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SAYS EVIL VOTERS FLOOD CITY HALL

Dr. Machlachlan Declares Friends of Saloon Are Trying to Outvote Christian People.

MUST GO INTO POLITICS

Minister Believes Church Should Take More Active Part in Public Affairs.

"Did you know that the allies and the friends of the saloon, the speakeasy and the others forms of evil permitted by corrupt politics have flooded the City Hall these past few months to register, so that they may outvote you, Christian men of Richmond, at the ballot-box?" asked Dr. H. D. C. Maclachlan last night at the Seventh Street Christian Church in the course of a striking sermon on "Church and State."

"They are marshaling their strength," he said, "so that the forces of evil may defeat the forces of good, and I say that it is your duty as Christian men to vote for righteousness in our political life.

"It taxes my faith to try to understand how the church militant may become the church triumphant if it does not participate in the political fight for moral betterment and for the obliteration of civic corruption. There are times when a vote is no less spiritual than a prayer.

Has Apologized Too Long.

"The right of the church to go into politics, under proper circumstances, is just as much the right of the church as baptism. The pulpit has apologized too long; the sword is made to cut, and the Cross was created to blast the forces of evil."

Dr. Maclachlan declared that the practical politics of the kingdom of God cannot be separated from the practical politics of the State. The church must stand for morality; it must create the environment of righteousness, and, if necessary, it must enter the legislative hall. While it must not meddle in matters not touching morals and religion, it has just as much right to organize the forces of good in politics as the forces of evil have to do as much.

"The man higher up must be eliminated," he said, "and if necessary to do this, the church has a right to go into the courts, the legislative halls, the City Council, or anywhere else, and fight for measures that insure the public safety or the better administration of the law. The man who relies on prayer alone is like the farmer who prays for good crops and turns not a hand to the plow."

Must Remove Cause.

It is a poor gospel, he said, that converts a drunkard and then lets him go and wander down the streets, with an open saloon at every corner calling him back to the old life. Poverty and the open saloon, he declared, must go, for they are the great underlying reasons of present corruption. The seat of the disease must be reached and the cause of the evil eradicated—not the symptoms, but the germ must be treated; and this is the principle to be followed in politics.

"Fight for the good in the common way of common men," he added. "That is what the Christian must do. If the church wishes to instruct its member in the duties which relate to him as a Christian in politics, it has the right to do it."

Power in Politics.

Dr. Maclachlan vigorously criticized the conception that the preacher must be time serving, unwilling to combat evil, because it might make his church poorer or unpopular. He maintained that the true minister is beholden only to God, and it is his duty to speak plainly and to fight corruption.

He spoke of the recent parade of Bible classes in Richmond, declaring that it was one of the most impressive sights that he had ever seen, and what a force for righteousness those 4,000 men might be in politics if they worked to that end.

"The church," he said, "must stand for righteousness in these days of graft and corruption in politics, and if Christian men will vote, and vote right, the day will come when Congressmen will not dare to sneer at the church in politics."

BIG GUN EXPLODES

"Babe" Redford's Revolver Fires Accidentally During a Shoe Shine.

Policeman Redford, generally known around town, and especially at the Byrd Street Station, as "Babe"—he is said to tip the scalehouse weights at something like 400 pounds—has for the last few days been busy in the effort to suppress a little incident. Though it only required the purchase of a new pair of trousers, it might have left a big vacancy in the force or put out of the business a mall Ethiopian who shines shoes and "brushes off."

It occurred the other day, when the big policeman had just received a shine and straightened himself up after being cramped in a chair which is roomy for the average man. The boy was merrily beating time to "You Don't Weigh No Fifteen Hundred Pounds," and thanking his stars that the majority of men did not have so much on the ground, when there was a thunderous report.

"Babe" tumbled one way and the boy made for the door, while a dense smoke issued from beneath the big one's coat tails. The broom had caught in the trigger of the big police revolver. There was a hole in the floor and a much larger one where the pistol was. They told the story. The frightened negro got a nickle and all the others were bound over to secrecy. There was also placed with the department a rush order for an extra large pair of trousers.

COOK, PEARY, TAYLOR

Coroner Believes He Could Find North Pole If He Searched.

"I believe I could find the North Pole," said Coroner William H. Taylor last night, as he unbuttoned his overcoat after a trip on foot to a home in the far West End. The coroner made the remark with apparent seriousness, and went on to explain that streets in Richmond are so constantly changed to avenues and new ones are being so frequently built that, while he has been a resident since some time before the war, is barely able to keep track of them.

