

# The Virginia Pilots' Association

## The Only Legalized Monopoly in Virginia

### Self-Electing! Self-Regulating! Self-Perpetuating!

## Demands from Virginia's Foreign Commerce \$55,000 Additional

In return for the abolition of \$33,000.00 (their figures) of compulsory coastwise tax, for which they rendered absolutely no service. In view of this demand this inquiry is respectfully submitted as one to which the Legislature is entitled to a frank answer.

# How Much Are You Getting Now, Gentlemen?

(Signed) NORFOLK & NEWPORT NEWS SHIPPING COMPANIES.

### ADMITTING EVILS TO GO UNTOUCHED

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Now this tax commission is going to reveal some embarrassing things if it succeeds in getting itself established. It will discover many generous gentlemen and worthy corporations, firms and partnerships, who are regularly withholding their just contribution to the taxes of the State, counties and cities. It will find that the chief burden of taxation is here, as it did in France, as it does everywhere, most heavily upon the poor and those of moderate means. Besides, no tax commission ever found that anybody was paying too much taxes. They always find that somebody is paying too little. And there are many, many people who would dearly love to have it known that they are paying too little to support the government whose protection they enjoy and whose benefits they are so well able to secure. These matters, however, must be spoken softly and confidentially if one would maintain his reputation for safety and sanity.

Through the Legislature has after all accomplished a good deal, it has not and will not attend to some of the matters most urgently demanding attention. There will be no satisfactory law to amend the admittedly unsatisfactory condition of the oyster industry. There will be no law to regulate the abuses connected with primary elections. No steps will be taken to prevent the capitation tax from being used, as it has been extensively used, as a means of corruption. In fact, old General Political Expediency is still in the saddle, and there is an evident and deplorable indifference, both in and out of the Legislature, to the matter of securing fair, exact and incorruptible election methods. The period of congestion long ago predicted in this column has arrived, and will continue until the end of the session. That many questionable measures will slip through in the rush is probable. That many worthy bills will perish by strangulation and asphyxiation is absolutely certain.

### EDISON IN HOSPITAL

Has Operation to Relieve Abscess in Ear.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is a patient at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, where to-night he underwent an operation intended to relieve him of trouble in the left ear. The operation which was not considered serious, was performed by Dr. Arthur B. Duell, the ear specialist. He opened an abscess in the middle ear. It was surprisingly successful, and unless unexpected complications develop a complete recovery is anticipated. Mr. Edison, however, will be at the hospital for probably a week.

### Pastor Deposed for Beating Girl.

GRENSBERG, Pa., February 23.—Charged with having administered a beating to Jennie Sutton, fifteen years old, with a pick handle, the Rev. P. D. Runyan, a Baptist minister, principal of the West Ferry school, was fined \$10 and costs and deposed by the School Board.

### Licked Stamps in Hospital Again.

NEW YORK, February 23.—For the second time in two years, Miss Myra Silvernole, of Norfolk, was sent to a New York hospital, suffering from a disease of the tongue, said to have been contracted through contact with postage stamps, while she was engaged as an assistant in the Norfolk post-office.

### Negro Kills Constable.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 23.—Ragland R. Brunson, a constable, was shot and fatally injured by a negro whom he was attempting to arrest. The murderer escaped. There is considerable excitement at Columbia as the deed, which was very popular and had a large family connection. A reward of \$100 has been offered.

### Children's Celebration

The birthday of George Washington was nowhere celebrated with more sincere enthusiasm than in the children's library of The Times-Dispatch. In honor of the children were invited to a reception by the library. A table was prettily decorated, through the kindness of Mr. W. A. Hammond, with red and white flowers and with a cherry tree laden with cherries in the center of the table. Little hatchets, little flags, pop kisses wrapped in red, white and blue, red and white stick candy, chocolate creams and the George Washington Page, made up by the children themselves, completed the souvenirs. The children were in the merriest and most patriotic mood possible. They greatly enjoyed drawing for prizes, those of which were given out, and won by highly gratified contestants. All the children present—and there was a big crowd—had some little souvenir of the day, and all went home in happy mood. The children's library association will have its regular meeting next June, the library association will have assumed such proportions that an adjournment to the City Auditorium will be in order. And that is what one might judge from the present outlook.

