

RICHMOND OPENS WITH A VICTORY

Roanoke Defeats Champions--Norfolk Takes Game From Truckers

ONLY FOUR HITS OFF MIKE CASSIDY

Great Work of Crack Twirler Chiefly Responsible for Defeat of the Tobaccoists. Great Team Work Behind the Pitcher.

Richmond, St. Davids, 0.
Roanoke, 1; Lynchburg, 4.
Norfolk, 5; Portsmouth, 2.

With ideal baseball weather in all of the three cities in which opening games of the Virginia State League were played, the season of 1907 opened yesterday under the most favorable of auspices.

The crowds in all of the cities were in accordance with the day. Over 2,500 people saw the Lynchburg champions defeated by Roanoke in the Hill City; 4,500 witnessed Manager Pender's crew win from Portsmouth, and between 6,000 and 7,000 Richmond fans saw their favorites hit Rube Howell. Danville's game, almost a tie, and the Tobaccoists' colors in the dirt with a shut-out.

The accounts of the games, which will be found on the sporting page of this issue, bear out the reports which have been emanating from the different camps to the effect that all of the teams this season are far stronger and more evenly matched than ever before. This means that the league is undoubtedly getting better, and should prove a treat to the patrons of the game even better exhibitions than they have done heretofore.

Great Interest Here.

That the interest was intense in this city was attested by the crowds which gathered at the Allen Hotel, the starting point of the parade, to give the two teams a rousing send-off.

About 2 o'clock, with the band en masse in a large trolley, followed by twelve open carriages containing members of the two teams and representatives of the press, the procession began its march out of Broad street, down First to Main, and then down through the principal business thoroughfares in the central part of the city.

All along the line of march the procession was received with cheers and the ringing of cow-bells by the faithful fans. Some merely sat in the bleachers looking on, while others, to return to their work afterwards, but others with less regard for worldly cares and tribulations, forgot their worries for the time being and took a car to the park, where they were waiting when the teams arrived.

Handed Out the Lemon.

An incident which occurred when the carriages were passing through a section of Cary Street occupied by commission-houses is well worthy of a place in the record. One of the bleachers inclined more or less to superstition. At one corner a crowd of men and boys were lounging in front of a wholesale dealer's, where large bunches of bananas hung, and fruit of various kinds lay in crates about the doors. In one of these receptacles were lemons, and when the hack containing the managers of the teams passed the place, some wag in the crowd selected one of this acid variety of fruit and tossed it into the cab.

Both Shaffer and McKevitt dodged, each claiming that the sour present was meant for the other. The manager who believes in such signs and portents, and who was a little in doubt as to who the fruit hit, now claims that without a doubt it was McKevitt's, and that the unwelcome recipient of the prize. However, that may be, whether he was handed a real one or not, during the parade, and when he relieved Hester on the pitcher's box, he threw it out to Cassidy, and the battle was on.

The ceremonies at the grounds were simple but effective. Dr. Fuller Gaskins, manager of the home team, and an undaunted attendant at the park, that the game has ever known in this city, was selected by President Bradley for the plate. Not to do the thing in any but the most approved style, the doctor went all the way to the pitcher's box and, when he relieved Hester, he attracted the attention and admiration of many of the big league managers, succeeded in tossing the ball from the rubber to the plate.

Empire Trubey was then given the sphere, and after examining it to see that it had not been injured in its dizzy journey to the catcher, threw it out to Cassidy, and the battle was on.

Two presentations were made to players during the game. When Manager Shaffer came to bat in the second inning, Tommy Atkins rushed to the plate, braved the ire and indignation of Empire Trubey, and made the manager a present of a handsome pair of suspenders.

WELL-KNOWN MINISTERS DIES FROM PTOMAINE

BALTIMORE, MD., April 18.—Rev. W. G. Herbert, one of the most widely-known ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, died tonight of acute indigestion, after a brief illness. He is believed to have been a victim of ptomaine poisoning, resulting from eating bad oysters. Other members of the family were also affected. He was sixty years of age.

GIRL DRAGS LOVER TO WATERY GRAVE

Miss Pendleton Leaps From a Bridge Into Jackson River.