"But I have never been stumped," boasted Dr. Taylor. "I have been called to the remotest point of Fulton and to the far point on Oregon or Sheep Hill, but I have always, by some means or other, found the exact place to which I have been destined. It takes a hustler to do this.

"I am advised, and have often seen it in print, that the northernmost extremity of the earth is stationary, has never changed its name and is there now, ready to be found—that is, if Cook or Peary didn't find it. A needle in a haystack is an easy task to some of these places around Richmond."

Dr. Cobbs Goes Home.

Dr. William H. Cobbs, of Martinsville, who has been ill at the Memorial Hospital for the past three months, was dismissed yesterday. He has returned home.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

'PHONES FRIENDS HE ISN'T DEAD YET

Dr. Moore Kept Busy Denying Wild Report That He Had Committed Suicide.

EVIDENT WORK OF "JOKER"

Druggist Startled People at Store by Appearing There, Happy as Usual.

Either by accident or from the tongue of some grim jokester, the report became current yesterday that Dr. T. E. Moore, of Sixth and Clay Streets, had decided to shuffle off this mortal coil by taking an overdose of some drug that he is permitted to dispense in small quantities for the cure of human ills. Nothing travels faster than bad news, it is said, and this rumor seemed to take the wireless route. Friends called in sorrowful little processions to offer condolences to the bereaved family and to speak in awed tones of the many virtues of "the deceased." All day long the telephone rang. Most of the calls were answered by the man himself, who assured anxious friends that he was the livest suicide that ever took the deadly dose.

The report started yesterday morning before Mr. Moore came down to his place of business. Being a druggist, he is entitled to pursue his trade on the Sabbath. He was met at the door by a friend, who looked as though he had encountered a ghost. Mr. Moore spoke pleasantly.

"Thought you were dead," said the man, still looking wild.

"No," replied the doctor; "just a little late."

"But," persisted the man, "they all say you committed suicide last night. So you ain't dead?"

"Who? Me?" replied Dr. Moore. "No, sir. I'm as live as a chicken and feeling fine."

Just about this time the telephone rang, and the fun began. Some wanted to know how it happened and others the details of the funeral arrangements. All expressed honest surprise that the rumor was not true.

At first Dr. Moore was inclined to treat it as a joke, but as the day wore on he became worried, more from the labor of telling people that he was not dead than anything else. Last night he said with great emphasis:

"No, sir, I am not dead, and don't expect to be any time soon. When this inevitable event takes place, some one else will have to do the job. I expect to use the best part of my time to keep it as far away as possible. I may die to-night, but it won't be suicide."

DR. ALLISON PREACHES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John Lee Allison, D. D., pastor of Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., preached yesterday for Rev. F. T. McFaden, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. McFaden preached in Washington.

Dr. Allison is a native Virginian and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, this city. He took as his text yesterday morning, I Corinthians 3:9, "Ye Are God's Building," and had as his theme "The Power of a Divinely Directed Life." He said that God's sovereignty in its sweep includes all and excludes nothing in the destiny of nations and the individual believer's life. He claimed that a divinely directed life was one of surrender, faith and obedience. It is not a new sphere but a new man in the old sphere, to live a new, helpful life that is the world's need.

He said that each life should have a noble purpose and he divinely directed some drift through life, not to the one who submits his all to God, there is a divine guidance that ennobles life, sublimates service and inspires character. There was a large congregation.

Strong-Minded Woman.

Announcement was made last night by Rev. David M. Ramsay, D. D., that the second sermon in his serial discussion of woman would be delivered next Sunday night, and that the subject would be "The Strong-Minded Woman." As usual, he will take his illustration from the Bible.

As a matter of extra precaution, Dr. Ramsay told his congregation that he would discuss a Biblical character whose name he left them to guess in the meantime. He added that he had decided upon his theme and begun to secure his data some time before it was printed that Dr. Anna Shaw, acknowledged to be a strong-minded woman, would probably lecture in Richmond.

SEWER WORKMAN HAS SMALLPOX

Langston Fowlkes Hurried to County Hospital With Serious Attack.

FIRST CASE SINCE MAY

Health Officials Believe Battleship Fleet Brought in Virulent Disease.

Richmond's first case of smallpox since last May was found yesterday, when Langston Fowlkes, an eighteen-year-old colored man, living at 2119 East Franklin Street, was taken to the smallpox hospital in Henrico county. A force of vaccinators was immediately set to work in the neighborhood.

