

T. P. A. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Committee Appointments Made and Gratifying Reports Received.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Danville, Va., May 12.—With almost ideal weather for a convention, and under the most auspicious conditions and surroundings, the Virginia Convention of the T. P. A. secretary, all assembled in annual gathering to-day, the spacious Municipal Hall being the seat of the convention.

J. O. Boatwright called the convention to order, and the welcoming addresses were made by Mayor Wooding and Rev. J. Cleveland Hall. The latter referred to the T. P. A. as the chaplain, of Richmond, who was unable to be here, owing to a recent sorrow.

President S. J. Allan, of Richmond, replied to the addresses of welcome. President Allan announced the different committees, as follows: Committee on Rules—J. O. Boatwright, chairman; D. Scott Quintin, A. D. Brockett, E. M. Stribling.

Committee on Credentials—D. W. Sale, chairman; W. P. Richardson, W. H. Jones, R. D. Holloway and R. B. Semple. Committee on Resolutions—J. Y. Williams, chairman; C. E. Herbert, J. H. Bailey, C. D. Coleman and T. W. Webb.

Committee on Constitution—E. R. Jackdani, chairman; B. R. Adams, S. Johnson, John W. Carter and Orlando Wemple.

Auditing Committee—Wm. Jenkins, Jr., and W. K. Bache. J. Y. Williams, Rev. J. Cleveland Hall and D. Coleman were constituted a committee to extend the convention's sympathy to the Rev. J. J. Gravatt, of Richmond.

Afternoon Session. The afternoon session was confined chiefly with hearing the reports of the past presidents, past secretaries, State presidents and State secretaries. All the reports were of a most encouraging nature and showed a handsome increase over last year.

To-night the delegates and visitors were guests of honor at a banquet at the Burton, covers being laid for 700 guests.

To-morrow morning the real work of the convention begins, when the election of officers and the selection of delegates to the national convention and the selection of the next place of meeting take place.

To-morrow evening the convention will be entertained at luncheon at the Country Club.

PRESIDENT DIAZ READY TO EXPLAIN

(Continued From First Page.) public. How he will be received by his countrymen after his long sojourn abroad has been the subject of wide speculation.

Plans were made to-night at a meeting to welcome him upon his arrival at Vera Cruz, where delegates will be sent to accompany him to the capital.

Torreon in Danger. The War Department to-day received advice that Luis Moya and a formidable band of insurgents were planning an immediate attack upon Torreon.

The reports received to-day are that Moya and his army are now so near that his attack at any time will be no surprise. It is feared that unless General Llanero, in command of the small body of Federals, receives reinforcements, the city will fall.

To escape the battle many families are fleeing from the city, and to protect, so far as possible, their property, merchants are said to be barricading their places of business. Reports from the capital of Zacatecas are that Conception de Loro has been taken by the rebels; that Sombrerete is again being attacked; and that the Government of the State has ordered the local authorities of Pinar and Ojo Caliente to abandon the villages because of the inability of the government to furnish them protection.

His Conscience Clear. Juarez, Mexico, May 12.—When an Associated Press representative to-day showed General Navarro the dispatch from Mexico City, stating that he probably would be tried by a court-martial for surrendering Juarez to the insurgents, the defeated commander received the news without displaying any feeling. His attitude, he explained, was guided by humanitarian motives. Four hundred soldiers, thirsty, hungry and with no possible chance of victory over an army that numbered nearly 1,000, were saved, in his opinion, from a pitiful fate by the surrender.

General Navarro's conscience is clear, he says. He thinks he was right in surrendering when he did. Insurgents to a man agree with him, as do Americans who watched the fight.

Charged With Looting. Juarez, Mex., May 12.—Warrants were sworn out to-day before Mexican provisional officers in Juarez for



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REPORTS OF HEALTH ARE IN CONFLICT



QUEEN MOTHER ALEXANDRA.

London, May 12.—Queen Mother Alexandra, who returned a week ago from a cruise in the Mediterranean, has taken up a residence at Sandringham Palace, where she will remain until after the coronation. During the cruise and since her return the Queen Mother has enjoyed good general health. She returned here just in time to be present at the memorial service on the anniversary of the death of King Edward, and her distress during the service was marked.

