

CLARENCE PUSEY KILLED BY TRAIN

Crushed to Death by Seaboard Air Line Fast Mail at Laurel While Crossing Track.

FRIENDS BARELY ESCAPED

Robert Harvey Knocked Down, Two Others Being Unhurt, Engineer Could Not Stop.

Clarence O. Pusey, thirty-two years old, formerly of this city, was instantly killed; Robert Harvey, a twelve-year-old boy, was struck and knocked down, and two other persons narrowly escaped death near Laurel Station, Henrico county, yesterday, when they attempted to cross the railroad track in front of the Seaboard Air Line fast train, due in Richmond at 12:15 o'clock.

Harvey's Narrow Escape. Robert Harvey was just about to put his foot on the track when he was knocked backward. He escaped with slight injuries. According to Robert Hutchinson, the news of the accident, the boys could not hear the approach of the fast mail, and this fact is said to have been the cause of the accident.

Engineer Eastman states that he saw Pusey a second and a third time, but that no effort could have prevented the accident. Trainmaster Kenney Grady was left in charge of the body, while the train came on to Richmond in order to notify Coroner Deas and the officials of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, on whose tracks the accident happened.

Killed Near His Home. Mr. Pusey lived a half-mile from where the accident occurred, and was in business in this city as collector and salesman for a real estate firm. He was married to Miss Mabel R. Elliott, formerly of Richmond, who, with two children—Virginia Emma and Phyllis Elizabeth—survive him. He leaves two brothers—Dr. Leo Arthur Pusey, of Richmond; Herbert E. Pusey, of Salisbury, N. C.; and one sister, Mrs. L. R. Smith, of No. 2218 West Grace Street.

Mr. Pusey had gone to a neighbor's, and was on his way home when he met his death. The remains were turned over to undertaker Bennett at the scene of the accident, and will be removed today to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. L. R. Smith. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Coroner Deas will hold an inquest this afternoon.

WANDERED FROM MAINE

C. H. Buzze Picked Up Dazed in Post-Office and Held for His Friends.

After he had wandered all the way from his home in Maine and caused a deal of annoyance and grief to his friends and family, C. H. Buzze, about fifty years of age, was found here yesterday in the post-office by Policeman Bernstein and sent to the First Police Station.

The man had a large amount of money on his person, and his friends seemed to fear that he might be robbed and killed. He appeared to be somewhat dazed. It is said that he left home while suffering from a minor aberration of the mind. No charge was placed against him. He will be detained here until the arrival of some member of his family to take him back. A telegram was received at police headquarters a short time ago to look out for him, and Detective Sergeant Bailey had been advised of the case. Bernstein saw him in the post-office and recognized him as the man the detective was searching for.

GRAHAM GETS BAIL

Alleged Frauder Released from Police Station Under \$500 Bond.

Stephen O. S. Graham, who was arrested Saturday afternoon on a charge of attempting to defraud J. P. Pregonal out of \$250, was bailed in the First Police Station yesterday by Judge Witt, bond being given on the case for \$500. Half the amount required of him recently in Baltimore, where he was arrested and held on a like charge. Friends of the young man came to his rescue, and put up the bond that was required for his appearance in Police Court this morning.

DAZZLED PITCHFORK

Farmer Claims Another Threatened to Kill Him with Real Article.

Another tangled-up affair resulted yesterday afternoon in the arrest of A. Harold, charged by N. C. Davis with having assaulted him with a pitchfork, and also with having cursed and abused him. Both men are white and are employed on Brown's farm, on the Broad Street Road. Harold could not be reached for comment. The arrest was made by Constable Burch.

No one seems to be certain just how the difficulty arose. Davis claims that without cause, Harold abused and cursed his wife. When he went out to take the matter up, Harold rushed upon him with the pitchfork with the evident intent, he alleged, of taking his life. After a scuffle the men were separated, and two warrants were issued against Harold.

FILL Ambulance Vacancies.