According to the negro's account he has been working about Baltimore for some time, his last employment being at Sparrow's Point, Md. He came to Virginia on November 20, going to Crewe, on the Norfolk and Western Railway. On November 26 he came to Richmond and secured employment, working on the construction of a sewer in Fairmount.

He was taken sick while at work on Thursday, and on Friday an eruption appeared. Dr. Pretlow was called in Saturday morning, and the case was at once diagnosed and reported to the Board of Health. The smallpox hospital, closed for more than six months, was hastily made ready.

Officials of the Health Department are of the opinion that the disease was contracted at Crewe, or some point on the Norfolk and Western in that locality, as there has been no known case in Richmond from which it could have developed. A force of doctors vaccinated everybody in the locality in which the man was found. Persons wishing to take this precaution against disease will be treated free of cost at the office of the Board of Health in the City Hall between the hours of 9 and 11 A. M. daily.

Ninth Case This Year.

The case makes the ninth this year, the lowest number on record, and only one of the nine cases originated in Richmond. There were only twelve cases last year, of which five were brought in at one time. In 1907 there were thirty-five cases, and in 1906, the year preceding the reorganization of the Board of Health, there were 183 cases.

Up to last year the cases in Virginia were of a very mild type, but there have been three cases this year, including the present one, of virulent confluent smallpox, in which the patient has broken out all over the body.

Chief Health Officer Levy and State Health Commissioner Williams are of the opinion that the virulent form of the disease was brought into Virginia with the returning battleship fleet after its world cruise, the disease being prevalent in Northern Africa. Fowlkes had never been successfully vaccinated, though he says his arm was once scratched and it failed to take.

In view of the dangerous type of the disease and the high mortality, Chief Health Officer Levy said last night that he would most earnestly urge every person who had not been vaccinated in the lats three or four years to take the precaution at once, as while a single vaccination in childhood might prove a sufficient protection against the old mild type, in which fatalities were almost unknown, only a recent well-developed injection of the vaccine virus would be an adequate protection to one exposed to the more dangerous form of the disease, a reversion to the type well known in Virginia a generation or two ago.

Virginians at the Hotels.

Jefferson—Marshall McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Newman, W. T. Tillak, J. H. Smith, Virginia.

Murphy's—C. Peters, Lynchburg; W. C. Tucker, Gloucester; M. M. Robinson, Danville; Major J. E. M. Wright, Portsmouth; W. K. Aurandat, Charlotte; Thomas J. Watkins, Charlotte; C. G. Thomas, Arvonia; Judge David A. Grimsley, Culpeper; O. D. Dabney, Charlottesville; Harry Abram, Rocky Mount; W. W. Benton, Rocky Mount; M. B. Booker, Houston.

Richmond—Rev. R. H. Bennett, Lorraine; E. C. Means, Low Moor; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elam, Ebony; C. I. Johnson, Wingina; J. Guy Wilkins, South Boston; W. T. Martin, Clifton Forge.

Lexington—C. C. Payne, Charlottesville; P. F. Payne, Charlottesville; W. R. Kennett, Norfolk; George Chatham Fletcher, Warrenton; W. Donald Richards, Warrenton; James Allen Jeter, Ballsville; E. E. Crook, Arvonia; Dr. W. E. Croxton, Wakema; J. L. Neal, South Boston; John L. Beck, Jr., Petersburg.

DULL SUNDAY FOR CONWAY JURORS

Braved Bad Weather to Walk Around, But Did Not Attend Church Service.

EVEN DOMINOES BARRED

Members Express Satisfaction Over Thought That Work Is Almost at an End.

After the fashion of soldiers on parade, the twelve jurors in the Conway case, who were not allowed to leave their apartments in the Lexington Hotel unless accompanied by a deputy sergeant, appeared twice on the streets yesterday.

Pat Bowis accompanied the jurors on their strolls, walking directly behind and apparently as much interested in their movements as if he was keeping watch on a band of desperate men. In fact, several strangers, forgetting perhaps that the murder trial is on, remarked at seeing so many "prisoners" in tow of one guard, and others expressed sympathy for the men.

Day Seemed Rather Long.

The jurors, judging by expressions of John Finnegan, who shared the duties of guardianship with Mr. Bowis, spent a long day. There were objections, as it was Sunday, to a social game of dominoes, and there were not enough deputies to accompany the men of several different denominations to their various churches.