### NEGRO MURDERS CHIEF OF POLICE

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The wound is not considered dangerous, but it doubtless impeded the flight of the criminal and prevented his escape. As Sheriff Watson conveyed his prisoner to the jail in a buggy there were some slight demonstrations along the way, and two feeble and futile attempts to take the negro from him. Protects Prisoner. One of these attempts was near the jail, when a wheel of the buggy was broken through striking an obstruction, and the buggy falling to the ground, a squad of about twenty men closed in around the party, demanding the prisoner, but Sheriff Watson repulsed the crowd with his rifle, and hurried the terrified negro to the jail. As they entered the gate to the jail yard another fierce attack was made on the murderer, and he was severely beaten over the head with fists and sticks, but no serious injury was done him. Mr. J. R. Bayl, manager of the local telephone exchange, called Governor Glenn over long distance after Marchison was in jail, and acquainted him with all the facts. The Governor responded with a message to Sheriff Watson that the prisoner must be protected at all hazards, and that he would order out the militia if necessary to preserve order. The Governor also said he was willing to order a special term of court to try the prisoner, but as the regular term convenes in about thirty days he did not deem it necessary.

### Military Guard Negro.

A detachment of the local militia has been drawn around the jail all the afternoon and will be on duty to-night, and at this hour it does not appear that any trouble will ensue. A curious crowd remained about the jail for some hours, but there was no apparent desire to disturb the prisoner. The murder of Chief Benton has caused the greatest sorrow among all classes here. He was an exceptionally fine officer, conscientious and fearless in the discharge of his duty, and as a citizen he was universally esteemed for his high character and integrity. He leaves a widow and eight children. A remarkable circumstance of the tragedy is the fact that a year ago, looking one week, another chief of police of the town, J. H. Chason, and Officer Lackamy were murdered by a negro, Tom Walker, and the shot that killed Chason was in the same spot as that of Chief Benton's fatal wound to-day. Another coincidence was that Howard Smith, who took so prominent a part in Marchison's capture to-day, was one of the posse that arrested Tom Walker, the murderer of Chason and Lackamy, a year ago. Marchison will have a speedy trial. Seedy Trial. Superior Court convenes here the latter part of March, which fixes a hearing at a date earlier than a special term would effect, as twenty days' notice is required in assembling a special term. Excitement was temporarily revived to-night by a successful pistol shot in the centre of the city, which created an impression of attempted lynching. It developed, however, that the shooting was the result of a negro resisting arrest for an assault on two white boys, and he received two serious wounds at the hands of the arresting officer, and may die.

### Italians Arrested

Had Lively Fight on Main Street—Disorder on Car.

Bedraggled, muddy, one of them had wounded all of them showing signs of having been drinking, five Italians, John Ametta, A. D. Anca, George Able, Tony Arnetto and Charles Ross, were arrested last night on various charges of disorderly conduct and suspicious actions. Tony Arnetto was arrested by Police Officer Ogilvie on the charge of being drunk and disorderly on Clay Street car No. 206. The others were caught by Policemen Duffy, Tait and Samuels while fighting and scrambling at Fourteenth and Main Streets. John Armetto started to run, and was collared by a citizen and turned over to the officers. In the station house he stated in broken English that he had been struck twice by the motorman of car 205. An ugly wound in his head had freely started to run, and would not tell the cause of the trouble, except that it was over a transfer. He had over \$30 in his possession, a handsome gold watch and a diamond scarf pin. All gave evidence of having been engaged in a free fight, but had no little acquaintance with the English language to explain. They were well dressed and seemed to be well provided with funds. The ambulance, with Dr. Young in charge, was called to treat Armetto.

