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STORM CUTS CITY OFF FROM NORTH

Fells Wires Between Here and Washington, Seriously Impairing Service.

For several hours after yesterday morning's storm Richmond was practically cut off from telegraphic communication with the North. The most serious damage was suffered by the Postal, which contended with broken wires between Richmond and Washington until 7 o'clock last night. By that hour enough wires were working to take care of all Northern business.

The only other serious break reported by the Postal was between Petersburg and points East. Communications with these points was restored at noon. The Western Union escaped with only a few breaks and was able to take care of Northern and Eastern business with only slight delays. Most of its trouble was with the lines running south of Richmond, but all of these were reported in working order last night.

Both the Postal and Western Union reported last night their inability to take care of messages destined for the West, particularly the flooded area. All matter for this section of the country is being relayed along wide detours, and messages are compelled to await their turn, with no guarantee as to the time of delivery. It is believed, however, that the worst is over, and that full communication with storm-swept areas will be established shortly.

POINT IS DISPUTED

Firemen Say Fewer of Them Receive Promotion.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, March 27.—At the hearing before the arbitration board endeavoring to settle the wage dispute before the firemen and the fifty-four Eastern railroads, President Carter, of the firemen, endeavored to show through the witnesses produced by the roads that the new large engines are decreasing the number of promotions. J. G. Walber, assistant to the third vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio road, said this was not the case, although the size of the engines resulted in a decrease in the number of trains.

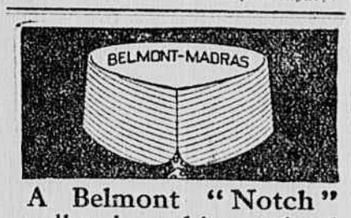
Mr. Carter stated that because of the scarcity of firemen capable of becoming engineers, many firemen are promoted after a short period of firing. The men promoted, he said, are frequently put back after the putting into commission of larger engines.

Because of changed conditions, Mr. Carter insisted, it was not fair to compare the wages of to-day with those of ten years ago. It developed during the hearing that the firemen have no way of obtaining statistics to support their contentions.

Coal Train Wrecked.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bristol, Va., March 27.—A coal train on the Holston River branch of the Southern Railway collided with a slide in the Click cut this afternoon and the engine and several cars were wrecked. The engineer and other members of the crew jumped and escaped injury.



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WASHOUTS DELAY SUPPLY TRAINS

Traffic on C. & O., N. & W. and Virginian Railroads Greatly Hampered.

PULASKI IS WATER-SWEPT

Cloudburst in Danville Causes Damage Amounting to $30,000.

Roanoke, Va., March 27.—To-day a special left here over the Norfolk and Western for the flood district in Ohio. Vice-President N. D. Maher and Chief Engineer C. S. Churchill are on the train, which will attempt to work its way as near Columbus, O., as possible, and the officials will there supervise the work of clearing away wreckage and repairing damage.

Norfolk and Western employes and officials in Ohio have necessarily suffered as a result of the flood and storm. Anticipating this, the train is in the nature of a relief train, and is composed of baggage car, diner, Pullman sleeper and two private cars. The baggage car and diner are heavily stocked with provisions.

The United States government supply trains from Washington for flood sufferers in Indiana and Ohio, held up at Basic City, and which were to have been diverted via the Norfolk and Western, will now have to reach the Norfolk and Western tracks at Lynchburg on account of washouts in the James River at Buchanan.

This afternoon a request was received by the Norfolk and Western Railway from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, asking to be allowed to detour two of its trains carrying government supplies to Ohio over the Norfolk and Western via the Shenandoah Division and main line of the Norfolk and Western. The Norfolk and Western agreed to handle the trains in view of the fact that they are carrying supplies for food district. Owing to trouble on the Norfolk and Western the road is not in position to handle regular business for other roads. The Chesapeake and Ohio has washouts between Basic and Kenova, and for that reason it is necessary to run the government relief trains from Basic to Roanoke, and thence west over the Norfolk and Western main line into Lynchburg, where they will again take up the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

The bridge at Norcrosse on the Virginian Railway and all bridges on the Potts Valley extension, as far up as interior are washed out. Traffic on the main line of the Norfolk and Western is delayed by reason of slides. The waters on Big and Little Stoney Creek are higher than ever known.