They read newspapers, which were badly mutilated with accounts of proceedings in the Conway trial clipped out, and each was accorded the privilege of talking with his wife or sweetheart over the telephone.

There are three bachelors on the panel, and one unmarried juror, who declares that it would be an injustice to put him in that class at the age of twenty-seven. The jurors were bountifully fed at the hotel, and, therefore, there was no necessity of securing refreshments outside. The morning stroll was taken between 11 o'clock and the dinner hour, and the afternoon walk betwen 4 and 6 o'clock.

There is no national, city or State election pending, and so the usual question put to juries as to their political affiliations would have been useless, and when it was suggested that some expression be had as to what the Legislature will do with the liquor question, there were several who objected to an interview, and others who would not speak unless all others agreed to be recorded. The twelve men, or a majority of them, are late Sunday risers, as only two appeared in time for breakfast at the first call, and only six were up by church time.

Glad End Is Near.

"I hope we will agree before another Sunday," remarked one of the twelve yesterday morning, and another supplemented this by saying that jury service on Sunday is about the toughest proposition he has ever struck. Of course, the men are allowed to smoke. There are two jurors who do not use tobacco in any form and two others who prefer chewing to smoking.

The trial of James Conway for the murder of Robert E. Torrence will be resumed in the Hustings Court at 10 o'clock to-day, when the prosecution will, it is said, conclude its case. All evidence is expected to be in before the adjournment for dinner, at 2 o'clock, and the afternoon will be spent in preparing instructions. The argument may be deferred until to-morrow, and the case will probably not be given to the jury before to-morrow afternoon.

FINAL VOTE ON SITE

Battle Abbey Location Up to Board of Aldermen.

Final action on the location of the Confederate Battle Abbey will be taken to-morrow night when it is expected that the Board of Aldermen will concur with the Common Council in offering to the trustees of the Confederate Memorial Association the triangular lot at the intersection of Monument Avenue, Franklin Street extended, and Cleveland Street. It is believed that the Board will concur. As soon as the ordinance is signed by the Mayor, the condemnation proceedings called for can be instituted. The trustees of the Confederate Memorial Association will be called to meet in Richmond within the next few weeks. It will then be for the trustees to decide whether they will accept the site offered by the city, or will on their own initiative petition the Legislature for permission to place the memorial in the Soldiers' Home grounds, a request which it is generally believed the State would readily grant.

TAX-COLLECTOR'S METHOD CENSURED

Investigating Committee Will Not Recommend Removal of Cunningham.

TO STOP CHECK CASHING

Report May Suggest That Interest Amounting to $28 Should Be Paid.

The report of the Cunningham Investigating Committee is being drafted by Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson, in accordance with the findings of the committee at its final session on Friday afternoon. It will be presented to the Board of Aldermen to-morrow night. While the committee has agreed that the report shall not be made public until that time and the members are pledged not to discuss its purport, the belief obtains that, so far as the collector is concerned, the report will not go beyond an expression of censure for the practice of cashing time checks or making loans out of city funds. There will be coupled to the report certain recommendations as to changes in the system of collection of license taxes, so as to lessen the time between the period of assessment and the time the licenses are due.

While the charter of the city clearly provides that failure to settle in full each week for all collections may subject the collector to removal from office, yet members of the committee are inclined to take into consideration the long service of Captain Cunningham to the city, during a period of more than twenty years, in which millions of dollars have passed through his hands without loss to the city.

Already Re-Elected.

Further, it is argued that there would be little point in recommending his removal, since he is already reelected for a new term, to take office January 1, and even should the Board of Aldermen adopt such a report, it would not be acted on by the Council until the January meeting when it would be too late to be of practical effect. So far as the cashing of checks as a convenience for those who come in the office is concerned, the practice is held to be within the rights of the collector, provided he himself takes the risk of the checks being immediately made good. The committee, it is believed, will severely censure this system, which has apparently obtained for several years past. The collector has already stated that such transactions would occur no more. The committee will also probably recommend that the collector be required to pay the interest on the four liquor licenses held back, which, according to the special accountant, amounts to $28.

Others Not Blamed.

It is not believed that any blame will attach to those individuals whose paper was held by the collector, since they have come before the committee with apparent frankness and told of the transactions, each making the statement that he believed it a personal loan from Captain Cunningham in which the city funds were not used in any way. While there has been no evidence to refute the statement of Captain Cunningham that the four licenses were held back from entry until he could check up and find to whom to credit the money, it is, nevertheless, known that at least one of the time checks involved in the transaction was cashed early in December, 1908.

