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ITS OFFICIALS FAVOR THIS CITY

Two of Most Important S. A. L. Officers Prefer Richmond.

SYNDICATE WILL ERECT BUILDING

Mr. Blair Says No Change Will Be Made in Location of Offices Until After Mr. Walter, the New President, is Installed.

The combined and earnest action that is being taken by the various business organizations, as well as by the municipal authorities, to induce the officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company to locate the offices of the company in Richmond, indicate the importance of accomplishing an object which, if brought about, will be of the greatest benefit to this community.

The affair is being pushed vigorously by men who are thoroughly alive to the importance of the movement, and there is good reason to believe that success will crown the effort.

A well known railroad official said yesterday that he had personally discussed the question with one of the most important officers of the Seaboard Air Line, who had stated that in his opinion Richmond was the place for the offices.

Another equally important official of the Seaboard Air Line recently informed a citizen of Richmond that he heartily favored the plan of bringing the offices here.

Mr. Hix in Charge.

It is said that Mr. Alfred Walter, president-elect, who will succeed President Hix, will have his office in New York, and that the Southern officers will be in direct charge of General Manager Hix and Vice-President Close, traffic manager.

Mr. Ebert G. Leigh, on behalf of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, yesterday the following telegram to Mr. James A. Blair, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Seaboard Air Line:

Richmond, Va., April 6, 1906. James A. Blair, Chairman Executive Committee, Seaboard Air Line, New York: The Chamber of Commerce of Richmond wishes to present reasons on which the belief is based that Richmond is the most desirable point for location of Seaboard Air Line general offices. See letter of this date. Please name day next week that would suit you to receive a committee. EGGERT G. LEIGH, JR., President Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

Receive Full Attention.

Mr. Blair replied by long distance telephone that the Seaboard Air Line at this time had no intention of changing the location of its offices, but if at any time a change was considered, the claims of Richmond would certainly receive full attention.

This action on the part of Mr. Blair assures Richmond an equal or better chance with all other competing cities. It is understood that Mr. Blair stated that Mr. Alfred Walter had not yet been installed as president of the Seaboard Air Line and that no steps would be taken regarding the change of location of the offices until that had been done.

At a meeting of the Travelers' Protective Association, held last night, steps were taken in support of the movement to bring the Seaboard Air Line offices to Richmond, and a vigorous campaign was inaugurated.

Mr. Gilbert K. Pollock has given notice that he will, on Monday, at a special meeting of the Common Council, adopt a resolution urging the Seaboard Air Line to locate its offices in Richmond.

In answer to the objection that there is no large office building in the city now unoccupied, in which the Seaboard Air Line could find accommodations for its office force, it is said that a party of Richmond gentlemen stand ready to erect at once a suitable building for the railroad offices.

POLLOCK TO FIGHT FOR S. A. L. OFFICES

The special meeting of the Common Council called for next Monday night, will be held to consider the report of the committee which investigated conditions in the gas department, will be doubly interesting, for the reason that a resolution will be offered, asking the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company to locate their main offices in this city.

The resolution, which is prepared and will be presented by Councilman Gilbert K. Pollock, of Madison Ward, and the member believes it will be favorably received. It is earnestly favoring the proposition on his own motion, Mr. Pollock has been encouraged with the hope of success, by the strong stand taken by the business men and organizations, and he declares his belief that Richmond is not only the ideal place for the office force, but that his people earnestly desire that it shall be the final determination of the authorities to locate their headquarters in this city.

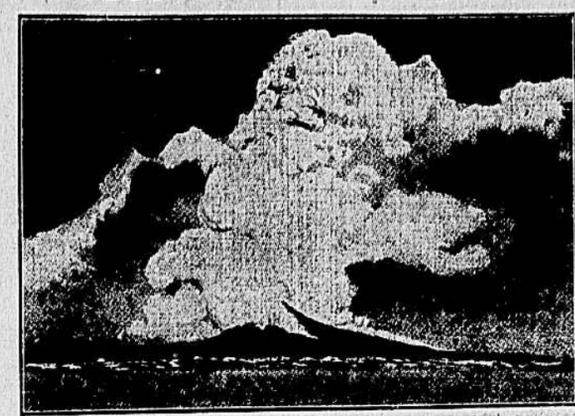
It is not known exactly in what order matters will be brought up at Monday night's meeting, but there appears so much of public interest in the question relating to the S. A. L. offices that Mr. Pollock may move a suspension of the rules and bring up his resolution before the gas investigation report is gone into. At any rate the meeting promises to be a very interesting one in many respects.