New River is very high and still rising. It is learned that there have been half a dozen or more slides between Princeton and Roanoke. About eighty-five feet of a wooden bridge across Big Stoney Creek, near Norcross, W. Va., sixty-five miles west of Roanoke, has been carried away. Because of inadequate facilities of communication the extent and location of the slides had not been learned at the Virginian offices here.

A bridge construction force is at present located at the Big Stoney Bridge, where a new structure is being built. This gang has a telephone, but can only be reached when they cut in to report, and little information has come from that point, beyond the bare fact that more than half of the bridge, which is about 165 feet long, has been carried away by high water.

All trains have been annulled west of Roanoke, and no definite summary of condition can be had.

Pulaski Is Water-Swept.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Pulaski, Va., March 27.—Pulaski is water-swept. The greatest portion of the level part of the city, which includes most of the business section, has been inundated by the heavy rainfall of yesterday and last night. The high walls which confine Peak Creek, which flows through the heart of the city, were insufficient to carry off the water. Forced from its usual course, it took to the low portions of the city, and in many places entered the stores, being the highest since 1891. Many merchants took advantage of the warning and transferred the goods on the lower shelves of the store to points higher in case the water entered.

The residents from Water Street were taken from their homes at a late hour last night and domiciled in the grammar school building. No fatalities have resulted as precaution was taken. Only small outside buildings have been swept from their positions. All business was at a standstill to-day as a result of the flood, many being unable to reach their plants on account of the water. The only way to get through the main sections of the city this morning was by driving, carriages being brought into service. The water began receding about 8 o'clock and went down rapidly.

Great Damage in Danville.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Danville, Va., March 27.—A southwesterly gale which started blowing late last night and increasing in violence as the hours wore on, reached its climax at 6 o'clock this morning, when accompanied by a small cloudburst, which obscured everything for half an hour, caused damage which conservative estimates place at $30,000.

Two houses were entirely unroofed, several others were damaged severely, sixteen telegraph and telephone poles were leveled, and in the fair grounds th Merchants Building was demolished entirely.

The wire service was badly crippled all day, and it was impossible to get messages either North or South. The Postal Telegraph Company's lines to Richmond went down, and practically the only line it has now is that running South.

In the city business houses were damaged by window panes being broken, and sheets of water being driven into the stores and offices. At 11 o'clock the fifty-foot smoke stack of the Danville Knitting Mills tottered and fell across the building, without causing any personal injuries. Porches in some instances were torn away from the house fronts and thrown some distance away. Reports received to-night from points in the county lead one to believe that the damage is not serious. Chatham hardly felt the storm, and at South Boston only a heavy rain and a high wind was experienced.

Tracks Submerged by Water.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Norton, Va., March 27.—High waters throughout this section such as have not been seen for many years followed the heavy rains of yesterday and last night. One of the bridges of the Glamorgan division of the Interstate Railway, just east of town, has been washed away, and the tracks of the Virginia and Kentucky, from Norton to Wise, have been submerged in water for several hours, and no trains are being run. Last night during the hardest of rainfall the commissary of the Blackwood Coal and Coke Company, four miles west of Norton, caught fire and burned. The lost is about $15,000, mostly covered by insurance.

Houses Blown Down.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Tappahannock, Va., March 17.—A terrible wind storm passed over the Dunsville neighborhood about 1 o'clock to-day, unroofing Ephensus Baptist Church, blowing down the barn of J. W. Phillips and the houses of Milton Corbin, Jack Holmes and R. Rollins. The dwelling house on the farm of E. M. Ware was partially unroofed, and a woman was seriously injured when Rollins's house collapsed. The son of Jack Holmes had a leg broken, and it is reported that members of the Corbin family were injured. Full details cannot be obtained, owing to the breaking of the telephone wires.

One Man Is Killed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lester Manor, Va., March 27.—A storm in the nature of a tornado passed over this section at 9:30 o'clock this morning, doing considerable damage. All local telephone lines are down, and information is unobtainable as to the extent and damage. A large new hay barn on Old Town, the property of C. L. Yancey, was blown down. Several farm hands and W. L. Neale, sheriff of King William County, were in the barn at the time. One of the hands was caught under the barn and instantly killed. The rest of the party barely escaped. Four horses hitched to a spreader were caught under the building, but were all gotten out alive. Several smaller buildings around here were unroofed and trees were uprooted. It was the severest storm ever known in this section.