GALLANT YOUTH TRIESTO SAVE HER

But Throwing Her Arms About His Neck When They Were Near Shore, Girl Carries Both Down--Bodies Have Not Been Recovered.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CLIFTON FORGE, VA., April 18.—Felled in her attempt to marry the man of her choice and the dread of meeting her mother and other relatives after an unsuccessful attempt to elope, Miss Mabel Pendleton, a young and attractive woman, committing suicide by jumping into Jackson River from the foot-bridge which connects the main part of the city with South Clifton Forge, this morning about 7 o'clock.

Last night Mr. Stuart Gay, son of Captain and Mrs. C. S. Gay, and Miss Mabel Pendleton, who had been sweethearts for a long time, made up their minds to elope and get married. They left on the midnight train for Washington, but were intercepted at Staunton and sent back to Clifton Forge on passenger train No. 3, which arrives here at 6:30 A. M.

Chief of Police Hornbarger had been requested to meet No. 3 and see that the couple left the train at this point. This duty he performed, and the couple agreed to obey orders without protest, and started for their homes across what is known as the wire bridge that spans Jackson River.

Jumps to Save Her.

Chief Hornbarger kept his eye on them long enough to see that they made a start for home, and when he saw them start up the steps to the bridge landing, he felt satisfied that they would go home, and he therefore paid no further attention to them. After getting on the wire bridge, fifteen or twenty feet from the north side of the river, Miss Pendleton jumped over the railing to the waters of the Jackson, about thirty feet below, and, as after events disclosed, went down to a watery grave.

The young man hesitated a moment, climbed over the railing, and dropped to the river, not with any attempt at suicide, however, but to rescue his sweetheart. When he reached the water he swam to the young lady, some distance away, and was making a desperate effort to save her life, when she threw her arms about his neck and they both were drowned together. Stuart Gay was an expert swimmer, but with his wet clothing and the girl to manage, he found it a hopeless task, and had to surrender his life.

Like a flash of lightning the news spread over the city, and within a short time the banks of the river were lined with hundreds of people, some watching those searching for the bodies, while others paraded the banks of the stream in the hope that they might discover the lifeless bodies of the young lady and her companion.

Say They Did Not Leave Train.

There are those who claim that the young couple never left the train when it arrived here, but went on to Hinton to carry out their plans of getting married.

This is believed by many, yet all in vain, as your correspondent has talked with those who saw the girl in the river, and the man let himself down to rescue her.

Miss Pendleton made her home at Waynesboro, Va., and was here on a visit when she agreed to become the bride of Stuart Gay. The young lady's father is dead, but her mother spends most of her time with Mrs. Hoeker, on Verge Street.

It is understood that it was Mrs. Hoeker, who sent the message to Staunton, asking for the arrest of the couple, and their return to Staunton. The objection to the marriage was confined mainly to the ages of the couple.

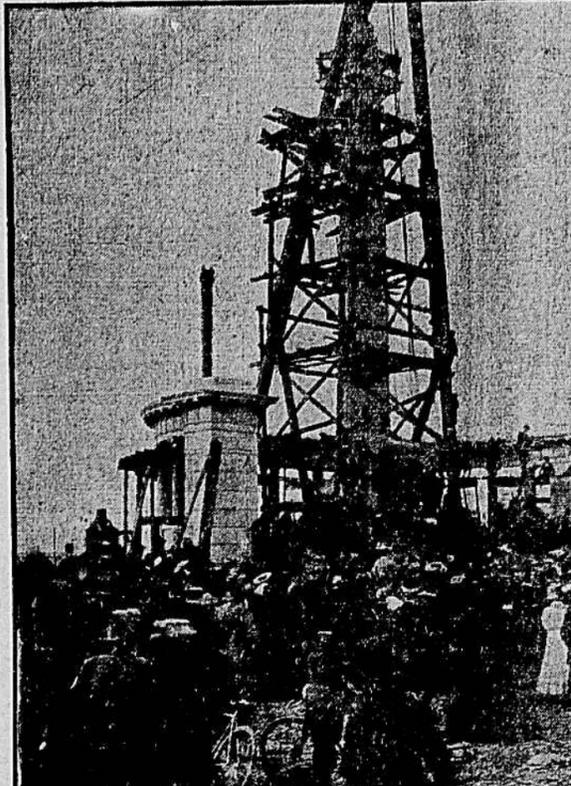
Miss Pendleton spent yesterday in Low Moor, and came to Clifton Forge late yesterday afternoon. She was a beautiful girl, and had a host of friends, who will hear of her death with genuine sorrow. Every effort will be put forth to recover the bodies and the river will be watched for several miles. So far the search has been fruitless.

