OTTAWA PLAYERS MAY COME TO RICHMOND

Four of Richmond's Colts Are to Be Traded for First Baseman Dolan, Outfielder Robertson and Pitcher Kubat—Dolan May Be Purchased if Trade Does Not Go Through.

Ottawa, Ontario, December 26.—Several Ottawa baseballists are likely to be traded for Richmond players. One of the biggest deals in minor league baseball is now under way, which involves three players of Ottawa Canadian League champions and four players of the Richmond, Virginia League, club. The Richmond players concerned are unnamed, but include a pitcher, two infielders and an outfielder. The Ottawa players are Frank Dolan, first baseman; Red Robertson, outfielder, and Frank Kubat, pitcher.

Discussing the proposed deal, Manager Shaughnessy said:

"It may not go through, as I am loath to part with Dolan. He is the most sought after man in the Canadian League, two clubs in the Central League being especially anxious to land him, while Manager Ray Ryan, of Richmond, is willing to purchase him if he cannot make a trade. I want two infielders very badly, especially a good shortstop, and am willing to part with some of my players to land the men I want. We also require three more good pitchers for next year. One youngster Richmond offers is a very promising right-hander, and has a good career ahead of him. He has size and speed, and those are important requisites on the mound."

Secretary W. B. Bradley, of the Richmond baseball club, said last night that he did not know what deal Manager Ryan had on with Ottawa, but that Ryan had a free hand, and was after some first-class material.

FEDERAL LEAGUE SUPPORT LACKING

Dave Fultz Says Baseball Players' Fraternity Will Favor Older Bodies.

New York, December 26.—The Federal League will have to stand on its own feet if it stands at all. Whatever support it may have hoped from the Baseball Players' Fraternity will doubtless be found lacking when the National Commission treats with this body in Cincinnati on January 8.

David L. Fultz, president of the fraternity, declared to-day that his association, far from being disgruntled at the sway of the Triumvirate, stood ready to ratify peace and good will if the commission stood ready to pursue its broad-minded policies of the past.

"We have no objection to the reserve rule," declared Fultz. "We realize that whatever evil may be embodied in this clause is absolutely essential to the good of the game. We believe, however, that a player who has served ten years with a club should be given his unconditional release if his services are no longer desired in the major leagues. This will save such the humiliation of being thrust back with some minor league club. There have been instances of faithful veterans being sent back to the sticks as ordinary privates when unconditional release would have paved the way to managerial promotion.

"This suggestion of minor amendment in the reserve rule has been indorsed unofficially by most of the major league owners, I am told, and I do not anticipate any difficulty whatever. Our association has been requested to send a committee to confer with the National Commission and the National Association. In all probability Jake Daubert, John Henry, Ray Collins, Edward Reulbach and myself will tender the players' suggestions."

SOCCER GAME AT 3:15 O'CLOCK TO-DAY

Richmond Plays Men Who Will Line Up Against Newport News on New Year's.

Owing to the condition of the grounds it was not possible to play the soccer football game Christmas Day. The teams will meet this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

Richmond will play the team that opposes Newport News on New Year's afternoon. The line-up being: goal, W. H. Day; right back, R. Phipps, left back, J. W. Summers; half backs, right wing, C. H. Abbott; centre, G. W. Draper; left wing, J. Porter; forwards, right outside, L. W. Whiteworth; right inside, F. Lavender; centre, F. W. Holmes; left outside, J. Monteith; left inside, C. Joanes.

A practice game will also be played at the same time on the opposite side of the park. The teams will be chosen on the ground.

WILL DISCUSS THE ALTERATION OF CONTRACTS

New York, December 26.—David L. Fultz, president of the Ball Players' Federation, announced that a committee representing the federation would meet the National Commission at Cincinnati on Tuesday, January 6, for a conference on the petition for alterations in the present form of contract between club and player.

SCOTT ELECTED DIRECTOR.

Former Senator on Board of Alexandria National Bank.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alexandria, Va., December 26.—The directors of the Alexandria National Bank this afternoon elected Nathan B. Scott, formerly United States Senator from West Virginia, and president of the Continental Trust Company, Washington, a member of the board of directors.

The resignation of T. C. Smith as cashier, tendered several months ago, was accepted, and James Trimble, a Washington banker, was elected cashier and member of the board of directors.