Serious Floods in Rivers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Bristol, Va., March 27.—An all-night rainstorm throughout the Appalachian region resulted in serious floods in the rivers and smaller streams, which brought heavy property loss. Trains were delayed many hours, due to washouts and damages to trestles. Part of Bristol's business district was flooded, the water covering the floors of the business houses. Families residing along the stream were rescued by the firemen in the early morning, and some of the aged people narrowly escaped drowning. Trestles were out of line on the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, and bridgemen were kept busy in the mountain region. The rivers are still rising, and further serious damage is feared.

Sweeps Northern Virginia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Luray, Va., March 27.—A wind and rainstorm that began raging about 10 o'clock last night and continued with increasing fury, reaching its climax about 6 o'clock this morning, has swept all of Northern Virginia, crippling telegraph and telephone service, converting streams into flood stage, blowing down buildings, and prostrating orchards. So far no lives have been reported lost, though restoration of telephone service will be required to ascertain the final loss. The storm came from the southwest, causing considerable alarm, many believing it a continuation of the Western tornadoes.

Little Damage in Lynchburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, March 27.—Although the wind blew hard here last night practically without stopping, the local station of the Weather Bureau reports to-day that the maximum for any five minutes was not over twenty-six miles an hour. The wind was gusty, but at no time reached a velocity for a period of five minutes of more than twenty-six miles.

Neither of the telegraph companies, the telephone or traction companies suffered any trouble locally by reason of the storm, though both offices of the telegraph companies report all wires down between Danville and Greensboro.

The precipitation last night amounted only to .58 of an inch, with .28 this morning.

Staunton Is Cut Off.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Staunton, Va., March 27.—Heavy rain and wind storm here and in this whole section last night did slight damage here except to wires of various sorts. Staunton has been almost cut off all day, having no wire to Richmond, only one to Washington, and none west for any distance most of the day. The water is high at Clifton Forge. The foot bridge across the river was carried away and the railroad bridge is in serious danger. At Lowmoor there is a washout on the Chesapeake and Ohio, at Covington water is up around courthouse and business houses, and it was reported that one house, containing five people, was on the point of being carried away when the connection by wire was broken.

The President's special, with the Secretary of War and staff on board, on the way to the flood district, due here at 7:50 o'clock to-night, was stopped at Basic City because of the Covington washout.

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HIGH COST OF LIVING

Most Serious Problem of To-Day. Due Largely to Sickness. Read This Letter.

Clifton Mills, Ky.—That the high cost of living is due largely to sickness, especially among the women folk, no one can doubt, but in the following letter from Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of this place, it is brought more forcibly home to us. "Before I began to take Cardui, the woman's tonic, my back and head would hurt so bad, day and night, I thought the pain would kill me. I was unable to attend to any of my household duties.

I had only taken three bottles of Cardui, when I began to feel like a new women. Within a few months I gained 35 pounds, and now, I not only do all my own housework and washing, but, most of the time, run a big water mill, while my husband runs the farm.

I wish every suffering woman would give Cardui a trial, for I am sure it would help them, as it has me."

At an expense of $3.00, for three bottles of Cardui, Mrs. Woods regained her health, and is now able to attend to the numerous duties, which, formerly, she either had to hire done, or neglect, thus increasing her cost of living.

Lady reader, are you suffering from any of the ailments so common to your sex? Wouldn't it be worth a few dollars to you to feel well enough to look after your daily work?

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AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—"The Daughter of Heaven."
Bijou—"The Newlyweds and Their Baby."
Colonial—Vaudeville.
Empire—Miniature Musical Comedy.

A Wonderful Spectacle.

At the very apogee of the spectacular in dramatic representation stands "The Daughter of Heaven." All that the skill of the carpenter, the science of the electrician, the art of the painter, the patience of the designer, and the meticulously painstaking care of the costumer, which is akin to genius, could suggest; all that could be, and was, suggested by mechanics, artists and artisans purchased with a lavish hand, and all put together, made harmonious, presented, and managed by masters of stagecraft—all this is to be found in the magnificent spectacle blazing under the banner of the Liebler Company at the Academy of Music.

