

WIFE WAITS FOR HUSBAND'S TUNES

Engineer Ellington Has Ingenious Plan of Announcing His Safe Return.

WHISTLES HOME SWEET HOME

Sentiment Appeals to Evangelists, Who Secure Photographs for Use in World Tour.

How often a little wife has waited with ears alert for the sound of a whistle which daily tells that her husband's thoughts are with her in their pretty home...

More than twenty years ago, when he was first employed as a railroad man, Ellington, who is of an ingenious turn of mind, attempted to play tunes on his engine whistle...

He Plays Two Tunes. In leaving the tune is invariably, "In the Sweet By and By" while on his return the engineer expresses his delight at another successful trip...

Ellington runs on a freight train between Richmond and Danville, and has never had any other route. He sends his messages when the train is about a mile out of this city...

There is scarcely a person in Richmond or Manchester who has not heard the shrill notes strung together so as to play a tune that is usually recognized, and of the many who have heard, there have been few to know the name of the engineer...

"Why, there are hundreds of people along my run who listen as attentively for my tunes as my wife does," said Ellington yesterday. "This has caused me to take up the practice of whistling at various points..."

Waves a Light for Him. "At one place, about midway between Richmond and Danville, I never fail to blow for the benefit of an old woman who lives in a cottage about 300 yards from the track..."

"I can blow other tunes than 'Sweet By and By' and 'Home, Sweet Home,' but they are my favorites, and a stick of dynamite can't play the 'Old Oaken Bucket,' but that don't mean anything..."

Originated the Idea. "It is not for me to say that I was the originator of the idea, but I do say that it is as good as mine..."

During the recent Chapman-Alexander campaign, Charles M. Alexander frequently heard the whistle, and told of it to Dr. Chapman, with the remark: "The man who blows those tunes is sending a message to somebody..."

Evangelists Get Pictures. The next day Mr. Ellington was called over to the Richmond Hotel, and there introduced to the evangelists...

"Of course, I am always disappointed, and it makes me awfully blue when Robert doesn't blow," says Mrs. Ellington. "I always listen, and seldom fail to hear..."

HONOR WASHINGTON

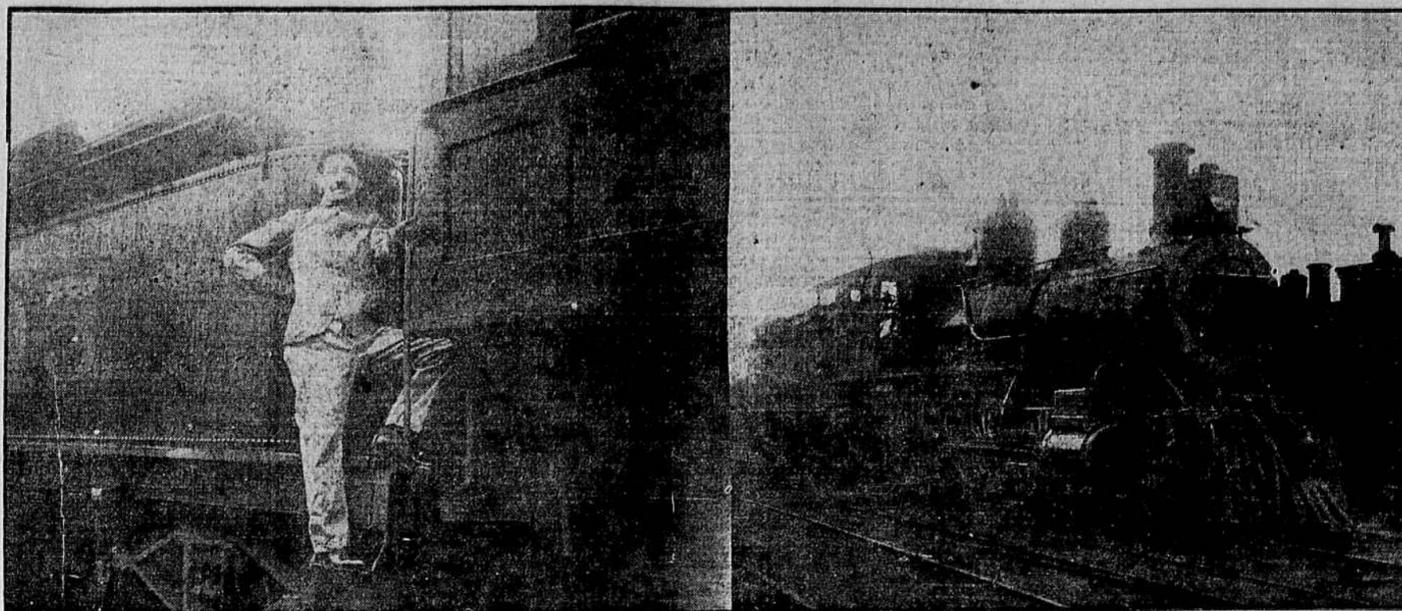
Anniversary of His Birth Will Be Observed Here by a General Holiday. The 17th anniversary of the birth of George Washington occurs today...