PAL BROWN DEFEATED BY AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION

Melbourne, Australia, December 26.—Hugie Mehegan, the Australian lightweight, to-day won the decision over Pal Brown, an American pugilist, in an exciting twenty-round bout. Ten thousand spectators witnessed the fight.

BIG CUT PRICE CLOTHING SALE

$15.00 Suits or O'Coats...$12.50
$18.00 Suits or O'Coats...$13.75
$20.00 Suits or O'Coats...$16.00

Alterations Free.

KAHN'S OF RICHMOND,
"Men's Wear That Men Wear,"
713 E. Broad St.

PACKARD and HUDSON
MOTOR CARS
Gordon Motor Co.

Advance 1914 sale Suits and Overcoats now going on.

Tyler's

JOE TINKER LIKES FEDERAL LEAGUE

Says There's Good Money Behind It, but He Has Not Signed Contract.

Chicago, December 26.—Joe Tinker, former manager of the Cincinnati team, and President Gilmer, of the Federal League, conferred to-day with reference to bringing Tinker into the new league.

According to Tinker, the conference was without result. They agreed to continue negotiations to-morrow or Monday.

Tinker refused to confirm or deny the report that he had been offered $36,000 for three years in the Federal League. In discussing the affair, however, he remarked that he could not make that much money in three years in the National League. "There is money behind this Federal League," Tinker said, "and the proposition they made me is a good one. I know I can make more money than if I stayed in organized baseball. They have offered me some stock, on which I now have an option, and if arrangements can be made I will take it the same as Chance did his. He was given ten shares, and paid for it out of his dividends."

If Tinker signs with the Federals, he may be enjoined by Charles Ebbets, of Brooklyn, according to Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago club.

THIRTY THOUSAND FISH SAVED AT COST OF $140

Washington, December 26.—Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, has just been advised by the Commissioner of Fisheries that at a total cost of less than $140 about 30,000 desirable food and game fish have been rescued from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which has just been drained because of the approach of cold weather.

The canal was drained between Great Falls, Md., and Shepherdstown, W. Va., which section has been found in previous years to be the most productive. Three gangs of men, operating from dawn till dark, accomplished the work in three days, and all the fish left the pools when the waters of the canal were drawn off were seined out and returned to the Potomac River.

Of the number rescued, the large-mouth and small-mouth black bass constituted over 1,200 crappie, rock bass, yellow perch, and other members of the bass family, about 11,000, and the perches, catfish and suckers, the remainder.

Two Killed in Wreck.

Copper Hill, Tenn., December 26.—Grant Hilton, a fireman, and J. W. Montgomery, a machinist, were killed near here this morning, when the Louisville and Nashville freight engine, in which they were riding, was derailed and overturned. Hilton's home was near Copper Hill. Montgomery lived at Culberson, N. C.

Search for Slayer.

Chester, S. C., December 26.—Authorities to-night are seeking Frank Grant, seventeen years old, in connection with the killing to-day of Sidney J. Ferguson, a widely known farmer of this county. Ferguson was shot to death on his farm. Grant, who is the son of one of the murdered man's tenants, is said to have fled soon after the crime was committed.

AMUSEMENTS.

Academy—Yiddish Players, matinee and night.
Bijou—Grayce Scott Company in "Such a Little Queen," matinee and night.
Lyric—Keith Vaudeville, matinee and night.
Empire—Vaudeville.

Yiddish Players at Academy.

Before a deeply interested and sympathetic audience at the Academy of Music last night, Samuel Lawnfield's Yiddish company presented a highly melodramatic version of one of the most dramatic events of modern days—the infamous persecution of Mendel Beiliss, the Russian accused of "ritual murder."

While the play is marred to some extent by the very long dialogues and soliloquies common to Yiddish plays, it is unusually well constructed otherwise, and, while the production is crude and the members of the company largely dependent upon the assistance of a loud-voiced prompter, the performance is marked by excellent acting on the part of several of the cast.

Prominent for their fine work last night were Annetta Rothman, the leading woman of the company, who, strange to say, played the "heavy woman," or villainess; Edwin Wolf, who, as Beiliss's counsel, was tremendously effective in the trial scene; Bertha Horowitz, a character actor of unusual ability, and a veritable wonder of a boy actor, whose name was not given on the program.