Of the book, however, which has been dressed and illustrated with such splendor, it is impossible to speak with even mild enthusiasm. Indeed, save in one scene—the last of the seven—there is little either of poetry or of true dramatic force in the lines that serves to connect the fragile sequence of exquisite pictures into the semblance of a sustained story. Whether this be due to their lack in the original of Pierre Loti and Judith Gautier or to their loss through the adaptation by George Egerton, it is impossible to say. There remains, however, the certainty that this pictorial drama is almost wholly pictorial, almost exclusively a feast for the eyes.

The story itself is conventional, with only its setting and its conclusion out of the ordinary.

Assume that in China there exist two distinct empires: one ruled by the Emperor of China from his capital of Pekin, a Manchu, one of the few monuments of the all-conquering Tartar hordes that once swept the world; the other yielding suzerainty only to their ancient dynasty of Ming, represented by a woman, the Daughter of Heaven, who sits in regency until the manhood of her little son, the Son of Spring, inspire the still conquering Manchu with a dream of securing for himself the loveliness of the daughter of centuries of his hereditary enemies, and of seating her beside him on the throne of a reunited land, and let him set out to win her from her very court in the romantic aspect of a vassal governor of a province.

Follow the traditional course and let them see the light in the heart of each at the moment of their first meeting. But remember that from her revered ancestors has come sibilantly down through the centuries hatred of the Tartar usurper, so that, even at the last, between herself and death she cannot suffer the touch of his defiling hand.

Picture the discovery of the Manchu as an impostor, and his hurried departure from the Ming court, and then, in order to test which is the stronger, love or ancestral pride, overwhelm again the doomed race of Ming and their Daughter by the might of the Manchu arms. Cast her devoted soldiers upon their pyre, and let her escape, only to fall into the hands of the Emperor.

Shift then the scene to the Emperor's Palace of Pekin, and hear him beg the captive to share his Peacock Throne. But again remember the age-old detestation of the Manchu, and try to understand the dauntless spirit that inspires her to beg, and obtain, from him, generous and kingly, the Draught of Great Deliverance, so that she may lie among the tombs of her dead, unsullied by a love unworthy of her race. And when death is near to her, seek to feel, with her, that nothing of mortal pride, even of the blood pride of an ancient dynasty, matters, and enter into her human longing to spend the few seconds remaining to her in his arms.

Try to, seek to, imagine, project yourself, make every effort to enter into the imagined processes of the Oriental mind as depicted by most apparently Occidental actors. You may succeed; the chances are probably a hundred to one that you will not, in which ratio are the probabilities that you will be able to "see" the play as a play—I cannot.

But, whether you regard the play as moonshine, mediocrity, or a marvelously mounted melodrama, you will gaze in wonder at the incredible beauty of the stage and costumes.

In an interior you will see great lacquered chairs, huge bronze gongs; in an exterior, your eye will be bathed in delight by the sunlit sheen of a garden, wherein stalk peacocks—and herons, with a background of pagoda-topped mountains fading into the distance; a pavilion with broad marble steps lighted by a moon of silver tint; a battlemented courtyard with a funeral pyre blazing with flames that seem to scorch and shrivel the soldiers who climb upon it. And always flowers rioting, and always costumes colored with all the munificence of Eastern taste; costumes cut of heaviest silks, that rustle and creak, gleam and glisten, glitter and shine, until the eye aches with the sheer splendor of them.

Of the huge company, a number of whom were Mongolians, all were conspicuous by reason of their gorgeous raiment, but only four or five stood out dramatically. One young man was prominent through his utter effeminancy, but he is easily over with, when his offensiveness is not present.

Viola Allen was stately as the Daughter of Heaven, reading, as always, very beautifully, save for the frequent artificiality of her tones. In the last scene, which afforded the only real opportunity for the exercise of her ability, she was admirable.

Lee Baker was sonorous and impressive as the Prince Minister, and Henry Bergman was excellent in the small part of Well of Wisdom.