SAID HIS BRIDE MUST MAKE FIRES

Iowa Man, Being Married, Interposes to Require This Obligation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DES MOINES, IOWA, April 18.—The solemnity of a marriage ceremony was broken to-day when the bridegroom suddenly demanded that as a part of the obligations assumed by the bride she must covenant to build the early morning fire. John H. Harris and Minnie Allen were the contracting parties, and they stood in the official chambers of Judge Cope, upon whom they had called to be made one.

SCENE AT MONUMENT WHEN CHILDREN ARRIVED WITH STATUE



THE DAVIS MONUMENT

Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States, died in New Orleans, La., December 6, 1863. His body was brought to Richmond in May, 1865, and reinterred in Hollywood Cemetery. The cornerstone of the Jefferson Davis Monument was laid in Monroe Park July 2, 1894.

The monument to the memory of Mr. Davis will be unveiled on June 2, 1907, following a great military and Confederate parade, of which General Suth Bolling will be chief marshal.

The monument, which will cost \$75,000, was designed by W. C. Noland, and the two figures are the work of Mr. Edward V. Valentine, both of Richmond.

The monument consists of a central column surrounded by a colonnade. On the central column will be an allegorical figure "Vindicatrix," representing the spirit of the South, in front of which will stand a bronze likeness of Mr. Davis. When completed the monument will be one of the handsomest in this country.

CHILDREN HAUL THE STATUE OF DAVIS

Thousands of Little Ones Enthusiastically Pull a Two-Ton Burden.

RAN AWAY WITH PONDEROUS LOAD

Three Thousand Children, Headed by Veterans, Made Quick Work of Drawing the Wagon Through Two Miles of Spectators.

A brilliant April afternoon looked down on many thousands of children in parade formation yesterday afternoon when the bronze figure of the President of the Confederacy was drawn through the streets to its pedestal at the head of Monument Avenue. An enormous crowd of people of all ages lined the streets, and the cheers of the schoolchildren rang out in high treble again and again. No one could witness the brilliant sight without being impressed that the women and children of this Commonwealth still love and reverence the name of Jefferson Davis and the cause which his name represents to the Southern heart.

The parade formed at the corner of Fifth and Franklin Streets, and before 1 o'clock it was evident that there would be a great outpouring of the children of the city, as they were closely packed in for more than a block, waiting to get a hand on the ropes which drew the wagon.

The Governor, Field and Drum Corps, in their blue and white uniforms, led the way, the scarlet lining of their capes, which were thrown open, adding a brilliant dash of color at the head of the parade. R. E. Lee Camp and George E. Pickett Camp of Confederate Veterans, in full gray uniforms, and with erect and military bearing, followed the band with steady step.

Then came the long lines of children drawing the statue of the great figure of President Davis seated. The ropes were over 700 feet long and were in double formation. Every available inch on which a hand could be laid was taken by rosy-faced boys and girls, and it would be conservative to say that at least 3,000 children were in line. Many of the girls were in white, and small Confederate flags were everywhere. The boys came from their games with ball-gloves and roller-skates over their shoulders, and all pulled away with a will. In fact, sometimes the children were almost too willing, being unaccustomed to the halts and delays of the parade formation, and more than once after the movement was started they refused to stop. However, the utmost good humor prevailed throughout the evening and no accident of any kind was reported.

The car on which the statue was loaded was handomely decorated by C. B. Norvell & Co., who volunteered their services for this work without cost to the committee.

Make-Up of the Parade.

The veteran section of the parade was under the command of Commander W. B. Freeman, of Lee Camp, the neatly-uniformed veterans carrying canes, and presenting a most martial and business-like appearance. When the parade reached the Lee Monument, a squad of about thirty from the Soldiers' Home, under command of Colonel Charles Euker, fell into line with the other veterans and continued with the parade up Monument Avenue to the Davis site.

A pathetic feature of the parade was a little group of maimed and infirm men from the Home, unable to march from the Lee Monument, but who gathered on the old battery on upper Monument Avenue to watch the parade pass, and raised their canes in salute as the bronze figure of the ex-President went by.

Mr. Peter J. White was invited by Commander Freeman to take charge of the children's part of the parade, and was assisted by a dozen or more young men in the formation of the lines of the children.

A force of burly negroes, in their Sunday clothes, were immediately around the wagon to guide and assist in the upgrades. The enormous number of children in line rendered their services in pulling unnecessary, but they were effective in stopping the wagon from time to time when the human team disregarded orders and pulled ahead.