The inquiry in regard to the delay in collection of certain license brought out a unanimous expression in favor of the revision of the present laws on the subject, the penalties being shown to be obsolete and impracticable, while the system allows many loopholes through which people escape payment.

CROWDS AT POST-OFFICE

Thousands Get Holiday Mail Ahead of Time at Sunday Delivery.

That the holiday season is approaching was evident yesterday from the increased crowd that visited the postoffice. Between the hours of delivery, 4 and 5 o'clock, hundreds of persons lined Main Street, entering the thoroughfare from every direction. Possibly 5,000 persons secured their letters and parcels during the hour, and when, at 5 o'clock, the windows closed, many went home disappointed. The inviolate rule is to close promptly at the hour named, regardless of who may be awanting outside. It was also noticeable, which is very unusual except at Christmas, that many of the visitors brought along parcels to be sent out from Richmond. The number of clerks and carriers will be greatly augmented during this week and next, and every effort will be made to make deliveries before December 25.

CHRISTMAS TRADE BEGINS TO BOOM

Merchants Elated Over Early Shopping Habit Cultivated by People.

REMOVES TERRIBLE STRAIN

Business Thus Far Much Greater That That of Former Years.

Retail merchants agree that early indications point to the best Christmas season in years, this idea being based upon the heavy returns from the army of early shoppers. Conditions are far different from what they were two years ago and in 1908, and there is no cry of hard times from the public. Of course, there is the usual number of people who cannot afford the expense which the holidays bring, but, taken as a whole, the outlook is far brighter than in former years.

"The public and the merchants alike owe a debt of thanks to the newspapers, and The Times-Dispatch in particular, for urging the early shopping habit," said a jeweler yesterday, "for the campaign is bearing fruit, and it relieves thousands of clerks from the rush near the close.

Buyers Gain Most.

"The average person cannot appreciate what this means. It takes longer to satisfy a customer after the stock has been picked and picked again, but when the counters and shelves are loaded down with every imaginable article it isn't a difficult matter to give every buyer exactly what he wants. Moreover, Richmond people have long since cultivated the habit of shopping at home, which is different from most cities in this section, which are sending large delegations here for Christmas buying. Every establishment, I believe, is sufficiently equipped to meet demands, yet it is far better to get what you want before somebody else has selected the more attractive offerings."

The show windows catch the eyes of thousands who pass, and everything is displayed, from the bib for the baby to the necklace of pearls for the girl who must get them before marriage if she hopes to wear them at all.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

Board Working for Girls' Home Elect Officers To-Morrow.

The first meeting under the new charter of the board of directors of the Virginia Industrial Home and Training School for Girls will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in Mayor Richardson's office. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, consider the new charter and to inaugurate a campaign for funds with which to secure a site and to build a suitable structure. Four years ago a law was passed authorizing such an institution, and while much work was done, nothing tangible resulted, and efforts were not exactly successful.

The purpose of the new directors is to obtain funds for the site and building by January 1 and to have prepared at that time, for introduction early in the session of the General Assembly, a bill providing a maintenance fund for the institution. Seven new members of the board will be selected to-morrow. The idea is to locate the home near Richmond.

The nominating committee is composed of John Stewart Bryan, chairman; Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., Moses Thalhimer and Dr. James Buchanan. It is understood that they have agreed upon the list of officers.

The directors of the proposed institution are John W. Craddock and John P. Pettyjohn, of Lynchburg; R. O. Egerton, Robert Gilliam and Charles T. Lassiter, of Petersburg; John L. Roper and F. S. Royster, of Norfolk; John W. Williams, of Courtland; J. M. Pilcher, of Burkeville; R. A. Schoolfield, of Danville; J. S. Bryan, Samuel P. Waddill, L. T. Christian, Robert Leckey, Jr., W. Reginald Walker, Henry E. Baskerville, Moses Thalhimer, John P. Branch, Henry Landon Cabell, H. D. C. Maclachlan, George W. McDaniel, J. J. Scherer, James Buchanan and Whitmell S. Forbes, of Richmond.

Lecture on "Savonarola."

The public is cordially invited to attend a lecture before the Richmond Education Association by H. H. Powers, Ph. ..., of Boston, Mass., on "Savonarola," at the Jefferson Auditorium this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

Dr. Powers is regarded as one of the best lecturers now before the public. There will be no charge at the door.

BOARDS ANXIOUS TO SEE COMMITTEE

Most State Institutions Want Increases in Appropriations.

