

fully and candidly express how hard it is for her to see herself subjected to a like treatment. "No one who knows the unrest which is being felt in my country at the delay in the satisfactory disposal of these questions nor will it fail to look sympathetically upon the efforts which it is necessary for me to make to obtain that a settlement be arrived at as rapidly as possible."

Attitude unchanged. The attitude of the United States with respect to the partition of Panama is said to have been unchanged since 1905, when a three-cornered treaty between Panama, the United States and Colombia was rejected by the last named country.

The policy of the United States has been that any differences growing out of the revolt of Panama from Colombia should be settled by those two countries, and to submit the present claims of Colombia to arbitration would be to admit that the United States shares responsibility for the partition.

An investigation before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs upon a resolution of Representative Rainey asking why there has been no arbitration between the United States and Colombia is now under way.

NOTABLE CRUISE WILL BEGIN TO-DAY

Warship Washington Leaves for Palm Beach to Take On Secretary Knox.

On Board U. S. S. Washington, Norfolk, Va., February 18.—This ship, one of the smartest of the armored cruisers of the Atlantic fleet, will set to sea at noon to-day for Palm Beach to take aboard Secretary Knox and his party for an extended and what promises to be a profitable cruise in Caribbean waters and along the eastern coast of Central America.

Weather conditions are favorable, Secretary Knox probably will board the Washington on Wednesday. It is expected that the cruise will proceed to Key West whence Mr. Knox will go by rail.

Captain Hughes, commanding the Washington, recently returned from Santo Domingo, where his ship carried American Minister Russell, post haste, following the assassination of that republic's president.

Yesterday, the Washington took on 1,000 tons of coal in addition to 250 tons already in her bunkers. To-day the vessel was made ready for sea, and the admiral's quarters placed in readiness for Mr. Knox.

The program for the cruise is tentative and subject to change at the discretion of the Secretary. As now arranged, the Washington will leave Palm Beach on the afternoon of February 2, arriving at Port Antonio, Jamaica, on the morning of February 25. Here the Secretary's party will make a profitable excursion to Kingston, returning the same day to Port Antonio, sailing later for Colon, where the Secretary is due on February 27. The party will proceed by rail across the Isthmus and returning again board the Washington, proceeding to Port Limon, Costa Rica, on March 2, arriving the same day.

Here the Secretary's party will leave the Washington, and crossing to Punta Arenas, board the cruiser Maryland about March 5. They will visit ports along the west coast of Central America, later crossing Guatemala from San Jose to Puerto Barrios, where the Washington will be waiting for them.

The Washington will sail from Puerto Barrios about March 21. The tentative itinerary then follows: Cartagena, Colombia, arrive March 25, A. M.; leave 25th, P. M.; La Guayra, Venezuela, 28th, A. M., sail 31st, Curacao, April 1st, A. M., sail 1st, P. M.; San Juan, 3rd, sail 3rd, P. M.; San Juan, 4th, sail 4th, P. M.; Santo Domingo, 6th, sail 6th, P. M.; Port au Prince, 10th, sail 11th, P. M.; Guantanamo, 13th, sail 15th, Havana, 17th, sail 20th; Vera Cruz (doubling), 22nd, sail 24th; Key West, arrive 29th.

FELL FROM TRESTLE

S. N. Barker Brought to City Home in Precarious Condition.

J. N. Barker, of Step 1-12, on the Seven Lines line, fell from the Atlantic Coast line track trestle near Chester yesterday morning, and is now in the City Home Hospital in a precarious condition.

Mr. Barker and Frank Brannon went out on a hunting trip Saturday afternoon, and it is said, became lost in the woods. Brannon was in front when the two were crossing the trestle, and, hearing a noise behind him, turned to see his companion fall. After some time he managed to procure help and the injured man was placed aboard a train and brought to Richmond, where he was met by the city ambulance, in charge of Dr. Hulcher. He was found to be suffering with a fractured skull and a broken arm. It was said that he would probably die. He was employed a foreman in the Union Carpet and Bag Company, of South Richmond. He is married and has four children.

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LAMB'S BIG BILL COMES UP TO-DAY

Other Measures Sidetracked So That It May Have Clear Path.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, February 18.—With the big military appropriation bill passed by the House and out of the way, in the preparation of which Representative Hay, of Virginia, gave many months of constant endeavor, with Mr. Flood's real measure also safely stowed away, and with other bills sidetracked for the present, a clear road has been given the Lamb agricultural bill, which will take its place when the House meets at noon to-morrow.