Ian McLaren, being an Englishman, enunciated every line of the Emperor of China in such a manner as to put the words over, and, on the whole, gave a fairly good performance, barring a trick of frequently speaking directly to the audience, regardless of the position of the person whom he was addressing. He was uncannily effective in his cry of sorrow, which he gave "Alee" in the Oriental manner.

There will be performances of this really wonderful spectacle to-night and to-morrow night, with a matinee to-morrow.

W. Douglas Gordon.

Kidney Trouble Vanishes

Gained Eighteen Pounds

Some time ago I was troubled with what the doctors pronounced to be floating kidney. I was completely run down and so weak and exhausted that if I did my housework one day I would have to stay in bed the next. I doctored with several physicians and they all told me that my kidneys would never be well. I decided to try Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and found that I got relief. I continued to use the Swamp-Root, and to-day my kidneys are in fine shape and I am enjoying the best of health. Have gained eighteen pounds, and feel as well as ever in my life. You can publish this letter if you wish to.

Very truly yours,
MRS. JOHN S. JONES,
Granville, N. Y.

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ss.

Appeared before me personally, this 23d day of July, 1909, Mrs. John S. Jones, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

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GROUND FOR HOPE THAT DEATH LIST IS NOT OVER 2,000

(Continued From First Page.)

Provision trains are expected to-day. Flood waters are receding there.

Fires in Dayton's flooded district subsided yesterday, but broke out again last night.

Sightseers Not Permitted.

Sightseers are not permitted in the city. Two cars of them on an incoming train were switched off and left stranded below the town.

Flood conditions along the Ohio are growing worse. Lowlands in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, are inundated. Still higher stages and further damage is predicted.

Flood conditions in West Virginia have become serious. Eastern Pennsylvania is suffering severely. Many anthracite mines are shut down.

Vandalism in West Indianapolis caused a threat of martial law. Several deaths from drowning have occurred. Organized relief work has been begun in Indiana flood districts. Northern and Western New York are flood-stricken. Heavy property damage has followed in the Hudson and Mohawk Valleys, and in the Western part of the Southern tier.

President Wilson has announced his readiness to go to the scene of the Ohio floods if his presence will aid. Under his direction Secretary of War Garrison left at once for Central Ohio. His train was delayed by washouts in Western Virginia last night.

Major-General Leonard Wood, Quartermaster-General Aleshire and a party of officers, physicians and surgeons accompanied the Secretary of War. Surgeon-General Blue, of the public health service, has gone to the scene to take personal charge. He will bend his efforts to keep down contagion. Supplies of typhoid vaccine and full medical stores will be at his command.

All life saving stations in Ohio and Indiana have been placed at the disposal of the Governors. Lighthouse service boats near the Ohio have been ordered out for relief work. A big signal corps detachment will help open communication. The Navy Department ordered marines, physicians and others at its recruiting stations in the Central West to co-oeprate with the army medical staff.

Trains are moving with food, medical help and supplies and other necessaries into the flood region. Progress is slow on account of washouts and tottering bridges. The railroads are working hard to make repairs.

Relief funds are swelling throughout the nation. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are already available. The Red Cross is playing a prominent part in the relief measures.

Seven States are seriously affected by the widening flood area. They are Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky and Illinois. In all of these railroad traffic is paralized or greatly hampered. Damage to railroad property alone may reach $25,000,000. Telegraph and telephone wires are down on all sides. Large forces are making repairs, but progress is slow.

A prolonged period of high water in the Mississippi below Cairo is now predicted.

PRISONER IS SHOT BY ZEPEDA'S ORDER

Nephew of Huerta Directs Cold-Blooded Murder of Former Commander of Rurales.

GOVERNMENT IS SHOCKED

Cabinet Recommends "Energetic Action" to Department of Justice.

Mexico City, March 27.—Enrique Zepeda, governor of the Federal district, and a nephew of President Huerta, took into his own hands the ridding of the country of its political enemies early to-day, when he directed the shooting of Gabriel Hernandez, ex-commissioner of the rurales, and then personally superintended the incineration of his body in the garden of Belem prison, where the execution took place.