Panic Among Shopkeepers. New York, May 12.—A dispatch from London to the American says: The dark shadow cast by the condition of Queen Alexandra's health hangs over the coronation season, which opened officially this week.

The utmost endeavor is being made to keep the matter a secret. No word has leaked out through the newspapers, but the fact that the Queen Mother's life has been in danger for some time past is now an open secret at court. Rumors concerning her Majesty's health have percolated down to the shopkeepers, and others are circulating their American dollars in advance with the result that groves of British patriots are rushing in a panic to Lloyd's to obtain insurance against the financial loss that would ensue should Queen Alexandra's death make necessary a postponement of this coronation.

So serious has this panic become that it is not at all improbable that an official denial of the rumors concerning Alexandra will be issued in the hope of allaying public fear, but it will take something more than official denial to explain the rates now demanded at Lloyd's for insurance of this character.

Risks on Queen Mother Refused. Ten guineas per cent. for three months' insurance on Alexandra's life is the present ruling rate. Although the coronation is only six weeks away, 10 guineas per cent. is also quoted as the rate against the postponement of that event. Two months ago the rate was only 2 guineas per cent. Many conservative under-

writers are now refusing to accept any further risks. The truth about Queen Alexandra is that she has never recovered from her bereavement following King Edward's death and the consequent loss of her position as leading lady of the land. Immediately after the realization of the secondary position she became morose, uncertain of temper and at times could hardly be considered as acting rationally.

Some time ago a sea trip was prescribed, but now that Her Majesty has been back in London more than a week from her two months' Mediterranean tour, it is evident to her medical advisers that the change has benefited her but little.

There has been a recurrence of the fainting fits and heart attacks which invariably affect the Queen Mother's mental equilibrium.

Sobbed Throughout Service. The private anniversary service at Windsor in memory of King Edward proved altogether too much for her. She sobbed pitifully throughout her service, and her grief was so pronounced that it affected several members of the choir, who were the only outsiders present.

For several days after this service the court physicians were in constant attendance upon her, and her devoted friend and secretary, the Honorable Charlotte Knollys, scarcely left the side of her royal mistress. Since then it has been officially announced that Alexandra will retire to Sandringham and not be in London at all during the coronation. It is also a fact that her name does not appear on the imposing list of royal personages who will be present at the unveiling of the Victoria memorial next Tuesday.

BASEBALL!

IN Sunday's Times-Dispatch

Larry Lajoie's Own Story!



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Nap says that he is not a poem of action. He says that he has not the grace and beauty of a tiger in action. He denies that he is the Adonis of the American diamond. Larry says that he is just a plain, hardworking ball player, trying to earn a living, and he hands some hot ones to the fans of America in next Sunday's

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Other timely features in this number include "The Ways of the Booster," by George Allan England; "The Ungodly Circus Man," by Minnie Barbour Adams; "The Return of the Chef," by George T. Pardy; "The Missionary," by Edgar White; "The Annals of the P. O. Club," by John Kendrick Bangs.

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the arrest of a number of members of the American Legion in the insurgent army, on the charge of looting and robbing Chinese during the recent fighting. Several have come to the American side.

Twenty-two Americans composed the American force that made itself famous by its desperate fighting in the streets of Juarez. Whether charges of looting have been brought against all of these is not known. Indeed, it has been impossible to confirm from official sources, the report that charges have been made against Americans.

The Americans themselves were quietly told by Mexican friends that officers were looking for them, and quietly in turn they crossed the line into American territory. Whatever else may result, the immediate effect has been the elimination of the American fighting force from the ranks of the insurgent army at Juarez.

The Americans vehemently deny the charges of looting, asserting that fearfully among the insurgent leaders is back of the accusation and that the moving incentive is the taking of all credit for the victory to Mexicans to the exclusion of Americans, of Garibaldi, the grandson of the Italian patriot, and of thirty-eight Mexicans who, the Americans assert, came to aid them after they had fought their way into the city.