Next to the military and naval bills, and in some respects even more important, comes the agricultural bill. Captain Lamb, like his colleague, Representative Hay, has not made his bill overnight. In fact, months ago, when it was evident that the Third District Congressman would become the chairman of this big committee upon the Democrats coming into control of the House, Captain Lamb began to work for this bill. There are hundreds of items in it, unknown to the layman, and each of these has taken time and attention, in order that they might be properly inserted and yet that nothing might find its way into the measure which ought not to be there.

There is enough in this bill, said Captain Lamb, "to please almost any one. I think. If a person is interested in crop rotation or the eradication of various kinds of parasites, the extension of farm demonstration work or weather bureau work, he will find plenty to both entertain and instruct him."

The whole bill has been so drawn that I think every part of the country which is interested in agriculture should be satisfied. Of course we have tried to hold down the expenses, and probably will not run over \$15,000,000 or \$20,000,000, but I believe we have shown a considerable saving over the last bill passed by a Republican House.

To those interested in such matters I carefully recommend a reading of the bill and the report accompanying it. I feel satisfied that it will be satisfactory after it is thoroughly understood.

"Yes, it is true that a great deal of time was spent in the preparation of this bill. I do not know how much time was put in on other such matters, but I do know that every member of this committee has labored well and faithfully to give the people what they want."

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LEGISLATIVE COMMENT By LEWIS H. MACHEN

THE CONSERVATION OF GAME The Moncure-Rutherford game bill, which is on the calendars of both the Senate and the House of Delegates, has attracted the attention of the whole State. It provides for the appointment by the Governor of a State game commissioner, at a salary of \$2,000 (the Senate bill says \$2,500) a year, who is to have general supervisory control of the game laws, and may remove them for any reason.

The main object of such legislation is the conservation of wild life, within reasonable limits. Many varieties of birds, which are ruthlessly slaughtered under license, administered game laws, are of economic value to the farmers in destroying injurious insects and weeds. Another reason stated is the enjoyment of a multitude of town and country negro loafers during the hunting season, who would thus be employed in a lawful way.

When game has been adequately protected for a few years it will become sufficiently abundant to attract sportsmen from a distance who may be induced to invest and spend a goodly amount of money in the State every year.

All of these arguments are worthy of consideration by the Legislature to understand the eventual advantage of an effective system of game protection.

The Senate Committee on Fish and Game has reported this bill favorably, and it is now on the Senate calendar. The House committee, however, has reported an amendment allowing the boards of supervisors of the several counties to say whether or not the bill shall apply therein. This amendment would be destructive of the object of the bill, which is to establish a centralized, yet State-wide, system of game conservation.

If it could be amended so that it would be applied to each county, the whole plan would be crippled to that extent. If any number of counties should reject it, the whole system would be rendered useless. It would be futile to protect the game in some counties if it could not be protected in others in which such protection was not afforded.

Like every measure which seeks to curtail the privileges of a few in the interest of the majority, this bill will be likely to encounter considerable opposition when it comes up for discussion on the floor of both houses, but if it is not crowded out by other pressing matters during the closing days of the short legislative session, it will probably meet the approbation of both houses of the Legislature.

AFRAID OF PANTHER That's Why Sins Carried a Gun and Got Into Trouble. Silas Fields (colored) was arrested early yesterday morning on a charge of being drunk and carrying a concealed weapon. When "Squire" McCaskey asked him why he carried the pistol, Fields replied that he was afraid of the bear or panther which had come out of the woods and was killing all the chickens and pigs in Chelsea Hill, Highland Park and other sections of the city.

SAV HIM SELL COGNAC. Clarence Russell (colored), was arrested yesterday on a charge of selling cognac. He was caught by Sergeant Shepherd and Policemen Duffy, Tucker and Jennings. The police claim that they saw him make a sale.

THE WEATHER. Forecast: Virginia—Fair Monday; Tuesday, moderate cloudiness; moderate temperature; moderate, variable winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday. 12 noon temperature 42. 3 P. M. temperature 40. Maximum temperature up to 43. Minimum temperature up to 37. Mean temperature 39. Deficiency in temperature since March 1, 1911, 514. Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1912, 424.

Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday. Temperature 40. Humidity 94. Wind, direction N. W. Wind velocity 10. Weather Clear. Rainfall last twelve hours, .40.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (By P. M. Eastern Standard Time.) Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather. Asheville 42 46 44 Clear. Atlanta 52 56 44 Clear. Baltimore 42 46 44 Clear. Boston 36 40 28 Cloudy. Buffalo 42 48 34 Cloudy. Calgary 36 40 18 P. cloudy. Chicago 50 54 42 Clear. Denver 40 48 33 Cloudy. Duluth 30 32 24 Snow. Galveston 48 52 40 Clear. Hatteras 46 54 50 P. cloudy. Havre 34 38 26 P. cloudy. Jacksonville 54 58 46 Clear. Kansas City 48 52 40 Clear. Louisville 48 54 38 Clear. Montgomery 56 60 44 Clear. New Orleans 60 64 48 Clear. Norfolk 40 42 46 Clear. Oklahoma 65 62 44 Clear. Pittsburgh 45 48 36 Cloudy. Raleigh 48 52 40 Clear. St. Louis 56 58 36 Cloudy. St. Paul 34 38 32 Clear. San Francisco 58 64 52 P. cloudy. Savannah 58 64 48 Clear. Spokane 42 48 33 Cloudy. Tampa 56 64 56 Clear. Washington 40 42 34 Rain. Wichita 48 52 40 Cloudy. Wytheville 38 46 36 Clear.

MINIATURE ALMANAC. February 19, 1912. HIGH TIDE. Sun rises... 6:56. Morning... 5:20. Sun sets... 5:52. Evening... 5:24.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

OPIMUM TRAFFIC MUST GO Eleven Nations Already Have Signed The Hague Convention. Washington, February 18.—China is assured of an early abolition of the prohibition of the importation of opium or opiate or any preparation for medicinal purposes, by the terms of the convention between the powers represented at the international opium conference at The Hague.

United States, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Japan, Persia, Russia and Spain have signed the convention, and all

other civilized powers not represented at the conference will be urged to do so.

The subscribing powers agree to limit the number of ports where opium may be exported, and the powers agree to control the internal traffic in raw opium which will be limited to authorized persons.

A summary of the convention has been made public at the State Department.

THE WARSHIP IS WHITE ELEPHANT Owner Gets Many Offers for It, but Real Money is Lacking.

New York, February 18.—If you have never had a warship for sale, you have no idea of the demand there is for fighting craft or how much stage money there is in the world, according to Edgar F. Luckenbach, a shipping man of 8 Bridge Street. About a dozen offers have been made for the big gun cruiser, the USS Albatross, which is in Boston in the United States cruiser fleet, and so he feels qualified to speak on the subject.

In the time he has had her the newspaper has reported her sold in turn to Mexico, Turkey and other Central and South American countries and island governments where revolution is always fermenting and where disputes with neighboring countries continually occupy the public attention.

The reported sales in some cases were not without foundation, but they always ended when the stage money was produced and the preliminaries began. "Time is wasted in the chase," says the Detroit, "and such a demand that you wonder that there is so much trouble being made to get the Albatross sold."

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FITZGERALD LIKE ROYALTY Mayor of Boston on Vacation Truly Travels Incognito.

Boston, February 18.—Mayor Fitzgerald, who started last night on his annual midwinter vacation, will emulate the example of royalty and travel incognito on his trip of a month's vacation, he said, in one in which the newspapers cannot locate him.

On Monday the Mayor plans to stop in Washington and urge certain Democratic leaders to favor appropriate legislation for the re-appointing of the delegates to the annual convention of the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce, which will convene in Boston this fall. It is thought the greater part of the Mayor's vacation will be spent at Palm Beach, Fla.

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BUDGET GROWING BIGGER EACH YEAR Appropriation Ordinance May Run Up Toward Three and a Quarter Million Dollars.

ABOUT READY FOR COUNCIL Departments Anxious to Hear How Their Demands Were Scaled by Committee.

The Council Committee on Finance will meet to-morrow night to receive and pass on the proposed appropriation ordinance which has been drafted by a subcommittee consisting of Chairman H. R. Pollard, Jr., Councilman W. Fred Richardson and Alderman Barton II. Grundy. If approved a call will be issued for a special meeting of the Common Council, to which the budget will be reported, probably for Thursday night.

The various departments of the city government are anxious to find out how much money will be allowed them for the year, but up to this time little has leaked from the subcommittee, which has worked day after day with Special Accountant Crenshaw to shape the ordinance and trim it to the total of \$2,300,000, as shown by Auditor Warren's estimate. Members of the committee express the view that the paper will not exceed \$2,200,000 in its total, but even at that it will be the largest budget in the city's history.

The budget of last year, which broke all previous records, was \$1,800,000, to reflect the increased revenues from the new assessment, carried a grand total of \$8,061,887.67.