Too Few Policemen.

The absence of police was much commented upon. With the exception of a bicycle squad, none were to be seen until the parade moved, and much difficulty was experienced in forming the lines on account of the dense crowd. The officials had evidently not expected any such turnout of people, and no provision had been made for clearing the street of wagons and bicycles, which were in the way repeatedly, and which added to the danger for the children. After the parade moved Major Werner and some assistants on horseback arrived, and the way was kept much more open.

The work of the Covenanter Field and Drum Corps was greatly admired by the crowds that lined the way, the boys of this organization keeping up a succession of fifes and bugle music with the roll of the drums, which was quite the feature of the parade.

When the monument was reached the ropes were quickly detached and promptly cut into small sections for souvenirs of the occasion. The parade was here dismissed without any formal exercises, only the Field and Drum Corps marching back to the city. There was a great scramble for pieces of the rope, and many an old soldier was seen making his way back to the city, carrying a small piece which he is treasuring as a memento of the occasion.

Car Service Was Poor.

The car service proved to be utterly inadequate, no provision whatever, ex-

TOLD THAW JURORS FATHER WAS SHRINER

Members of Thaw Jury Summoned Before Jerome to Tell if They Were "Approached."

HAS NO SENIOR COUNSEL

Statement Given Out That No Engagement Has Yet Been Made.

NEW YORK, April 18.—It was announced to-day that the district attorney had begun the investigation of a report that one of the Thaw jurors had been "approached" by a policeman during the trial. Henry C. Brearley, one of the jurors, had an interview with District Attorney Jerome late to-day at Mr. Jerome's office. Later it was announced that several other of the Thaw jurors would be asked to come to the district attorney's office to-morrow and tell what, if anything, they knew of the report in question. It was reported that a policeman talked with a juror on one of the walks the jury took from the Criminal Courts building to the Broadway Central Hotel.

Thaw's Father a Shriner.

Assistant District Attorney Smyth will have subpoenas issued for three Thaw jurors to interrogate them as to what they know of the statement made last Saturday by Juror Denee, as follows:

"George Pfaff, a Thaw juror, who is a Mystic Shriner, came to me about three weeks ago before the insanity commission was appointed. I am a Mystic Shriner myself. He told me that on several mornings, when the jury had gotten back from breakfast one of the policemen on duty in the lower corridor of the courthouse had approached Newton, Juror No. 8, another Shriner, and told him that Harry Thaw's father was a Mystic Shriner also."

Sail on Same Ship.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thaw and J. C. Smith, Stanford White's brother-in-law, were fellow-passengers to-day on the liner Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, which sailed for Cherbourg.

GET ALL PEANUTS; PUT PRICES UP

Chicago Firm Engineering Plan to Get a Corner on the World's Supply.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHICAGO, ILL., April 18.—A corner in peanuts is the result of the latest manoeuvre of the market manipulators N. A. Cobble & Co., a South Water Street commission firm, are engineering the corner. Associated with this firm, which is one of the largest peanut wholesale dealers in the country, are three Norfolk, Va., firms.

Not only will the combine have the upper hand on the situation as far as the American product is concerned, but it will control the output of Spain and Japan. It is the intention of the combination to buy up the entire available supply and then force the price up to the highest possible point.

For several days the Cobble representatives at Norfolk, in conjunction with three firms at that place, have been buying everything in sight. Within a few days it is expected that their control of the market will be complete.

THE BOARD ACCEPTS HIS RESIGNATION

Prof. Soule Will Leave July 1st--V. P. I. Visitors Conclude Session at Blacksburg--Committee Named to Reply to Farmers' Petition.

BLACKSBURG, VA., April 18.—The board of directors of the V. P. I. met here this morning at 10:30. All were present except Messrs. Eggleston, Kizer and Watkins.

The resignation of Dr. Thomas L. Watson as professor of geology and mineralogy was accepted with much regret, to take effect June 30th. The president was authorized to arrange with Professor Watson for completion of geological survey during summer, and for arrangement of geological specimens in cabinet of the department.

In answer to request of Governor Swanson, addressed to Dr. McBryde, urging that the V. P. I. agents be ready on Virginia Day at the Jamestown Exposition, the board directed that the corps be held there until the evening of June 12th, the regular time for closing of the college session.