During one of the intermissions, announcement was made that at the matinee to-day "The Beautiful Dancer," a drama of modern life, will be presented, while at night "Mendel Beiliss" will be repeated. The name, by the way, is pronounced by these Russian actors "Baylis." D. G.

"The Master Mind."

One of the most important bookings announced for the Academy Monday and Tuesday, and Tuesday matinee, will be "The Master Mind," which was presented for the greater part of last season at the Harris Theatre, New York. It is said of "The Master Mind" that, while most of the important characters are types of the underworld, there are no repulsive features in the action of the piece so frequently seen in plays of this order.

FAVORITES LOSE OUT AT JUAREZ

Form Players Experience a Disastrous Day—Biggest Upset in Closing Event.

Juarez, December 26.—Five favorites went down to defeat this afternoon, and the form players experienced a most disasterous day. The biggest upset came in the closing race, when Henry Walbank, the well-played choice, finished out of the money. Red Path, the hot favorite in the fifth race, was the solitary favorite to come in front, and he had all he could do to take the purse from Bob Hensley at 10 to 1. The knowing ones profited when Fire, backed from 15 down to 8, drove home in front in the first race. Venetian and Prince Winter, both well fancied, got no part of the purse. Little Will, at 8 to 1, and owned by J. W. Fuller, the Texas owner, made a runaway of the second. He beat the barrier and spread-eagled his field all the way, winning with four lengths to spare. Christmas Eve, backed into favoritism, was a poor third. Tojan Belle, Husky Lad and Nannie McDee, accounted for the other races. In the first race Lookout was jumped upon and suffered a broken ankle. Starter Cassidy suspended Jockeys Gross and Howard for ten days for disobedience at the post in the first race. Results:

First race—six furlongs—Fire, 115 (O'Brien), 10 to 1, 4 to 5, and 2 to 1, first; Frank Wooden, 110 (Dryer), 6 to 1, 4 to 1 and even, second; Nino Muchacho, 105 (Feeny), 12 to 1, 5 to 1, and 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:14. Brevity, Maud McKee, Florence Birch, Free Will, Venetian, Frieze, Jessamy, Blaze II., Lookout, Prince Winter and Dahlgren also ran.

Second race—five furlongs—Little Will, 108 (Howard), 7 to 1, 3 to 1, and 3 to 2, first; Aunt Elsie, 112 (Gentry), 7 to 2, 6 to 5, and 3 to 5, second; Christmas Eve, 108 (Estep), 7 to 2, 6 to 5, and 3 to 5, third. Time, one minute. Society Bird, Renwar, Temple Focht, Kick, J. B. Maylow, Redondo, Claribel, Droll, Superiority also ran.

Third race—six furlongs—Trojan Bell, 108 (Feeney), 5 to 1, 4 to 1, first; Martin Chavis, 110 (Gentry), 7 to 1, 5 to 2, and 6 to 5, second; Senator James, 105 (Dryer), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, and 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 2-5. Ooma, Compton, John R. Clay, Palatable, Helen Hawkins, Lee Harrison and Hannis also ran.

Fourth race—seven furlongs—Husky Lad, 105 (Feeny), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, and even, first; Beele of Bryn Mawr, 103 (Woode), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, and 4 to 5, second; Ocean Queen, 105 (Benton), 8 to 1, 2 to 1, and even, third. Time, 1:26 1-5. Colinet, Wise Mason, the Monk, Bob Linch, Acumen, Duck Rock also ran.

Fifth race—five and one-half furlongs—Red Path, 113 (Taplin), 6 to 5, 1 to 2, and 1 to 4, first; Bob Hensley, 113 (Marco), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, and 4 to 5, second; May L, 110 (Carter), 3 to 1, 7 to 10, and 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:06 2-5. Wild Horse, Princess Janice, Florin, Superl also ran.

Sixth race—one mile—Nannie McDee, 105 (Estep), 3 to 1, 7 to 10, and out, first; Cantem, 102 (Claver), 6 to 1, 8 to 5, and 1 to 2, second; Melts, 100 (Stevens), 3 to 1, 7 to 10, and out, third. Time, 1:38 3-5. Swish and Henry Walbank also ran.