No call has been issued as yet for a meeting of the Council Committee on Relief of the Poor, although it is expected that a meeting will be held early this week to take action in regard to the vacancies in the ambulance service at the City Home. The committee will be called as soon as the visiting medical staff is ready to report with recommendations.

BLANEY, KING OF MELODRAMA, TELLS HOW HE WRITES PLAYS

Injects So Many Impossible Situations in Such Rapid-Fire Sequence That People Are Mystified—To Send Stars in "Tank" Shows to Europe in Fall.

Charles E. Blaney, known in theatrical circles as "King of the Melodrama," because he has written more blood and thunder plays than any man, living or dead, is at the Richmond Hotel, having come here to witness Miss Cecil Spooner's rehearsal of a real mellow production, which she will take abroad next season.

"My success has been found in action and scenic accessories," said Mr. Blaney last night. "Quick, snappy, short dialogue, with plenty of noise and effects. Realism, natural and artificial are combined, with a little more of the latter, is what I have found to have been the real things by which I make the average lover of the blood and thunder drama. Latter-day melodrama differs in large degree from that of the days of a quarter of a century ago. The World was probably the greatest of the modern realistic plays. I have striven to outdo that great play, and in building my plays I inject noise and impossible situations in such quick sequence that the auditor takes it all as possibly possible, and he goes away wondering what it is all about.

BRIGHT WEATHER SENDS SNOWWAY WAREHOUSE SITE

Plenty of Slush in Side Streets, but Wire Tangles Are Being Cleared.

Warm winds and sunny skies yesterday made such inroads on the remainder of the snow that fell during the big storm last week, that the city, for the most part, was clear of the snow. Far into the night there was no perceptible drop in the temperature, and the melting continued. With the prospects good for another fair day, the remnants on the side streets and at the crossings will have been converted into slush by the time the sun sets. Along certain of the unpaved streets the snow has given way to mud almost shoe deep, which is even more disagreeable to the pedestrian than fifteen inches of snow. However, bright service has been enough to have asphalt on which to cross and rejoice to see the last of it.

The various interests dependent upon the wires for carrying on business are gradually recovering from the storm, but are still working forces of men overtime in order to get lines into shape which in some cases were severely suffered but little, and schedules are now in perfect order. The delays even during the worst of the storm were due more to the heavy travel than to the effects of snow and sleet.

By strenuous work, the Southern Bell Telephone Company is getting its lines into shape, and will now take some time to put all of the dead instruments into working condition again. Large forces of men are working night and day in many parts of the city and suburbs. Some of the nearby towns are still practically cut off from Richmond.

WHITE MAN SHOT MAN DIVIDENDS HIM AT BONAR DECLARED HERE

James Cheatham Dies at Hospital Here—Slayer Has Already Surrendered.

Although it was first reported at the Memorial Hospital that James Cheatham, who died there yesterday, had been shot by another negro at Bonar, citizen of Bon Air, who gave him the name as J. Wright, informant of Manchester police officials that he had shot, and that he had subsequently surrendered to Magistrate Cowan. Wright was released pending the result of Cheatham's injuries.

Although the story told to Sergeant Smith, of the Manchester police force, it seems that the negro was prowling about the white man's yard early Christmas morning, when Wright, hearing noises, went out, revolver in hand, to investigate. It was dark, and Cheatham moved in the corner of the fence, and at Wright, thinking it to be a stray dog, fired. A load of shot followed, and the negro arose and dashed toward him. "I won't let you white man kill me," Cheatham is alleged to have yelled as he raised his arms, reaching to seize a companion. The men were close together when Wright fired two other shots, one of which took effect in the chest.

Cheatham dropped in his tracks and Wright went to "quire Cowan and surrendered. Together they went to the scene of the accident and found the negro lying unconscious in the yard. He was removed to his home, and Dr. Hazen summoned. Late Saturday afternoon, although there was no chance of saving his life, Cheatham was brought to the Memorial Hospital. An operation was at once performed, but he never rallied thereafter.