On account of the absence of Mr. J. D. Eggleston, chairman of the committee appointed at the January meeting of the board to consider the availability of various men who may be chosen to succeed Dr. McBryde as President of the V. P. I., the matter of electing the next president was postponed until a later meeting. This is to be called at the suggestion of Mr. Eggleston that his committee be ready to report, or in the event that the committee shall wish for more time the matter will be deferred until the next regular meeting of the board.

SIX NEW CARDINALS RECEIVE RED HAT

Public Consistory at the Vatican Attended With Great Ceremony.

ROME, April 18.—A public consistory took place at the Vatican to-day with great ceremony. This being the season in which Rome is crowded with tourists, the demand for tickets was extraordinary. The procession accompanying the Pope was long and interesting, being composed of many notable persons.

The Swiss Guard headed the procession, and the notable guard surrounded the person of the Pontiff, who was dressed in white. He was preceded by the cardinals in full red robes, and followed by the bishops and archbishops.

THREE LIVES LOST IN LAUNDRY FIRE

MONTREAL, April 18.—Fire this afternoon in the plant of the Canada Steam Laundry caused the loss of three lives, two men and a woman, and the injury of twelve others, one of whom, a woman, may die.

SPECIFICATIONS SIGNED FOR BIG BATTLESHIPS

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Secretary Metcalf to-day signed the plans and specifications for the two 20,000-ton battleships to be built for the United States Navy. They are the first of the general type of Dreadnaught, of the British navy. The plans will be sent to the two navy-yards and such private shipbuilding firms as signify their intention to make bids. They will be sent out on April 20th, and bids will be opened on June 20th.

TWO CENTS A MILE ON NEW YORK ROADS

NEW YORK, April 18.—The Assembly to-day passed with but one dissenting vote the bill providing for a flat rate of two cents a mile on all railroads in the State.

BENEDICT GIMBEL IS HELD FOR BRIBERY

Wealthy Philadelphia Merchant Offers Money to Officer Who Arrest Him.

"WAS A TERRIBLE MISTAKE"

So Declares the Surprised Man When Officers Who Are Following Arrest Him.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Benedict Gimbel, a member of the firm of Gimbel Brothers, proprietors of one of the largest department stores of Philadelphia, was arrested here to-day, and following arraignment in court held on the double charge of improper conduct and attempted bribery of a police officer. Unable to furnish immediate bail in the sum of \$5,000, Gimbel was committed to the Tombs.

The original complainant was the wife of a Wall Street broker, whose sixteen-year-old son, Iver Clark, was in the company of Gimbel when the latter was arrested.

FIVE INCHES OF SNOW IN THE NORTHWEST

Extends Over Several States and Is Heaviest Known in April for Years.

OMAHA, NEB., April 18.—Five inches of snow fell during last night and continued to-day. The fall was general over Eastern Nebraska, and is the heaviest known in April for many years. The snowfall extends over a wide area according to advices from points in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado—to the south, which report a light snowfall, while Northern Nebraska, Southern South Dakota, Northeast Wyoming and the Black Hills are covered with a blanket of snow six inches deep on the level, which is still falling. At Northwestern Railroad headquarters here it was said that the storm is practically the same over their entire system west of the Missouri River. Opinion as to the effect on fruit and early vegetables varies. Along the Southern and Central belts cherries, peaches, plums and berries are said by some to have been ruined almost entirely, while other growers and dealers report that fruit was not far enough advanced to be seriously endangered.

Prominent in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—Benedict Gimbel is the youngest of seven brothers in the firm of Gimbel Brothers, owners of a big department store in this city. He was married about three years ago, and lives at No. 915 North Broad Street, a fashionable residential section of the city.

POST IS GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO

Inaugurated to Succeed Winthrop--Secretary Taft and Party Present.

SAN JUAN, P. R., April 18.—R. H. Post was inaugurated Governor of Puerto Rico to-day in succession to Benjamin Winthrop, who retired to become Assistant Secretary of the Treasury at Washington. Secretary Taft was among those present, occupying a box with Mrs. Winthrop, wife of the retiring Governor, and Mrs. Post. The members of the Supreme Court, the Executive Council and the House of Delegates attended in a body. Secretary Taft and his party sailed for home on the dispatch boat Mayflower to New to-day, accompanied by Benjamin Winthrop, the retiring Governor of Porto Rico, and Mrs. Winthrop, Mrs. Taft and Miss Marjorie Ide. An immense crowd bid the Secretary farewell.