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With His Hand on Throttle.

DISTILLERY BURNS IN HENRICO COUNTY

Plant and Stock of Darbytown Company Wiped Out by Flames.

ONLY PARTIAL INSURANCE. Spectacular Early Morning Glare of Blazing Whiskey Alarms County.

In the early hours of yesterday morning the entire plant of the Darbytown Distilling Company, on the Darbytown Road, near the National Cemetery, in Henrico county, was wiped out by fire...

The fire was first discovered shortly after 1 o'clock. The engine room was burning fiercely, and whiskey stored in the other buildings had already caught. The headway gained by the flames was so great by this time that it was impossible for the watchman and the neighbors, who gathered as soon as the light of the flames was seen...

It is probable that the fire was not visited by a fiercer or more spectacular blaze. The buildings of the plant were all frame, and built close together. The whiskey in barrels, heated to the point of ignition, burst with cannon-like reports, one after the other, while that in the vats and other receptacles flared up as the fire swept over it...

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New Officer Appointed. Judge R. Carter Scott, of the Henrico Circuit Court, has ordered an order appointing R. C. Garnett, now deputy sheriff and jailer for the county, to the office of constable in Tuckahoe District...

Develop State Industry. E. E. Crook, of Rochester, N. Y., with a party of twenty-five capitalists from that city, reached Richmond yesterday morning in his private car, Georgian...

Surprised Crap-Shooters. Eight negroes were surprised and arrested yesterday afternoon while indulging in a quiet little game of crap at 15-17 West Jackson Street...

MURDERER NOW IN DETENTION CELL

Felix Christian, Who Killed Annie May Dobbs, Awaits Execution at Penitentiary.

In charge of a special guard from the penitentiary, Felix Christian, colored, sentenced to die in the electric chair March 22 for the murder of Annie May Dobbs, a fourteen-year-old girl of Glen Wilton, Va., reached the city over the Norfolk and Western yesterday afternoon at 2:05 o'clock...

Christian committed the crime Thursday and was soon caught. It was with much difficulty that the officers of Botetourt county averted a lynching. When brought up for trial he confessed, and it took just twenty-one minutes to convict him and sentence him to the chair...

Returning here this evening, they were stored twelve barrels of whiskey while the distilling room contained 20 gallons in open vessels. In addition to this, there was destroyed a quantity of the product in various stages of its manufacture.

The officers of the company are: President, Z. V. Hooker; Secretary, Treasurer, John Thompson, H. C. Hooker and T. A. Roberts are also connected with the concern. According to Mr. Hooker and Mr. Thompson, the distillery will be rebuilt as soon as possible.

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STABBED BY FRIEND ON HIS WAY HOME

John Cottrell Seriously Wounded at Sixth and Marshall Streets.

Following a fight over a disagreement as to the purchase of a midnight lunch, John Cottrell, twenty-three years of age, was stabbed in the right arm and in the left leg early yesterday morning by Ward Bagby, who afterwards escaped. Cottrell's leg wound was of a very serious character, and he was in danger of bleeding to death before the arrival of Dr. Sterrett, of the city ambulance corps, who was called to attend him...

The young man said yesterday that he and Bagby first engaged in a friendly tussle, which later developed into a fight. This occurred on Sixth Street, between Broad and Marshall. Walter Meyer, who lives on North Sixth Street, an eye-witness to a part of the scuffle, stated that he saw two men running up Clay Street, from Seventh towards Sixth, and that it appeared to him as if one were pursuing the other...

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STATE PRISONERS WILL CELEBRATE

Penitentiary Inmates to Honor Washington With Two Performances of Minstrel Show.