SESSIONS TO BEGIN TO-DAY

Finance Committeemen Gather to Consider Needs of Institutions.

Hospitals to right of them, boards of directors to left of them, educational interests in front of them and agricultural needs behind them, the Senate Finance Committee will meet at noon to-day for what is likely to prove an arduous session. It is theirs not to reason why. It is theirs but to do and perhaps die. It might be unwise to follow the metaphor further.

Regardless of a possible schedule of hearings from the State institutions, which may be prepared by the committee, all of those interested insist on appearing before the committee at the very beginning, perhaps in the fear that the body may get away. It is a manifest impossibility to listen to everybody who wants appropriations at once, so the representatives of the boards will be heard in their turn. The committee may adopt some sort of rules and a program. Nobody will be denied an opportunity to be heard.

Several members of the committee arrived in Richmond yesterday, among them being Chairman George B. Keezell and Senator Edward Echols, of Staunton, who is also president pro tem of the Senate. It is supposed that nearly all the members will be present at the opening session.

Clerkship Doubtful.

Some uncertainty seems to exist as to the clerkship of the committee. J. E. Henley, of Norfolk, was clerk at the last session. The resolution authorizing the meetings of the committee in advance of the Legislature provided that the clerk should be the clerk of the Senate. What arrangement has been made between Clerk Booker and Mr. Henley in this matter is so far unknown.

To all appearances the horticultural people will get the front seats. Regardless of admonitions from members of the committee to wait until the body had gathered and mapped out a plan for its work, these interests have filed notice that they will be here to-morrow, a dozen strong, to present their claims for appropriations. It is quite likely that they will get the first hearing. Probably nothing will be done to-day aside from organization and the adoption of some sort of program.

It is impossible to say how long the sessions of the committee will continue. "I hereby serve notice on you, Mr. Chairman," solemnly said Senator Echols to Senator Keezell yesterday, "that I won't stay in Richmond for the Christmas season."

"I don't expect to stay here myself," responded the chairman. "If we don't get through we will take a recess and come back after the holidays."

Plan Is Approved.

These Senators believe that the work of their committee will vastly facilitate the labors of the body of which they are members. "We have no desire whatever," they agreed, "to usurp any of the prerogatives of the House. On the contrary, we hope that our deliberations will be of service to that body. We believe it to be for the best interests of the people of the Commonwealth that we should meet in advance of the sessions of the General Assembly and look into the State's sources and probabilities of revenue and examine the expenditures which the Legislature will be called upon to make."

"In former years," said Senator Keezell, "it has been almost impossible to give the appropriation bill, the most important measure before the General Assembly, the consideration which it should have. It comes to the Senate Finance Committee late in the session, and the bill becomes law without having its provisions properly digested. In the hope of obviating a recurrence of this condition we will give hearings to the different departments of the State government which will ask for appropriations from the treasury."

ASK CONGRESS TO HELP

D. A. R. Wants Highway Built From Yorktown to Jamestown.

Among the first set of petitions presented to Congress at its present session is that for the construction of a military road from Yorktown to Jamestown. It was presented by Representative Kahn, of California, on behalf of one of the Puerto del Oro chapters of Daughters of the American Revolution in that State. The petition was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce for its consideration, and will be heard from much later in the session.

Yorktown and Jamestown are reasonably adjacent, and in order to provide a better thoroughfare for transportation of visitors and others going to and fro between these historic places this improvement is sought. Both places are filled with interest for the tourist and for the patriotic visitor—Jamestown as the birthplace of the nation, and Yorktown as the scene of the surrender of Cornwallis to Washington.

Interest in the preservation of the historic places of the Old Dominion and in the securing of means which will make them more accessible is felt throughout the field covered by the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the request of a chapter so far away gives evidence of it. The Virginia Daughters have already secured a house at Jamestown, in which souvenirs are sold, serving as a regular source of revenue to the organization, to be applied in its patriotic endeavors.

Annual Howitzer Reunion.

The thirty-fourth annual banquet and reunion of the Richmond Howitzer Association will be held at Murphy's Hotel this evening at 8 o'clock. Founded by those who served with the Richmond Howitzers throughout the War Between the States, and since taking into its membership those who have served in the famous battery, the annual reunions of the association have come to be known as among the most brilliant social events of the winter. The committee on invitation is composed of Judge George L. Christian, W. E. Word and J. S. Bosher.