OPPOSE SEABROOK WAREHOUSE SITE

Advocates of Playgrounds May Yield Point to Insure Ordinance.

In order to secure the passage through the Board of Aldermen of the playground ordinance, now pending, it is thought necessary to give the Seabrook Warehouse location, the fight having largely centered on that particular site rather than on the general question of the establishment and maintenance of playgrounds.

Although this was the original spot suggested by the Civic Improvement League, which is in charge of the city, probably in its most congested section, opposite the Branch Canal, and adjoining the First Police Station, the Board of Aldermen have indicated that rather than inopportunely tie up the whole plan they would consent to eliminating the Seabrook Warehouse site, if an equal sized ground on some less expensive street, as on North Bigateen or Venable streets, will be substituted.

No Income from Warehouse. The city is now receiving no income from the Seabrook Warehouse property, which is being held in bad repair. The last tenant gave up the building, the city having failed to put the warehouse into a play-ground use. The recent erection on North Bigateen of several large warehouses, indicates a revival of trade conditions in that neighborhood, rapidly becoming one of the railroad shipping centers of the city.

Some of the liquor men have occupied the same premises for many years, and that it would be unfair to introduce into the city a new element which might cause friction later. The advocates of temperance reform and prohibition cannot claim the playground move in Richmond as one of their exclusive reforms, since the present ordinance was offered and put through the legislature by one of the city by the secret of a large brewing company, an active member of the lower branch of the Council.

BANKS, INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OTHER CORPORATIONS PUT NEW MONEY INTO CIRCULATION

Banks, insurance companies and a number of industrial and mercantile corporations will put into circulation in the form of dividends large sums of money in Richmond this week, seven banks having already announced the payment of their usual semi-annual dividends to stock holders of record on December 31st. A number of the banks have meetings of their stockholders this week to order dividends.

Announcements made up to this time indicate that the Virginia Fire and Marine and the Virginia State Insurance Companies will pay their usual semi-annual dividends of 5 and 3 per cent, respectively. The Commercial Guaranty Company announces a dividend of 3 1/2 per cent, and the Virginia Building and Loan Company a payment of 3 per cent, both semi-annual. Among the banks, the First National Bank pays out 4 per cent, the Savings Bank of Richmond 4 per cent, and the City Bank 3 per cent, each semi-annual. The National State Bank announces a 3 1/2 per cent and the Virginia Trust Company 2 per cent, each semi-annual. The largest bank dividend yet declared was by the Merchants' National, which will pay 7 1/2 per cent. The stockholders of the Planters and of the Bank of Richmond are called to meet to-morrow to take action on the question of dividend.

Mr. Lewis Herndon, of Burton Heights, has moved to Fatserson, N. J., where he will reside in the future, having accepted work there.

REVIEW BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS

American Historical Association Plans Popular Meeting for Thursday Night.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Receptions to Be Tendered by Westmoreland and Woman's Clubs to Visitors.

Distinguished scholars and scientists, experts in history and political economy, to the number of several hundred, will arrive here to-morrow, arrangements having been made by which the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the American Historical Association will be held jointly with the fifth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Both of these bodies meet in Washington today, and will be the guests of the British ambassador, Right Hon. James Bryce, at a reception to-night. The members will come by special train to Richmond, the first meeting here being held in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel to-morrow night, when President George B. Adams, of the American Historical Association, will present his annual address.

The climax of the meeting will come on Thursday night, when there will be a discussion of the campaign of the Wilderness in the War between the States, a topic not only of general interest in Virginia, but of importance to the student of American history. The field officers of experience will present the campaigns of the two armies in the light of historical data, it being expected that there will be a large audience of Richmond and Virginia people present.