Inmates of the State Penitentiary have made elaborate preparations for the celebration of Washington's birthday. As with those on the outside, the day is a holiday, and with the assistance of the officers the State prisoners will make merry among themselves. The principal feature of the day will take the form of a minstrel show, which will be held from 10 o'clock in the morning to noon, with a second performance from 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was expected that Folk Miller and his Old South Quartet would be on hand to perform for the prisoners, but at the last moment it was found that he could not be present. The entertainment will, therefore, be limited to strictly local talent.

According to those who have witnessed other entertainments given on holidays, this will be one well worth seeing.

It is easy to imagine that among the hundreds of men locked in the cells of the penitentiary for one offense and another, there is some excellent histrionic talent. The feature will be a "crazy walk," which is said to be worthy of the prize in any comedy. Also there will be several songs and dance numbers, covering all the movements from the farmers' "clog" to the up-to-date stage "stunt." Besides all this, a number of the convicts are excellent performers on various musical instruments, which provide for an ample and tuneful orchestra. One of the men who is to take part is said not to be much of a dancer or musician, but to hand a line of whistling, that puts a mockingbird to the blush.

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CATHOLICS PLAN TO OBSERVE LENT

Chancellor of Richmond Diocese Issues Regulations Governing the Fast.

SEASON BEGINS WEDNESDAY. Special Services and Early Morning Mass Will Be Held in All Churches.

Regulations for the observance of Lent, which begins on Wednesday, were read in the various Catholic churches in the diocese of Richmond at all services yesterday. Each Sunday evening during the Lenten season, special sermons will be preached in the churches, and in most of them services will be held each Wednesday night. Many churches will attend week-day mass at 8 A. M. while in some of the churches there will be early mass at 7 o'clock.

1. All the faithful, who have completed their twenty-first year, are, unless legitimately dispensed, bound to observe the fast of Lent. 2. They are to take but one meal a day excepting Sundays.

3. The meal allowed on fast days is not to be taken till about noon. 4. A small refreshment, commonly called collation, is permitted in the evening. 5. The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Persons under twenty-one years of age; the sick; nursing women; those who are obliged to do hard labor, and those who, through weakness, cannot fast without great pain.

6. The faithful are reminded that, besides the obligation of fasting imposed by the church, this season of Lent should be an especial manner, a time of earnest prayer, of sorrow for sin, of seclusion from the world, and of almsgiving and of generous alms-giving. 7. The Paschal time extends from the first Sunday in Lent till Trinity Sunday during which time all Catholics who have attained a fitting age are bound to receive worthily the Holy Communion.

8. The use of butter, cheese, milk and eggs is also permitted every day in Lent. 9. It is allowed to take in the morning some warm liquid, as tea, coffee, or hot chocolate, made with water, and with this liquid a mouthful of bread. 10. Those for whom the hour of noon may be an inconvenient time for dinner, may invert the order, and have their collation in the morning, and their dinner in the evening.

11. The use of beer, and of dropping, instead of butter, is authorized in preparing permitted food. 12. Persons exempt from the obligation of fasting are free to take more than one on those days when its use is granted by dispensation. 13. By virtue of indulgences granted to us by the Holy See, March 15, 1885, we permit to all workingmen and their families the use of flesh meat once a day throughout the year, with the exception of Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday and Saturday of Holy Week, and the Eve of Christmas.

Those who avail themselves of this indulgence are not allowed to use flesh meat, except on the days mentioned, and they are earnestly exhorted to perform some other act of mortification, such as saying the rosary, or reciting the prayers of the Holy Scriptures. The reverend pastors are reminded that on the first Sunday in Lent the collection for the Indian and colored missions is to be taken up in all the churches throughout the diocese.

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HADEN'S BODY FOUND IN DITCH

Church Hill Man Meets Mysterious Death on His Way Home.

WAS STREET BARRICADED

Suspicion of Foul Play Met by Theory of Accident—Inquest To-Day.

Frank Haden, a machinist, living at 2215 East Franklin Street, met a mysterious death early yesterday morning while on his way home, the police finding his body at 7:30 o'clock yesterday at the bottom of a ditch crossing the eastern pavement of Twenty-second Street, between Main and Franklin. He was found lying on his side, with half of his face submerged in water in the ditch, the water reaching just high enough above his nose and mouth to have strangled him if the fall, or a previous blow, did not at first kill him. There was a wound over his left eyebrow, and another under the left jaw, and his right arm was broken. It may be developed by further examination that his neck was also broken.