Hope to Get New Armory. Officers of the First Virginia Regiment are confident that the budget will carry \$100,000 for a new armory, although the Finance Committee has had no definite instructions on this subject. It is contended, however, that the city is committed to the erection of a new armory by its action in condemning for \$200,000 the Fuller property, adjoining the armory on Marshall Street, enlarging the site and making way for erection of a new armory, which will cost \$100,000.

Definite instructions have been given the Finance Committee by the Council as to increases in pay of firemen, policemen and street sweepers. The applications for the various grades of school teachers, principals, janitors and school board officials for increased pay are pending before a special committee which has yet had no meeting. Up to this time the pay of teachers has been fixed by the School Board, there being no ordinance on the subject, and some Councilmen favor merely an increase of 10 per cent in the pay roll allowance, without placing the Council on record as fixing the various grades of pay of the school employes.

In the series of budget hearings by the most urgent and pressing was the demand for funds for comprehensive street improvements, the extension of the smooth paved area in the central business district, the widening and grading of new streets in the outlying districts. During the past year, thirteen miles of sewer pipe have been laid in outlying streets, in many cases with very deep trenching. All of these works are ready to be smoothed over and gravelled, and most of them still lack curbs and gutters. With the present unfavorable condition of the market for city bonds, the Finance Committee has staved off an issue of bonds for street improvements, but it is now conceded that that movement cannot be much longer delayed unless very liberal provision is made in the budget for street work.

The Finance Committee has had no instructions this year as to inclusion of a item for music in the parks, and after the incessant warfare between the bands and the difficulties which beset the Committee on Grounds and Buildings in connection with the matter last year, it is not likely that such a item will be included. It is the desire of the Finance Committee to draft a paper to which there will be no serious objection, leaving to come up as special appropriations any matters which which there may be division. All the

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Statements From Prominent People

Fisher Gives Particulars in His Case. Result Was Instantaneous.

M. F. Fisher, of 518 North Twenty-eighth Street, city, who is prominently known in Richmond, has come out with the following statement concerning "Tona Vita," a new tonic that has created much comment on account of the great number of reputable people who have benefited by it. Mr. Fisher said:

"I am averse to publicity in connection with a thing of this kind, but I have had what seems a remarkable experience, and will state the facts as briefly as possible. I have been in poor health for twenty-five or thirty years. My stomach gradually weakened, and I became a nervous dyspeptic. I slept poorly, was despondent, lacked energy and was greatly troubled with indigestion."

"I have never made a practice of taking a great deal of medicine, and hardly know what induced me to try this 'Tona Vita' tonic. I did so. The result was almost instantaneous in my case, and I have been greatly benefited. I do not wish to appear as an endorser of this or any other medicine. The specialists from whom I obtained the tonic has persuaded me to state these facts, which I do reluctantly, as I do not wish to influence any one in obtaining medicine when perhaps it would prove of no benefit to them. I can say, however, that though I am only on my second bottle, I feel a very decided improvement."

A preparation similar to "Tona Vita" has had a tremendous sale in Europe, and the specialists who have charge of the introduction of the tonic in Richmond are meeting with success here.

One of these specialists said: "I have difficulty in persuading prominent people who have tried 'Tona Vita' to give me an endorsement. Mr. Fisher objected to doing so on the ground that people might secure the tonic who would not be helped by it, and he would be morally responsible. I suggested to him that all we wanted were facts in his particular case, and that the truth could not hurt any one. He then said his statement would cause people to write him for the particulars, and he did not want to be bothered. It took some persuading on my part, therefore, before he would sign a statement."

"This was a typical case of nervous debility, and there are thousands of people in the larger cities of this country in exactly the same condition, although they may not know what the trouble is. We will convince any man or woman, young or old, suffering from nervous debility who will call on us at the Polk Miller Drug Company, 834 East Main Street, from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M., that this tonic will greatly benefit them in five minutes' time. We charge nothing, and they may take the tonic or not, just as they choose."

Many people seem to be amazed at the remarkable records which are being made by the new remedy. Many cases of nervousness, stomach trouble and general break-down of from ten to twenty-five years' standing are reported to have been relieved in a very short time.

department heads recognize the desirability of an early adoption of the appropriation ordinance, in order that plans may be perfected and contracts awarded in time for open air work to be done during the more open spring and summer months, and not be deferred until the late fall, when, as was the case this winter, much important work was caught by freezing weather, resulting in time for open air work entirely blocked to traffic for months.

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