T. P. A. to Act.

At an executive session of the Board of Directors of the Travelers' Protective Agency last night, Messrs. C. B. Cook, E. J. Quarles and W. K. Bache were appointed a committee of three to take up the matter of holding bring the offices of the Seaboard Air Line Railway to this city. The T. P. A. as a body, is a strong advocate of the cause and it will use every possible endeavor to have the Seaboard offices here.

Mr. R. S. Christian was elected chairman of the Board of Directors.

VESUVIUS IN ERUPTION.



Terrified People Pray for Deliverance from Volcano

Columns of Fire Leaping from Vesuvius--Streams of Lava Invade Cemetery and Villages--The Eruption Is Very Violent.

(By Associated Press.)
NAPLES, April 6.—The eruption of Mount Vesuvius is now most violent. On the Pompeii side, the main stream of lava has divided into two, one threatening Ottaviano, a commune of 20,000 inhabitants, and the other threatening Torre del Greco, with a population of 20,000. The danger is becoming serious and calls for the immediate evacuation of Casertreccia, the nearest village to the crater, which has a population of 5,000 souls.

People in Panic.

(Later.)—The inhabitants of the villages in the vicinity of Mount Vesuvius are in a condition bordering on panic. Many homes have been abandoned for the open air, although there has been a thick fog all day and the atmosphere has been dense with volcanic ashes and the fumes of subterranean fires. The churches are crowded day and night with people praying for deliverance from an impending peril, manifestations of which are heard and felt in explosions which resemble a heavy cannonading and in the tremblings of the earth, which are constantly recurring.

The main stream of lava proceeding from Vesuvius is two hundred feet wide, and it advances at times at the rate of twenty-one feet in a minute, the intense heat destroying vegetation before the stream reaches it. The peasants of Portici, at the west foot of Vesuvius, cleared their grounds of vineyards and trees in the effort to lessen the danger from fire, and resisted the progress of the lava to their utmost. The population of Boscoreccia, on the southern declivity of the mountain, have sought safety in flight, and Boscore Reale, to the eastward, is also threatened. Women of this village, weeping with fright, carried a statue of St. Anne as far as they could go to the flowing lava, imploring a miracle to stay the advance of the consuming stream.

Grandeur and Horror.

The congealty at Boscoreccia has been invaded by lava. The scene of midnight is one of mingled grandeur and horror, as from the summit of Vesuvius there leaps a column of fire fully a thousand feet in height, the glare lighting the sky and sea for many miles. Occasionally great masses of molten stone, some weighing as much as a ton, are ejected from the crater. The village of Torre-del-Greco, which has been eight times destroyed and as often rebuilt, is again threatened and the inhabitants are in extreme terror.

Signor Natone, director of the observatory, is working indefatigably. He has had military engineers establish telephonic connection between the observatory and points within a radius of the volcanic activity. The director said to the Associated Press this evening that although the eruption presented a grave menace, he did not believe it would reach the villages. Indeed, he said, the present volcanic activity was not altogether unaccompanied with good, for if it had not come to pass a violent and sudden eruption having a far wider radius might have occurred.

CLUB MEN PLAY IN POOL MATCH

Maryland Pitted Against Virginia at the Westmoreland Club—House To-night.

FIFTY BALTIMOREANS COMING

Reception This Afternoon at the Commonwealth Club in Honor of Visitors.

The much talked of pool tournament between the members of the Westmoreland and Commonwealth Clubs of Richmond, on the one side, and the members of the Baltimore Club, of Baltimore, on the other, for the club championship of Virginia and Maryland, will take place to-night at the Westmoreland Club.

All the arrangements have been made for the match in the large billiard hall of the Westmoreland, which has been profusely decorated with United States, Maryland and Virginia flags.

The Marylanders, traveling in a private car, will reach Richmond on the Seaboard Air Line at 2:30 P. M. and will be met at the Main Street Station by a joint committee from the Westmoreland and Commonwealth Clubs, composed of Messrs. Lilburn T. Myers, George L. Street, Lewis Brander, Richard Ingram, Calvin Whitley, Henry A. Williams and Colonel Thomas B. McAdams.

It is expected that fifty members of the Baltimore Club will journey down to see their team make a try for the championship.

The visitors will drive to the Jefferson Hotel, where they will stop until Sunday night.

Reception in Their Honor.

A reception will be held at the Commonwealth Club this afternoon from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock, at which the members of the Westmoreland Club are invited to meet the Baltimoreans.