Whether the injuries were received in the street or were administered by some unknown assailant, remains to be seen, though Coroner Taylor, who made a preliminary examination soon after the discovery of the body, inclined to the belief that Haden's death was accidental.

Suspicion of Foul Play. One of the main points to be brought out to-day before the coroner's jury, which has been called to meet at 9:30 o'clock in the Police Court, is whether a slight palling or fence erected about the ditch on three sides, was there at the time of the fatal accident. Witnesses who have been summoned to appear before the coroner's jury will swear, if the night of Haden's death was the night of the palling was not there, that the palling was not there. Several officers, particularly the officer in charge of the night watch, will swear that the palling was not there. A red signal lamp had been placed on the embankment to warn passers-by. One of the Police District sergeants says that the ditch was fully fenced off Saturday night, and he is up to date in this connection. It is a barricade had been placed around the excavation on the night in question, the mystery is how Haden happened to fall over the embankment, as it is banked high, and if he really fell in, he must have crawled under the barricade over the embankment, or it may have, perhaps, given way under his weight as he stumbled to the ditch against it. There seems to be little suspicion of foul play, as his personal belongings were found undisturbed. Coroner Taylor believes he fell in accidentally, that the wound on his head, which was not fatal, was practically drowned before recovering consciousness. This so far is the most probable theory.

Went Home Alone. Haden was last seen going home about 10:15 o'clock Saturday night, and a witness states that he was then sober. It was his habit to go home by the Twenty-second Street route, as he lives on East Franklin. He was seen to enter his home at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning, and was almost distracted with fear when he awoke Sunday morning.

The first news of her husband's death received by Mrs. Haden was a message from her washerwoman, who said to tell her the news. Mrs. Haden was Haden who had been found in the ditch. Mrs. Haden was prostrated when she saw her husband's dead body, and neighbors had to support her home.

Haden was twenty-six years old. He is survived by his wife, mother and one daughter. He was a union man, a trades, but had been out of employment for some time, and the family is said to be in needy straits.

Coroner Taylor will convene a jury this morning to examine the scene of Haden's death, and will adjourn then to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for the inquest. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning from Trinity Methodist Church.

Must Attend to Complete. The annual meeting of the West End Sunday School Association will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the Second Baptist Church. Officers for the coming year will be elected, and other matters of importance attended to. The association has resolved to allow no one to participate in any athletic contest this year, under the name of the association, who has not a recorded attendance of 40 per cent.

Commander Allen Returns. Assistant Postmaster Edgar Allen, Jr., returned yesterday from a trip through the North, where he visited many cities in his official capacity as commander of the United States Army of Veterans, United States Army. Mr. Allen was the guest of honor at many entertainments given in commemoration of the centennial of Abraham Lincoln.

COCKING MAIN IS RAIDED BY POLICE

Negroes and White Men Fight Chickens in Jackson Ward Resort.

Six negroes were arrested yesterday afternoon in the rear of 817 North Second Street, on the charge of cock-fighting, and the officers have warrants for three white men who, it is alleged, consorted with the negroes and indulged in the same pastime. Their arrest may be expected at any time. The negroes are Josh Coles, Page Johnson, Lewis Freeman, Richard Rankin, Lewis Lacy and Cornelius Robinson. Another warrant was served against Johnson, charging him with having been in the house of John Lindsey and stealing therefrom seven chickens, two of which were being raised into the house of the men had pitted against each other.

Both roosters were found by the police in many yards, and after a hard fight, and the other badly wounded and well on the way. It is said that the yard was fully covered with their blood. The head of the dead cock had been nearly severed by the spur of his opponent. The officers broke in on the fight and arrested all the negroes. The white men made a dash for liberty, and escaped. Cock-fighting is prohibited under the law which prohibits and punishes all cruelty to animals. The penalty on conviction, is severe. Agent Emmett C. Taylor, of the S. P. C. A., issued the warrants against the men, and will appear against them in Police Court this morning.

This is the first arrest for such an offense in many years. Cock-fighting has practically died out. It is, however, occasionally practiced on the quiet, most of the fights being pulled off in the county, where strict law (the police are least to be expected,