### Veterans Attend

Pastor of Clay Street Preaches to Company.

The Rev. George Wash Jones, pastor of Clay Street Methodist Church, preached a special sermon last night before the two Confederate camps, the veterans joining in. The ladies of Pickett Camp Auxiliary were also in attendance. The veterans occupied seats in front of the pulpit, and the church was filled by the congregation and visitors. Mr. Jones' sermon was an earnest, practical talk. Heartily congregational singing was a feature of the service, the veterans joining in. The ladies of Pickett Camp Auxiliary were also in attendance.

### CLASS CONFIRMED

Impressive Services Held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

A congregation that taxed the capacity of St. Luke's Episcopal Church assembled last night to witness the impressive apostolic rite of the laying on of hands by the Rev. Robert

### The Legislative Dream.

"The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

To my fond imagination No better situation Than a legislative course was to be had; And then I came and tried it, And (I never have denied it) I didn't think at first it was so bad. The actresses they peeped And the married dames regretted They'd jumped the broom so early in the game; The world seemed bright and cheery, And they fed me only taffy, But the way it took the money 'twas a shame. But soon some folks who'd lent me Their support (and said they'd sent me) And more than half the others (Sons alike of guns and mothers) Said they really couldn't ever see what for. So they sent me down petitions, Ultimatums, requisitions, And resolutions from the county board; And the preachers came to see me, Barkeepers came to spruce me, And the common gentry came down in a horde. They caught and buttonholed me, They flattered and cajoled me, Until I didn't know which way to go; So I thought it out most wisely, And arranged things compromiseably, Accordingly I put my bill in so. Then both sides disowned me, They lambasted and they cursed me, They said they thought me wronged all the time; The preachers they be-palmed me, The barkeepers they be-damned me, And the others called me things that wouldn't rhyme. So when my term is ended, And the agony suspended, Of waiting out an honest people's praise, I am going home to mother, To my sister and my brother, And hang me if I don't stay there always.

BOWMAN BYRNE HUNT.

### Men Back at Work

CUMBERLAND, MD., February 23.—At the Baltimore and Ohio shops and round-house, this city, nearly all the furloughed men, besides a number of car repairers, have been called back to work. Some of the men have been required to work over-time in getting out freight locomotives, work on which was suspended about the first of the year.

### Not on Romer's Bond.

Mr. Pat McDonough stated yesterday afternoon that he did not again go upon Henry Romer's bond. He was named as bondsman in the Police Court record. Mr. McDonough says he delivered Romer to the county some time ago, and knows nothing more about the matter.

### Judge Is Candidate.

Judge Thomas W. Harrison, of Winchester, is a candidate for one of the positions on the commission to be named to revise the Code of Virginia.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy; warmer in the interior; light west winds becoming variable.

North Carolina—Fair Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy; warmer; light to fresh northwest winds, becoming variable.

### CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond's weather was clear and cool. Thermometer at midnight, 81.

### CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 3 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place	Ther.	Weather
Ashville	55	Clear
Augusta	54	Clear
Atlanta	50	Clear
Norfolk	48	Clear
Tampa	52	Rain
Washington	48	Clear
Wilmington	46	Clear
Yellowstone	48	Clear

### MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises... 6:50  
Moon sets... 5:57  
Moon rises... 12:41

### VEGETABLE TIDE.

Morning... 9:53  
Evening... 10:15

### SOME PROPOSED LEGISLATION

AN ANALYSIS, By LEWIS H. MACHEN.