FIRE IN DEPOT AT DETROIT

Old Michigan Central Station Burns, Causing Loss of $300,000

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Detroit, Mich., December 26.—The old Michigan Central Depot, built thirty years ago, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. Damage to property and records is estimated at $300,000. The fire came on the eve of the opening of the new $1,000,000 depot. The new structure was to have been formally opened January 4, but trains were run into it to-night and the change was made with little inconvenience.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. It started in the record room, and is thought to have been due to defective wiring or by rats eating matches.

When the fire broke out 500 employes were in the building. There were rumors to-night of persons being trapped on the third floor, where the fire started, but these could not be verified. It is thought all escaped.

TWO WORLD'S SERIES ASKED FOR NEXT YEAR

New York, December 26.—James E. Sullivan will ask President Johnson and President Tener to provide the fans with two world's series engagements in 1915. Sullivan hopes to arrange a second series of seven games to be decided at the Panama Fair following the classic struggle in the East. He says all the expenses of the players and umpires will be paid by the promoters, and that all the gate receipts will be turned over to the participants.

COVEY AND GOULD MATCHED FOR SERIES

Philadelphia, December 26.—It was announced to-day that Jay Gould, of New York, and George F. Covey, of England, will play a racquet match for the open championship of the world here next March. Gould is the amateur champion of the world, and Covey holds the world's professional championship.

SELECTED BY NAVAL CADETS

Miss Knight Will Ring Out Old and Ring In New Year at Annapolis.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Newport, R. I., December 26.—Miss Katherine Knight, the handsome nineteen-year-old daughter of Rear-Admiral Austin M. Knight, has gone to Annapolis to ring out the old and ring in the New Year, at the Naval Academy New Year's eve, being selected by the graduating class of naval cadets. She is one of the handsomest young women of the navy set.

Amusements

ACADEMY---To-Day
Matinee and Night
The Sensational Russian Play,
Mendel Beilis
Founded on the Murder Trial at Kiev.

ACADEMY---Mon. & Tues.
Matinee Tuesday.
Direct From Its New York Triumph
"The Master Mind"
A Play of Love, Politics and Intrigue
PRICES: Matinee, 25c to $1.00; Night, 25c to $1.50.

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Matinee and Night.
MISS GRAYCE SCOTT AND COMPANY IN
Such a Little Queen

The Confederate Museum
TWELFTH AND CLAY STREETS.
Open 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
Admission 25c.
Free 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. on Saturdays.

JOE DIEBOLD IS MAIN RACE WINNER

Races at Charleston Were Interesting Despite Effects of Christmas Eve Rain.

Charleston, S. C., December 26.—Joe Diebold was the only favorite that won out of the six events to-day, but the other five winners were also well supported. Joe Diebold won the main race of the afternoon without much trouble, getting over the line four lengths ahead of Young Emblem, who cashed second money, and who finished but a head in front of El Oro, the third place winner. Although the track was still muddy from the heavy Christmas Eve downpour, the fields were well matched and the races good. Results:

First race—maiden two years old, five and half furlongs—High Class, 111 (Martin), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, first; Al Jones, 114 (Glass), even, 1 to 2, 1 to 5, second; Peacock, 111 (Pickett), 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:11 2-5. Jezaff, Boly Hill, Banjo Jim, Massenet, Veilchen also ran.

Second race—all ages, selling, six furlongs—Batawa, 127 (Pickett), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 7 to 10, first; Calem, 125 (Neander), 4 to 1, 8 to 5, 7 to 10, second; Old Jordan, 112 (Davis), 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:18 2-5. Silas Grump, Mallek, Inclsion, Tom Hancock, Outranto also ran.

Third race—three-year-olds and up, selling, one mile and half—Over the Sands, 104 (McTaggart), 11 to 5, 1 to 2, out, first; Billie Baker, 98 (Martin), 7 to 2, even, 1 to 4, second; Tay Pay, 98 (Sumter), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 7 to 5, third. Time, 2:43. Dr. Waldo Briggs, Napier also ran.

Fourth race—selling, handicap, all ages, mile and twenty yards—Joe Diebold, 115 (Goose), 9 to 20, out, first; Young Emblem, 94 (McTaggart), 12 to 1, 2 to 1, 3 to 5, second; El Oro, 107 (Fairbrother), 20 to 1, 8 to 1, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:45 3-5. Bob R., Cracker Box also ran.