GIN FOR THE KIDNEYS

When properly used, gin is one of the best remedies for kidney and bladder trouble. Best results are secured when used in the following prescription: "Six ounces, good, pure gin, one-half ounce Murax compound, one-half ounce fluid extract Buchu." Take in doses of one to two teaspoonfuls three times a day after meals.

Backache, frequent and scanty urination, highly colored urine, pain in the hip or groin, dizziness, puffiness under the eyes, rheumatic pains, are symptoms of kidney and bladder trouble which should have prompt attention to prevent chronic rheumatism, Bright's disease or diabetes. Any good druggist can furnish or mix the above ingredients.

FINDS SERVANT DEAD FROM GAS

Miss Isabelle Woodson Is Affected When Door of Victim's Room Was Opened.

While trying to locate the source of escaping gas at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, Miss Isabelle R. Woodson, of 2218 Stuart Avenue, found Mary Hobbs, colored, seventeen years old dead. Death was due to coal gas poisoning. The jet in the room was turned on to its fullest extent. The odor was so strong when Miss Woodson opened the door, that she did not enter, but at once went for assistance. Life was extinct when Dr. McCarthy arrived, and the body was stretched across the bed.

Miss Woodson said that she was awakened by the smell of gas, which permeated the house, and that she at once suspected its source, as the girl had recently come from the country. Miss Woodson was extremely nervous for some time after the accident, and although slightly affected herself, was never in danger of any serious harm from inhaling the fumes. The girl's room is located in the rear of the house, on the first floor.

Mary Hobbs was last seen alive at 8 o'clock Saturday night, and is believed to have retired shortly thereafter. She had been carefully told the dangers of death, if the gas was not put out properly, and it is believed that she turned it off, and then on again. Coroner Taylor viewed the remains, and ascribed death to have been due to accidental causes.

FIREMAN HAS FALL

Thaddeus R. Pond Is Badly Hurt While in Charge of Shifting Engine.

Thaddeus R. Pond, of 412 North Twenty-third Street, was taken to the Memorial Hospital last night, suffering from injuries received in a fall from an engine. Pond is employed as a fireman on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, and was in charge of a shifting engine when he fell. He sustained injuries to his back, which, although not believed to be very serious, may result in internal complications. The accident occurred last night, about 7 o'clock, in the Richmond yards.

NEED REFORM IN TAX ASSESSMENT

Senator Keezell Favors Review of Real Estate Valuations.

"To my mind, the most important problem before the General Assembly is reform in our system of assessment for taxation," said Senator George B. Keezell, of Rockingham, at Murphy's last night. Senator Keezell is in Richmond to attend the meeting of the Senate Finance Committee, of which he is chairman.

"There is no question that the utmost injustice exists in our property assessments," he continued, "especially in reference to real estate. We have nothing approaching a uniform method, but the officers value property just as they see fit. Thus in one county we see the assessors of real estate valuing an acre of land at 40 per cent. of its actual salable value, those of another county at 50 per cent., of another at 15, and of another at 75 per cent. There is no justice in this.

"Just how this condition is to be remedied is a matter for thought. But there ought to be some method by which assessments may be reviewed by some competent body. The General Assembly must work this out. It must be done. It will be done."

In reply to a question, Senator Keezell said that he had been quoted as in doubt on the prohibition question in The Times-Dispatch's poll because he had not answered the query categorically. However, he has opinions on the subject.

"If the proposition is to close the liquor houses of Richmond and Norfolk and Harrisonburg," he said, "and to give the dealers of the District of Columbia and Maryland and Pennsylvania and West Virginia all of Virginia's trade in liquors, then I am opposed to Statewide prohibition. However, if prohibition can be made effective, and if, by the action of Congress, we can have prohibition in fact, then I might favor the proposition. But under present conditions I would oppose State option."

Mrs. Vaughan Much Improved.

The condition of Mrs. I. Newton Vaughan, Jr., who has been desperately ill at the Johnston-Willis Sanatorium for the past few weeks, was very much improved yesterday. She is expected to recover.

UNION BY APRIL TO GET IN CENSUS

Supervisor Moore Believes Consolidation, If Effected by That Date, Will Count.

The 146 enumerators who will take the census in this city next spring will be appointed by competitive examination, and not directly by Supervisor C. Ridgeway Moore, as stated in the first instructions sent out from Washington by Director Durand. The change is said to have resulted from the general dissatisfaction expressed by the supervisors in every section of the country, who complained that direct appointments might result in many discarded applicants becoming disgruntled.

