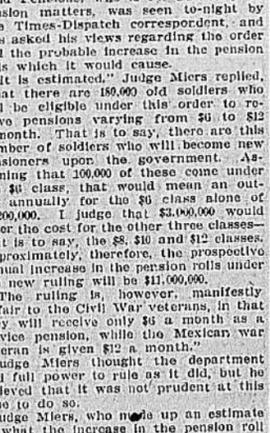
Rev. Father Edward Meyer to Succeed the Late Rector.

TAKES CHARGE AT ONCE

An Assistant From Another City Will Come at a Later Date.

In a letter from Bishop Hild to the congregation of St. Mary's German Catholic Church of this city, which will be read to-day at all the services, announcement will be made of the appointment of the Rev. Edward Meyer, O. S. B., as successor of the late rector of the parish. An assistant priest from another city will be named at a later date.

Before he left the city a few days



REV. EDWARD MEYER, O. S. B.

ago Bishop Hild, who is abbot of the Order of St. Benedict, made all the arrangements for the succession to the pulpit so suddenly and tragically caused by the death of Father William last Monday morning. He left directions, however, that the announcement was not to be made until to-day, and was to be contained in a communication to the congregation which he himself prepared. This letter is in German, and will be read to-day in that language, and will also be translated into English. In it the Bishop refers to the death of Father William, and extends on behalf of the order earnest and tender thanks for the manner in which the congregation cared for the sacred dead. He then names the new prior and rector, who will take charge at once. The

NOSE WAS FOURTH FINGER; NOW HE HAS LOST THAT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 19.—A. Leonard, who had the fourth finger of his right hand substituted for his nose last Saturday at the University Hospital, is again without that addition to his physiognomy.

On Thursday night he became delirious, and before he could be got under control he had cut off the newly acquired nose. It has not as yet been decided whether to repeat the operation or not. In the meantime Leonard is inconsolable over his loss.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—With the return to Washington to-day of Assistant Secretary Loomis, Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Taylor and other members of the General Board of the Navy from their West Indian cruise, the real reason for the failure of the party to land at Santo Domingo became known, says the correspondent of the New York World.

The official explanation, cabled from Santo Domingo, was that Admiral Dewey refused to allow any members of the party to land because of the fighting around the city. What they really were afraid of was another Booker T. Washington incident.

When the Mayflower dropped anchor at Santo Domingo and William E. Powell, the American minister, came aboard, Admiral Dewey and the other naval officers discovered, greatly to their surprise, that he was a negro. If they had gone ashore they would have been obliged to call on Powell and be entertained at dinner by him and they talked at the idea. They even criticized Mr. Loomis because he had not told them that Powell was a negro, so that they might have some excuse ready when he came on board.

"While they were trying to find a way out of the dilemma, it was ascertained that a skirmish was going on between government troops and insurgents four or five miles from the city. That furnished an excuse.

Admiral Dewey announced that he could not think of permitting any of his officers to go on shore and expose themselves to the danger of being hit by stray bullets. He told Mr. Loomis he could go ashore if he cared to, but Mr. Loomis concluded that he would be safer on the ship.

MAKING MUCH TROUBLE FOR AN ERRING TURFMAN

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 19.—William Loomis, a man of the name of E. Farley, a turfman, charged with rigging the race mare Alms for Sarah Black at Detroit last July, left here today for Detroit. The Western Jockey Club is pushing the case against Farley, and employed a number of detectives in different portions of the country to locate Sarah Black, who has been outside of New Iberia.

Farley is the turfman who spent \$10,000 in a fruitless attempt to close up racing in Chicago last fall.

BOILER EXPLODES WHILE MILL BURNED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEESBURG, Va., March 19.—The Herndon Lumber and Manufacturing Company's mill, at Herndon, Va., burned yesterday morning from an unknown cause. The firm is composed of Drs. Edward DeWitt and Benjamin DeWitt, Jr. W. Keenan and Cassius Lawrence, of Herndon. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, covered by insurance of \$1,000.

During the fire the large boiler exploded. Large plate glass windows were broken in stores several hundred yards from the building.

A USEFUL EDITORIAL CAREER ENDED BY DEATH

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., March 19.—Henry Hightower, for many years the editor of the Atlanta Journal, and one of the brightest writers and speakers in the South, is dead. He had spoken in Chicago, Peoria, New York, Boston and other places on various occasions, and had made many lecture tours throughout the West.

THE THOMAS LECTURES.

The Thomas lectures this spring will be delivered in the Richmond College Chapel by Professor John B. Clark, of the chair of economics at Columbia University. His general subject will be the problem of economies.

Professor Clark is well known throughout the country as an eloquent speaker and a thorough student of the problem in question. The lectures begin Monday night, April 4th, and continue until Friday night, Wednesday, excepted.

Dr. Hightower returned to Richmond from New York, where he has been inspecting some of the technical schools of that State. He is very much interested in the subject, and looks forward to the establishment of a technical department at Richmond College. Dr. Hightower will speak up to York Union yesterday to deliver an address before the York Union Military Academy.