The government is shocked at Zepeda's act, and has removed him from office and imprisoned him in the National Palace. Friends of Zepeda offer as an explanation that the governor was not in a responsible condition at the time.

Zepeda, at the head of a squad of mounted police, appeared at the penitentiary early to-day. He demanded that the warden bring before him Rafael Cepedo, ex-governor of San Luis Potos; Alberto Fuente D., ex-governor of Aguas Calientes, and General Hidalgo, ex-governor of Puebla, and declared his right, as governor of the Federal district, to kill such political prisoners as he wished.

Warden Liciaga refused the demand. Some one informed Zepeda that the ex-commandant of rurales, Major Hernandez, was also a politiacl prisoner in the Belem prison.

The order was given to proceed there. Resistance was offered by the officials of Belem prison to Zepeda's demand for the victim, but the governor threatened to order his police to fire. He himself flourished a pistol.

Hernandez was brought forth and his body was immediately riddled with bullets, according to Liciaga, and the other officials, who were forced to witness the act.

Not yet satisfied, Zepeda ordered firewood piled in the patio, on which the body of Hernandez was placed.

Meanwhile, Liciaga's son notified the Ministers of War and the Interior. They at once ordered the arrest of Zepeda.

The Cabinet, after discussing the affair, determined to submit the entire matter to the Department of Justice with the recommendation, however, for "energetic action."

The news of the execution was suppressed during the greater part of the day. Zepeda, while drinking with friends last night, remarked that there had not been enough summary executions.

"The administration," he said, "is not out of danger yet; we must kill more people."

General Samuel Garcia Cuellar, ex-chief of Porfirio Diaz's military staff, has been appointed Governor of the Federal District.

In Complete Control.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Cananea, Sonora, Mex., March 27.—The town was quiet to-day. The wounded numbered about 700, and are being cared for by the victorious Constitutionalists, who took the city by assault at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. General Moreno, 350 of his men and 1,000 rifles, several machine guns and nearly 500,000 rounds of ammunition were captured. The Federal prisoners are being compelled to bury those who were killed in the three battles around Cananea. Long trenches were dug to-day, and the 300 bodies were carried to them and thrown in.

No damage is reported by the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company, the big American concern which controls the mines and smelters.

Posting a few men to guard the captured city, the main body of Constitutionalists entrained to-night for Naco, where they hope to bottle up General Ojeda and his little army. The capture of Naco will give the rebels complete control of the State of Sonora with the exception of the port of Guaymas.

350 Rebels Killed.

Guayamas, Texas, March 27.—Three hundred and fifty rebels were killed in the battle at Empalmo, ten miles north of here, to-day, when the reinforced garrison from this city attacked the Constitutionalists, who have been intrenched at Empalmo for several days, and drove them from the town. The rebels are now retreating toward Hermosilio, the capital of Sonora, which is held by the Constitutionalists. The garrison here was reinforced last night with 1,000 men from the south and several pieces of field artillery. The Federals are now preparing to move on Hermosillo.

SOCIETY ATTENDS DRILL

Young Women Perform Stunts at Fort Myer.

Washington, March 27.—Society attended the drill at Fort Myer this afternoon for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. of the post and to defray the expenses of the annual military horse show in May.

For the first time since he has held the position of chief of staff of the army, General Leonard Wood was not present at the drill, owing to the fact that he left for the flood district early in the day.

The officers performed many pretty musical drills and equestrian feats, while twenty Washington society girls, including Miss Janet Allen and Miss Desha Allen, who wrested the pennant from the other society girl polo players at Narragansett Pier this summer; Miss Helen Hitchcock, and Miss Mildred Grable added zest to the event by their finished horsewomanship.

EXPERIMENT A FAILURE.

Explosion in College Laboratory Partially Wrecks Building.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Boston, March 27.—While Walter Burdick, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology senior, was demonstrating a new process of making sodium today in the presence of Professor Hayward and a number of classmates, the mixture, included in a half-inch cast iron bomb, a foot tall, exploded, wrecked the basement of the Rogers Building, blew out a large plateglass window, wrecked the laboratory sinks and burst a two-inch water pipe, which complicated matters by flowing for fifteen minutes before the shut-off could be found.

None of the students was injured. The flash of the explosion illuminated the whole section, and officers came running from Boylston Street to the tech buildings.