The conduct of the Wilderness Campaign will be presented by Colonel Edward P. Alexander, of the Confederate States Army, a civil engineer of distinction, who served as a brigadier-general in Longstreet's Corps. The conduct of the Wilderness Campaign will be presented by Colonel R. Livermore, of the United States Army, now the president of the Massachusetts Military Historical Society of Boston, an army engineer of long experience, who has designed many of the fortifications of our country. He has been an advisor and writer on military affairs for many years.

The debate will be closed by a paper on "The Wilderness Campaign From Our Present Point of View," by Major Eben Swift, of the general staff, United States Army. The meeting on Thursday night will be followed by a reception at the Westmoreland Club. On the following day the members of both organizations will make an excursion to Charlottesville and visit the University of Virginia.

Both the Historical and the Political Science Associations sit in open session, the announcement being made that persons not members of either will be welcomed. Many of the meetings will be held jointly, though at times the program provides for separate sessions, and some of these will be broken up into a number of simultaneous conferences on different branches of the subjects in hand.

Receptions and Social Features. The morning and afternoon meetings of the Political Science Association will be given up to the relation of history to the Constitutional Development, and "Active Agencies for the Betterment of Municipal Administration." At the same time the Historical Association will hold a number of section meetings on "The Relation of History to the Secondary Schools"; meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society, the Jamestown Exposition Historical Association, and the Bibliographical Society of America, all subsidiary organizations.

Wednesday afternoon there will be a reception at the Woman's Club. In the Political Science Association there will be a valuable discussion on Wednesday night on "The Increase of Federal Influence and Power in the United States," with an address by the Hon. J. M. Anderson, Attorney-General of Virginia; Mr. Charles A. Moore, of Asheville, N. C.; and Mr. R. B. Scott, of the University of Wisconsin. In another part of the hotel the Historical Association will hear papers at the same hour on a number of topics relating to European history.

Thursday will be given up to conferences and business sessions, the Political Science Association taking up the morning and afternoon with discussions of international law, the report of the committee on instruction in American government in secondary schools, and business matters. The historical society will sit in four sections for conferences on the problems of State and local historical societies, research in Colonial American and Revolutionary history, and research on Southern history, for a business meeting at 3 P. M., with reports of officers and committees and the election of new officers.

CHAPMAN WORKERS MEET

Ushers, Singers and Personal Workers Hear Several Preliminary Addresses. Three addresses, preliminary to the Chapman evangelistic campaign, which opens in Richmond on January 6th, were delivered at a meeting of the workers, ushers and singers, held at the Central Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Thomas Semmes, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, chairman of the general committee, presided. The Rev. T. C. Darst, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, spoke on "Fruit of the Spirit," and the Rev. J. C. Calver, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, on "Power," and the Rev. E. H. Rawlings, D. D., missionary secretary of the Virginia Methodist Conference, on "The Holy Spirit."

Mr. Ralph C. Norton, a member of Dr. Chapman's staff, who will have the oversight of personal work, will arrive in Richmond on Saturday morning for a series of conferences regarding this part of the campaign.

CHAPMAN REVIVAL NOT PLANNED TO HELP DRIVE AWAY SALOONS



REV. J. W. CHAPMAN.

CAPTAIN'S TRAGIC STORY PUTS CRUSOE TO SHAME

Gallant Crockett, of the Ill-Fated Warner Moore, Tells of Horrible Experiences of Himself and Crew While Battling in Skiff With Storm on Angry Sea.

In the tragic recital of experiences which might put to shame the adventures of a Robinson Crusoe or cause the head of the Swiss Family Robinson to attempt another narrative, Captain Frank Crockett, seventy years old, of the schooner Warner Moore, which went to pieces off the Jersey coast last Wednesday, yesterday related a thrilling story of how he and a crew of seven men, adrift in an open boat, fought against high seas, from the fury of which they were saved after fourteen hours of horrible suffering. The weather-beaten seafarer, who has spent the greater part of his long life in traveling from port to port, arrived in Richmond yesterday, and freely talked of how he and his men had refused to lose hope or to give up the battle against elements, which seemed each hour to combine efforts to capsize the tiny skiff in which he and his men put out, when the Warner Moore was driven to pieces.