DOUBLE CRASHES BETWEEN ENGINES

Fireman Overtaken by Run-away Engine While Flat Under His Own Machine.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 19.—Two accidents occurred on the Seaboard Air Line this afternoon in quick succession. The first occurred near the city limits. A shifting engine collided with a freight train. The engineer of the former reversed the lever and jumped.

The collision was with very little force, and neither disabled nor derailed the shifting engine, which immediately started backward under the reverse and sped toward the city at a rapid rate of speed, with not a soul on it. Near the passenger station it crashed into an engine which was soon to take out a passenger train. Engineer Clarence Magle was sitting in his cab and Fireman Joe Griffin, colored, was lying under the locomotive on his back doing some work. The latter was killed instantly, having been crushed into a jelly.

Engineer Magle was very seriously injured, and may have sustained internal injuries. Both engines were completely demolished.

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ONLY TAYLOR AND GORDON MAY STAND

Prospect of Direct Fight Between Them.

REPORTED M'CARTHY MAY DROP OUT RACE

Present Mayor Gives Out Cheerful and Characteristic Interview.

SAYS HE WILL REMAIN IN CONTEST IF HE LIVES

Feels Grateful for Five Terms and Says He Is Willing to Serve Again if the People Want Him—Pointed in Some of His Allusions.

The contest for the Democratic nomination for Mayor of the city may narrow down between James H. Gordon, whose candidacy was announced on yesterday through the columns of the Times-Dispatch, and Captain Richard M. Taylor, the incumbent, and should the matter take this turn, there would be no widespread surprise among those who are watching the situation closely.

"When questioned yesterday as to his course in the matter, Captain Carlton McCarthy, who has announced his candidacy, said that he did not care to discuss it at this time. "My candidacy has been formally announced," he said, "but I am not now prepared to say anything as to my position with reference to the campaign."

If it shall turn out to be a straight fight between the two gentlemen named above, both of whom are now full-fledged candidates, the race will be a lively one, and will grow in worth as it grows in age. The announcement of Mr. Gordon's candidacy excited great satisfaction yesterday, and the popular citizen and former alderman was receiving assurances of support all during the day. In passing up Main Street, he was stopped by hundreds of people who assured him of their cheerful and loyal support, and he was receiving telephone messages and callers in his office and at his residence during much of the day.

MAYOR IS VIGOROUS.

While all this was going on, Mayor Taylor was giving the "glad hand" to those who came to cheer him in his office in the City Hall. His Honor was in good spirits, but it could be plainly seen that his "fighting blood" was up. He discussed his candidacy with more freedom than two years ago, when Captain McCarthy was opposing him. He greeted the newspaper men warmly, as he always does, and made some strikingly characteristic declarations.

"You may say for me," he started out, adjusting his black-rimmed eyeglasses and looking straight ahead, "that if the Great Spirit permits me to live I will be a candidate for re-nomination, and that I am for the masses, and not for the classes. Nobody has asked me to be a candidate," he went on, "and I have asked no one to get out of my way. I believe in putting them out of the way when the people have spoken. I have been five times honored with the position of Mayor, and I am profoundly grateful to my constituents for their continued kindness and confidence.

"They gave me the encouragement to re-enter the race by the overwhelming majority by which I was chosen in the last primary, when I carried every precinct in the city. In that campaign I am still in the boat, and only said 'shoot fly' once.

"I am a people's man, and believe that any citizen has a right to aspire to any position within the gift of the Constitution. I wish Mr. Chas. K. Crenshaw, Mr. Miner and all the rest have a right to run, and I'll never ask any one of them or any other man to stay out for me."

"I have no organization, I never had any and don't want any. All I ever is a fair fight and no favor, and if defeated I'll take my medicine like a man."

And as the crowd dispersed his Honor arose and wished all a happy good evening, remarking that if he should live he would be in the field until the voters were counted on the night of the primary.

BROTHERS, STRANGERS, UNITED BY CHANCE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., March 19.—Brothers, though they did not know it, Arthur Rowley and Frank Green, aged sixteen and seventeen years, respectively, who have been separated since infancy, have passed each other in the street for years without a suspicion of relationship. Last night they called upon Arthur and Frank was quickly established. Until a few weeks ago established. Until a few weeks ago established, until a few weeks ago established, until a few weeks ago established.

ELEVEN TOO EARLY FOR BEAUX TO LEAVE, SAY GIRLS

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POTTSTOWN, Pa., March 19.—The Silver Link Literary Society, at Iron Bridge, held a debate Thursday night on the subject.

"Resolved, That young men calling on the fair sex should not prolong their visits later than 11 o'clock."

The girls took the negative side and the men the affirmative. The judges gave the decision to the men, but on the resolution of the club the fair debaters were declared the winners on their declaration that the boys should be early to go.

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