Professor Hayward told the students he considered the experiment a failure.

Severe Damage by Storm.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Salisbury, N. C., March 27.—A heavy windstorm raging in this section of North Carolina played havoc early this morning with the Red Acres Poultry Farm, near Salisbury. Several poultry houses were demolished, and the damage will be heavy. Smoke-stacks, plateglass fronts and many outbuildings fell under the high winds.

IN MEMORIAM

SPIGER.—In sad but loving remembrance of my loving brother, HENRY JULIAN SPIGER, who died eight years ago, March 8, 1905.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

By his only sister,
MRS. WILLIAMS.

DEATHS

ABRAMS.—Died, at his residence, 717 East Grace Street, on Thursday, March 27, at 8 P. M., ELLIS, beloved husband of Mary Abrams, aged seventy-eight years.

Funeral services on SUNDAY MORNING at 11 o'clock from mortuary chapel, Hebrew Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

Norfolk papers please copy.

PHILLIPS.—Died, suddenly, at 8:30 P. M., Thursday, March 27, at the residence of her son-in-law, W. F. Smith, 2407 Hanover Avenue, MRS. REBECCA PHILLIPS, wife of Walter W. Phillips.

Funeral notice later.

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OBITUARY

Ellis Abrams.

Ellis Abrams, prominently known in Richmond for many years, died at 8 o'clock last night at his home, 717 East Grace Street. He was seventy-eight years old. Born in Prussia, he came to this country at an early age, and had since 1848 made his home in Richmond. He was for a long time actively engaged in business, from which he retired many years ago.

Mr. Abrams is survived by his wife, three daughters—Misses Sadie and Belle, of Richmond, and Mrs. Gus Harris, of Memphis, Tenn.; and four sons, Alfred and William Abrams, of Richmond; Henry Abrams, of Thomasville, Ga., and Michael Abrams, of Philadelphia. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Philip Whitlock, of Richmond, and one brother, Daniel Abrams, of Rocky Mount, N. C.

The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock Sunday morning from the mortuary chapel in the Hebrew Cemetery.

Anderson Martin.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Concord, Va., March 27.—Anderson Martin, seventy years old, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife and one son, Andrew, who was a legislator from this county last year. Funeral services were conducted from the late residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock, by his pastor, Rev. C. H. Williams.

Mrs. Elvina Simms.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alexandria, Va., March 27.—Mrs. Elvina Simms, forty-eight years old, a resident of Franconia, Fairfax County, died to-day at the Alexandria Hospital. Her husband and one daughter survive. The funeral will be from Mount Olivet Church, Franconia, Fairfax County, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Thomas H. Walker.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alexandria, Va., March 27.—Thomas H. Walker, twenty-nine years old, died to-day at his home, 210 Duke Street. He was unmarried.

Deltrie W. Snapp.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Winchester, Va., March 27.—Deltrie W. Snapp, sixty years old, died suddenly of heart disease to-day in the house in which he was born. He was an expert machinist and foundryman. Two brothers and four sisters survive.

Mrs. Ann McCarthy.

Mrs. Ann McCarthy, wife of Jerry McCarthy, died of pneumonia Wednesday at Quicksburg, Shenandoah County, and her remains will be interred in the Catholic Cemetery here Friday.

Mrs. William R. Reedy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Freeling, Va, March 27.—Mrs. William R. Reedy, of Omaha, this county, was found dead in bed on Monday morning. Her death is believed to have been the result of heart failure, though she was in apparent health. She was nearly sixty years old, and is survived by her husband and several children.

William Myers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fredericksburg, Va., March 27.—William Myers, a well known citizen of Stafford County, died yesterday at his home of Bright's disease, aged eighty-one years. He was a Federal veteran during the Civil War, and had resided in Stafford for forty years. He leaves a wife and three children.

Mrs. Mary Jones.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fredericksburg, Va., March 27.—The body of Mrs. Mary Jones, wife of W. H. Jones, who died at her home in Prince William County, of acute indigestion, aged twenty-nine years, was brought here and taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones, in Orange County, for interment. She is survived by her husband, one child, her parents, two brothers and four sisters.

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