Life and Death Affairs. "There were horrible moments, in which we prayed for the sight of a friendly sail, and others, in which we were so put to it to keep the boat afloat that we thought of nothing else but the fight we were making in order to save ourselves, that families at home might not be left without a wage-earner," said the plucky captain. "It was a life or death affair," he continued, "and that I am here to tell my story seems too good to be true. We set sail from Charleston bound for Providence, R. I., on December 17th. There were 130 men on board, and the second day out, but were not started, as the schooner knew her business, and seemed little disturbed by the mad dashing of the waves.

All went well with the ship until December 22nd, at a clock that afternoon we were off Absecon, N. J., when struck by a gale which almost emptied us into the sea at its first stroke. We reefed the vessel down, and hauled her up against the wind. At a terrific clip the wind whizzed by us, and increased in fury until 10 o'clock at night. Water was pouring over our decks in torrents.

High Seas Swept Over Them. "The men worked gallantly, and the sails were kept close reefed. A veritable mountain of water passed over us, and everything movable, except the men, washed overboard. There was but one hope left, and that was to throw over the cargo. This we did. All night long we worked, and in the early morning of Wednesday, as the planks were still being cast into the sea, a wave, bigger than any of the others, spread over the vessel and broke in the forward house. The schooner reeled, rocked and tossed, but refused to sink.

"Our cooking utensils went over early; and just after day began to break one of the sailors screamed that no clothing, except my own, was left. The storm still increased. The men swung in and out with the waves, and heavy lumber with the other. The minutes dragged by. Another wave hit us broadside. Our hull was almost filled with water, and the boat was sinking down by the head. The forward hatch was swept off, which added another inlet for the water. I

CHARLES DIXSON'S DEATH RELIEVES SKULL FRACTURED

Printer Falls Down Stairs at Lawrence's Cafe and May Die from Injuries.

Charles P. Dixson, of No. 1511 Twenty-third Street, a printer by trade, fell down the back stairway in Lawrence's Cafe, at Twelfth and Main Streets, Saturday afternoon, and now lies in a critical condition at the Virginia Hospital.

Dixson fractured his skull, bruised his cheek and broke his right arm in the fall. He was found by one of the colored employees of the place and carried upstairs. He was unconscious, and blood was flowing freely from his wounds. The city ambulance could not be reached, and Dr. Hugh Mercer was called in. Seeing the desperate condition of the man, the physician had him transferred at once to the hospital.

He was still unconscious at a late hour last night, and the two attending physicians have grave doubts as to his recovery. His present position is with the St. Luke's hospital. He had come home to spend the Christmas with his family and friends.

Evangelistic Campaign Has No Connection With Prohibition Fight, Says Magill.

NOT REFORM MOVE IN POLITICS

Rumor That Dr. Chapman Is to Receive Fabulous Sum Also Set at Rest Officially.

Answering persistent rumors that the Chapman evangelistic campaign, which opens in this city on January 6th, was a preliminary step to statewide or local prohibition, Mr. R. E. Magill, secretary of the local committee, stated emphatically last night that it was purely evangelic, and had no relation directly or indirectly with any reform plan whatsoever. Mr. Magill also denied rumors as to the profits made by Dr. Chapman out of such a campaign, by the positive statement that the evangelist is working on an annual salary, in no way fixed or dependent on local funds.

It is not a reform move in any sense, and it is not a political move. There was never a greater mistake than this supposition, which has been widely circulated. "The plan to hold a general campaign, in which all Protestant churches could take part, originated with the Minister's Association, and has no connection with the prohibition or reform movement of any kind. The committee has attempted to guard against this by the emphatic statement that it has no connection with the Anti-Saloon League, or with any movement for Statewide prohibition. It is intended as a general evangelistic revival of religion, in which all churches unitedly join. Dr. Chapman is not a reformer, but a minister of religion, a preacher of strength, whose record in impressing the vital truths of Christianity on the community in which he has worked has been most unique, and his personal influence in touching the lives of men to whom he has preached has been most far-reaching.