CARNEGIE BLAMED

Failure to Close Trust Company Is Put on Him. New York, May 12.—In answer to the "unjustified public criticisms" directed toward the State banking department for its failure to close the Carnegie Trust Company before January 7, 1911, State Superintendent of Banks O. H. Cheney declares that it was Andrew Carnegie's assurances that the institution would be saved that prompted the delay.

In a long report to Governor Dix, Mr. Cheney says that on the very eve of January 6, when he announced that he would have to close the trust company on the following morning unless at least \$500,000 in cash was furnished to relieve it, Mr. Carnegie pleaded with the state officials not to take such a step, but finally refused to furnish additional funds.

LARGE FEMALE SUFFRAGE BILL.

Lord Mayor Farrell, of Dublin, and Party Appear in House of Commons. London, May 12.—Advocates of woman's suffrage gave their cause another boost in the House of Commons to-day, when Lord Mayor John J. Farrell, at the head of a deputation from the corporation of Dublin, presented at the bar of the House a petition urging the passage of a female suffrage bill at the present session of Parliament.

The members of the deputation appeared in the full regalia of their offices, and the ceremony was attended with picturesque details.

Y. M. C. A. Director Resigns. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Danville, Va., May 12.—C. H. McCoy, who has been physical director of the local Y. M. C. A. ever since the day of the opening of the building in 1905, has resigned. He has decided to study at Johns Hopkins next fall.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: For Virginia—Fair Saturday, cooler north portion; Sunday fair; moderate west and northwest winds. For North Carolina—Generally fair Saturday and Sunday; light, variable winds.

Table with 2 columns: Conditions Yesterday and Today. Includes temperature, humidity, wind direction, and other weather metrics for various locations.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Abilene, Augusta, Atlanta, Atlantic City, Boston, Buffalo, Charleston, Chicago, Calgary, Denver, Louisville, Memphis, Mobile, Montreal, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, North Platte, Oklahoma City, Pittsburg, Raleigh, Savannah, San Francisco, Spokane, St. Paul, Tampa, Washington, Wilmington, and Wytheville.

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POSTPONE BRIBERY CASES.

That of Representative Nye, of Ohio, Is Set for Wednesday. Columbus, O., May 12.—The legislative bribery cases will not be brought to trial Monday, as had been expected. The case of Representative Nye, accused of soliciting bribes, has been set for Wednesday, after a pending murder trial is disposed of.

FIRST OF CEREMONIES OF CORONATION SEASON

London, May 12.—The Festival of Empire, a combination of an industrial exhibition with pageantry illustrative of the striking periods and episodes in the history of the different parts of the British Empire, was opened at Crystal Palace to-day by King George and Queen Mary.

It was the first public ceremony of Their Majesties since the court mourning for King Edward was ended, and the first of a long series of functions which promise to make the coronation season memorable.

The King and Queen drove in a semi-state carriage, drawn by four horses with outriders, from Buckingham Palace to College Road, opposite which a new entrance to the Crystal Palace had been made for their use. Enormous crowds lined the route as the state procession passed. In Cambridge Green the royal pair was greeted by 40,000 school children, who had been given points of vantage.

Mr. Reid, the American ambassador, was one of the numerous body of foreign representatives which participated in the opening ceremony.

CEMENT SCANDAL STIRS CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., May 12.—That more than \$13,000,000 par value of securities improperly passed into the hands of one man and his associates in the creation of the Canadian cement merger, was the extraordinary charge made to the chairman of the private bills committee to-day in a letter written by Sir Sanford Fleming, president of the International Portland Cement Company, of Hull, and until recently honorary president of the Canadian Cement Company, which is the title

under which eleven of the leading cement companies of Canada were merged two years ago capitalized at \$30,000,000. The letter was a protest against proposed legislation authorizing the merger to substitute \$11,000,000 de-

venture 7 per cent. stock for \$11,000,000 7 per cent cumulative preference stock. The cement merger was put through by W. M. Aitken, head of the Bond and Share Company of Montreal, which contracted for the securities of companies in the merger.

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