At 7:30 o'clock the match will begin at the Westmoreland, after which supper will be served. The members of the Commonwealth have been invited to use the Westmoreland Club during the visit of the Marylanders.

The pool match is for six hundred points, to be played by two hundred points by three. The Westmoreland will have six players and Virginia six players; the Marylanders and two Virginia players at each of the three tables. The highest total score will win.

It is not yet known who will constitute the Baltimore team. The Richmond team of six will be picked from the following club members: Messrs. W. W. Hazard, H. S. Jones, E. T. Organ and Charles Davyport, of the Westmoreland, and Messrs. Henry A. Williams, Samuel Wortham, Richard Ingram and Graves, of the Commonwealth.

Seats for two hundred have been built in the Westmoreland billiard hall. Only members of the Westmoreland, Commonwealth and Baltimore Clubs will be invited to witness the match.

BIJOU SITE FOR TIMES-DISPATCH

Mr. Joseph Bryan May Erect a Newspaper Plant on Broad.

SKYSCRAPER OF THE FIRST CLASS

First Floor Designed for Stores. Upper Stories Will Contain Modern Offices—Newspaper Has Outgrown the Present Building.

The property on the corner of Broad and Eighth Streets, known as the "Old Bijou" property, was purchased on Thursday by Mr. Joseph Bryan, who will erect there a modern skyscraper, with large stores on the ground floor and offices in the upper stories.

It may be known as "The Times-Dispatch Building," and contain the offices of the paper.

That a theatre or hotel will be built there is positively denied by Mr. Bryan. The growth of the Times-Dispatch has for a long time demanded new quarters for the mechanical departments, and, in consequence, it is understood that Mr. Joseph Bryan has been looking for property on Main Street on which he could construct a fireproof building for the newspaper. Failing so far to find what he wanted at satisfactory prices, he has taken over from the purchasers the old Bijou property with a view of securing a suitable location for the Times-Dispatch with adjacent stores on Broad Street and modern offices on the floors above.

Outgrown Present Quarters.

The paper has outgrown its present quarters, and if no better arrangement can be made, a fireproof building will be constructed on the northwest corner of Broad and Eighth for the Times-Dispatch with adjacent stores on Broad Street and modern offices on the floors above.

Real estate in Richmond has gone up so far in price, that in the opinion of many, the problem of obtaining a reasonable return on the values must cause changes of locality. Mr. Bryan's conditions of business.

WILLIAM AND MARY WINS THE DEBATE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., April 6.—The debate between William and Mary College and Randolph-Macon, which has excited so much attention, was held here to-night in the college chapel and was won by William and Mary.

William and Mary was represented by E. B. Faison and W. H. Heflin; Randolph-Macon by A. P. James and C. F. McClintic.

The chapel was beautifully decorated with banners and promptly at 7 o'clock the debate was thrown open. The chapel was rapidly filled with students, people from the town and many visitors from a distance. At eight o'clock the debaters took their seats on the rostrum amid much applause.

The question to be debated read: Resolved that it should be the policy of the United States not to hold territory permanently except with the purpose that it shall ultimately enjoy Statehood.

Randolph-Macon had the affirmative and William and Mary the negative. Mr. A. P. James opened the debate in a twenty-minute speech. Mr. J. W. Heflin then followed in a twenty-minute speech. These two were followed in turn by Messrs. C. F. McClintic and E. B. Faison, each speaking for a period of twenty minutes, five minutes was then allowed each man for reply. William and Mary having the last reply.

The decision was left to three judges, Hon. J. G. Pollard, of Richmond; Colonel George C. Cabell, of Norfolk, and Mr. D. A. Ritchie, of Richmond. The judges were fifteen minutes in reaching a decision. When the question was read, the decision was revealed over the audience. Colonel Cabell then made an interesting talk in which he complimented the representatives of both sides, awarding the decision in favor of William and Mary.

The charges against the Mutual trustees were made in a formal statement.

GREAT BUILDING ON FIRE; PEOPLE IN PANIC

Man Jumped Seven Stories to Escape Flames and Was Crushed to Death.

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ELKINS SPEAKS ON RATE BILL.

Senator Elkins, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate Commerce, Addressed the Senate Yesterday on the Railroad Rate Bill.

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CREMEAN'S NECK BROKEN BY DROP

Paid the Penalty for the Murder of George A. Kidd a Year Ago.

He Was in Bed.

STILL CONFERS WITH DEMOCRATS

President Holds Consultation With Raynor and May Ask to See Others.

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OFFER MINERS THEIR OWN PLAN

The Soft Coal Operators Make Arbitration Proposition to Mitchell.

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