Chapman Receives No Profits. "Of course, should the movement which has been inaugurated here take hold of the city in any large measure, as was the case when Dr. Chapman and his assistants conducted a campaign in Philadelphia last spring, and through the preaching of a pure Gospel, succeeded in reaching and influencing the lives of large numbers of men, and producing in them a new and better living and better conditions, there may, as an indirect result, be a demand for various municipal reforms.

"These reforms, if any such should come, must come spontaneously, as neither Dr. Chapman and his associates, nor his assistants, have any intention to turn aside from the preaching of religion to the accomplishment of incidental or legislative reforms. "I understand that it has been circulated that Dr. Chapman secures a profit from his work. This is incorrect. This also is an erroneous statement. Dr. Chapman receives a fixed annual salary, less by more than \$2,000 a year than was his salary as pastor of a Presbyterian Church in New York City, a position he voluntarily gave up to enter evangelistic work of this nature ago.

Expense Fund Provided. "The Presbyterian Church in the United States inaugurated the movement to carry on in large cities simultaneous evangelistic services, appointing a committee, of which John I. Converse, of Philadelphia, is chairman, to conduct the work. This committee, working in cooperation with other denominations, selected Dr. Chapman as its leading evangelist, and his work has since attracted worldwide attention.

"In the present campaign we have been furnished with the names of twenty-one men who will accompany this leader. These will be speakers, singers, personal workers, men who do rescue work in the saloons, and in the lower part of the city, and others selected from all parts of the country. A simultaneous move as we propose. None of these receive any pay from the local committee, although we provide the traveling expenses to Richmond, and their board while here from a fund which we are raising in the local churches taking part. We may have to bring in a few other singers and speakers if the movement grows, and these would expect to be paid a salary while here. The local committee, however, pays no salary to Dr. Chapman, who receives a salary from the church which originally employed him, although allowed to do interdenominational work. Our local fund will have to bear all the costs of printing, care of auditorium, care of halls, and similar incidental expenses.

Prohibition Move Denied. "Dr. Chapman's brother acts as business manager of the campaign, having had his experience in bringing together and organizing for effective city-wide work a force of singers and speakers suited to the needs of all classes of people. In the preliminary arrangements Dr. Chapman did not demand that any 'guarantee' be raised here before agreeing to come, or that any such fund be raised. There can be no ground for any charge of selfish motive against any of the workers, since no man among the speakers or singers will receive the equivalent of what he could earn in other lines. On the fact, when the ministers might expect in regular pay, such as a man of their ability could command.

"It can be officially and emphatically denied that there is no connection between this movement of the churches or State-wide effort, and any anti-prohibition movement. The workers who are not volunteers receive a stated salary, without any interest in any collection taken. If the movement grows and we need more workers, we may ask a free-will offering of those interested to provide the expense of bringing more men here."

ONE "CRIPPLE" CAR BLOCKED TRAFFIC ON NINTH STREET

From 9 o'clock until after the regular cars stopped running last night, the track along Ninth Street was blocked by a Brown and Grey motor car, which had a broken axle. The car was "crippled" in some other way over on Church Hill, and was being towed up the Main Street tracks when it was struck by a trolley car on the corner of the intersection of Main Street and No. 12 o'clock to-day, was occasioned.

Little Ellen Dance Never Recovers from Burns Received on Christmas Day.

Never having rallied from severe burns received when she fell into a nursery fire on Christmas Day, Ellen Edmonds, six years old, died yesterday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Freeman, of No. 1034 West Grace Street. The little girl has suffered intensely since the tragedy, which occurred when two sisters and a brother were in the room.