DELEGATE MASSIE has presented a bill for the establishment of a standing committee of the General Assembly, to be known as the Committee on State Relations, to be constituted by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and two members of the House, to be appointed by him, and the President of the Senate and one Senator, appointed by him, whose duty it shall be, during the sessions and vacations of the General Assembly, to investigate, devise and promote the best means and measures for the conservation of the rights and interests of the State, and other States, especially in the matter of State regulation and control of corporations, trusts and monopolies. The committee is charged with the duty to obtain information in regard to legislation of other States on the subject of corporations, and in other matters in which the interests of the State and their relations to each other are involved. It is authorized to employ a clerk or stenographer at a salary, but the amount is not fixed by the bill. The members of the committee, when actually engaged in work as a committee, shall receive the same compensation and mileage as members of the General Assembly. A report of its action and work must be submitted to the next General Assembly, with recommendations. Copy of the act is to be transmitted at once by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Legislatures of the different States as a request for the appointment of a similar committee on State relations by the Legislatures of the other States.

Senator Ward, in Senate bill No. 400, provides that in addition to the general powers heretofore delegated by statute or now exercised and enjoyed by the Councils of the cities of the State, the Council of every city shall have authority to pass such ordinances as may seem best to punish by fine or imprisonment in jail, or either, the following offenses, when committed within the jurisdictional limits of the said city, viz: assault and battery, receiving stolen goods, gambling, carrying concealed weapons, vagrancy within the definition of existing State statutes, and trespass upon property situated within the said city. This act is not to be construed to repeal any act existing powers of the Council of any city.

Messrs. Page and Thrift, in House bill No. 272, undertake to abolish the fee system in regard to attorneys for the Commonwealth and to substitute salaries payable out of the public treasury. The fees now allowed by law to these officers shall be collected as a part of the costs from the defendant and put into the State treasury. The respective amounts which the bill allows for the attorneys for the Commonwealth in the various counties of the State are as follows: Accomac, \$320; Albemarle, \$370; Alexandria, \$250; Alleghany, \$200; Amelia, \$220; Amherst, \$250; Appomattox, \$200; Augusta, \$430; Bath, \$130; Bedford, \$340; Blank, \$130; Botetourt, \$200; Brunswick, \$220; Buchanan, \$200; Buntingham, \$300; Campbell, \$260; Caroline, \$200; Carroll, \$200; Charles City, \$100; Charlotte, \$150; Chesterfield, \$270; Clarke, \$200; Craig, \$100; Culpeper, \$200; Cumberland, \$200; Dickinson, \$200; Dinwiddie, \$200; Elizabeth City, \$200; Essex, \$200; Fairfax, \$220; Fauquier, \$280; Floyd, \$300; Fluvanna, \$200; Franklin, \$250; Frederick, \$250; Giles, \$200; Gloucester, \$200; Goodenow, \$170; Grayson, \$200; Greene, \$150; Greensboro, \$200; Lunenburg, \$150; Madison, \$150; Mathews, \$100; Mecklenburg, \$200; Middlesex, \$120; Monticomb, \$200; Nansemond, \$200; Nelson, \$200; New Kent, \$120; Norfolk, \$700; Northampton, \$100; Northumberland, \$100; Nottingham, \$200; Orange, \$150; Page, \$220; Patrick, \$200; Pittsylvania, \$200; Powhatan, \$100; Prince Edward, \$200; Prince George, \$100; Princess Anne, \$100; Prince William, \$200; Pulaski, \$200; Rappahannock, \$150; Richmond, \$100; Roanoke, \$100; Rockbridge, \$200; Rockingham, \$200; Russell, \$100; Scott, \$200; Shenandoah, \$200; Smyth, \$200; Southampton, \$200; Spotsylvania, \$100; Stafford, \$100; Surry, \$150; Sussex, \$150; Talbot, \$200; Warren, \$150; Warwick,

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Delegated Wingo, in House bill No. 271, provides that any person who shall, without due authority, open any box, barrel or other package containing postal property of any kind, while in the possession of a common carrier for transportation or delivery, for the purpose of appropriating the contents thereof to his own use, or to the use of another, or to the use of another, any property in the possession of a common carrier for transportation or delivery, shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than five.

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