Mr. Moore returned to Richmond yesterday from a conference with Director Durand, at which eighty supervisors were present. He said that he, as well as all others present, was urged not to make public the results of the conference, which was held to perfect arrangements and to discuss instructions which have not yet been definitely agreed upon.

Relative to the examinations, Mr. Moore says he has just completed arrangements for his territory, and that he has decided to conduct three examinations. One will be held in Richmond and the others at points in the district.

There are about 400 applicants for positions in Richmond, and Mr. Moore says that the examinations will relieve him of embarrassment. The examination papers will be sent out from Washington, and will be confined to practical questions. The supervisors of the various districts will conduct the tests. The dates have not been fixed.

"There is but one matter of special importance to this district now pending with the director," said Mr. Moore, "and that is as to how late the consolidation of Richmond and Manchester may be delayed, in order to let the summary of the population be contained in the report embracing both municipalities. I am of the belief that if consolidation is positively and finally agreed upon by April 1 the population of the united cities may be obtained."

The census enumerators start to work April 15. Mr. Moore's territory includes, besides the cities of Richmond and Manchester, the counties of Henrico, Hanover, New Kent and King William.

CAN'T EXAGGERATE VALUE OF SISTER

Dr. Ramsay Says Her Influence Is Like the Love of a Convoy of Angels.

Taking as his biblical example Miriam, the sister of Moses, Rev. David M. Ramsay, D. D., spoke last night on the subject, "The Unmarried Sister," showing both her virtues and faults, but clearing indicating the important part that such unmarried women as Miriam, Joan of Arc, Queen Elizabeth and others were capable of playing by properly directing their powers. He did not confine his allusions merely to women in public places, but talked more especially of the woman who does her duty in the family, the church and in a patriotic way.

"It is not possible," he said, "to exaggerate the value of a sister's influence over her brother. It is given to a sister again and again of unfailing sympathy and by sweet, comprehending ways, not teasing, nor lecturing, nor crying, nor scolding, but always helping, hoping and loving to weave a magic spell of goodness and truth around the life of a brother exposed to temptation that is like the protecting love and care of a convoy of angels." Dr. Ramsay then alluded to the mistake of a sister in becoming too officious in the family, and cited Miriam's punishment.

Then discussing the unmarried woman as a patriot, he again mentioned Miriam, speaking of the inspiration of her song of praise when the children of Israel were delivered at the Red Sea. From his own experience he spoke of unmarried women in church work. "God help us," he said, "to be grateful for such blessings. God help the good women who are trying to serve their God and love humanity for His sake."

Police Got the Beer.

Phoebe Anderson, colored, of 10 Charity Street, was arrested in a police raid yesterday, and is charged with being responsible for the sale of intoxicants on Sunday. A dozen bottles of beer and a pint of whiskey were found. The marked-money method of detection was used in landing Phoebe.

GREAT BRITAIN BARS RED STAMP

Public Reminded How Foreign Regulations Affect Holiday Packages.

Red Cross Christmas stamps cannot be attached to mail directed to Great Britain, Orange River Colony, Southern Rhodesia and the Transvaal. Unless they are put on the back, they cannot go on mail bound for Germany.

The mission of the little charity stamp is not well understood in these foreign countries, and, as a result, the Post-Office Department has issued a circular explaining the prohibitions set forth above and declaring that any letter or package violating these regulations will be returned to the sender if the address is known, or otherwise to the dead letter office.

The loss from the determination of these foreign governments not to support the movement will be small. Those in charge of the work have already sold 48,000,000 of the cheerful little red, white and green stamps, and are confident that the last of the issue of 60,000,000 will be sold by Christmas Day.

If all are sold, $600,000 will be added to the fund for the fight on tuberculosis. After the expense incurred by preparation and distribution has been deducted, there will still be a very comfortable working fund for the campaign on consumption.

The idea of the use of the stamp has been rapidly grasped by the American Christmas giver. Two years ago the Delaware branch of the Red Cross needed money to fight the white plague, and put these stamps on the market. The national organization took the matter up, and 30,000,000 were sold last year, the revenue being expended in each State according to the proportion of stamps sold there.

To Explain Block System.

Railroad men of Richmond, members of the Richmond Club, will hear S. Johnson, of the Union Switch and Signal Company, to-night at 8:15 o'clock in room 22, Murphy's Hotel. Mr. Johnson's speech will be "Block Signal" and will be illustrated, showing how accidents are prevented on railroads.