Fifth race—selling, all ages, six furlongs—Ancon, 123 (McIntyre), 5 to 2, even, 1 to 2, first; Rye Straw, 125 (McTaggart), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 8 to 5, second; Chuckles, 126 (Doyle), 2 to 1, even, 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:17. Cliff Maid, Helen M., Buzz Around, Behest, Frog also ran.

Sixth race—three-year-olds and up, selling, mile and twenty yards—Reno, 106 (Sumter), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won; Schaller, 108 (Fairbrother), 11 to 5, 9 to 10, 2 to 5, second; Yorkshire Boy, 115 (Neander), 12 to 5, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:51. Bernadotte, Fort Arlington, Monkey, Fiel, La Sainrella, Union Jack, Bagman also ran.

Entries for To-Morrow.

First race—three-year-olds and up, purse $300, selling, six furlongs—Heroic, 111; Terra Blanco, 108; Auto Maid, 111; *Lady Orlmar, 106; Moisant, 111; Eaton, 114; *Judge Monck, 106; Question Mark, 111; Mertis, 114; *Gagnant, 106; *Stealaway, 106; *Theo Cook, 109.

Second race—two-year-olds, purse $300, selling, five and one-half furlongs—*Madgest Sister, 91; Supreme, 111; Laura, 103; Serenata, 98; Miss Gayle, 108; *Harebell, 103; Trade Mark, 110; *Lady Innocence, 91; Squeeler, 110; Charles Cannell, 105; Bulgarian, 106; *Runway, 105; Ruby Hyams, 106.

Third race—three-year-olds and up, selling, purse $300, six furlongs—*Camel, 109; Flying Yankee, 111; *Hearthstone, 109; Daddy Gip, 111; Sylvestris, 111; John Marrs, 111; Premier, 111; Pluvious, 114; *Viley, 106; *Bat Masterson, 106; *Volthorpe, 109.

Fourth race—all ages, selling, handicap, purse $400, one mile and seventy yards—Cracker Box, 97; Duquesne, 107; Linbrook, 100; Feather Duster, 107; Merry Lad, 107; Colonel Ashmeade, 109.

Fifth race—three-year-olds and up, purse $400, selling, six furlongs—Monocacy, 112; Coppertown, 108; Yenghee, 110; *Robert Bradley, 103; Deduction, 114; Royal Tea, 111.

Sixth race—three-year-olds and up, purse $200, selling, one mile—*Mattie L., 96; *Toddling, 106; Harcourt, 107; Jim Caffrey, 107; *Earl of Savoy, 105; *Frank Hudson, 109; *Judge Monck, 102; Queed, 107; *Tom Holland, 102.

* Apprentice allowance of five pounds claimed.

FOR BEST FLAVORED MILK

Agricultural Department Advises Bran and Corn Ration.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, December 26.—Feed that cow of yours on a bran and corn ration if you desire to get the best flavored milk.

This advice was sent to the farmers to-day by the Department of Agriculture, which has just concluded a series of experiments in bovine dietics. Six cows were used, and in all fifty opinions on the flavor of milk produced were passed. A crushed oats ration is advocated next to bran and corn as a fine milk producer.

COMMITTEE WILL HOLD HEARINGS IN FOURTEEN CITIES

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tical and businesslike way, to accomplish it at the earliest possible moment, but without undue haste, and only after full consideration of the needs of territory of each section of the country.

"The committee will, from time to time, make announcements concerning its procedure."

Applications for membership in the new system poured in with the regularity of clock ticks to-day. The estimate to-night was that close to 1,000 banks and trust companies have applied for membership. There are few sections and fewer large cities that have not at least one representative in the long list. If the estimate is correct, nearly one-seventh of the national banks have asked to become members. Secretary McAdoo was well pleased to-night with this response.

New applicants to-day included Hampton, Va., Columbia, S. C., Florence, S. C., Lancaster, S. C., Salisbury, N. C., Richmond, Va., Etowah, Tenn., and Alexandria, Va.

DEPOSITS PRODUCE RADIUM

First in Eastern Part of Country Discovered in Pennsylvania.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Mauch Chunk, Pa., December 26.—Radium-producing deposits, the first in the Eastern part of the country, have been discovered within a mile of Mauch Chunk. Cropping out of the cut made by the Tamaqua trolley along the eastern base of Mount Pisgah, directly below Switchback, streaks and blotches of a yellow substance are to be seen. This is carnotite, from which radium is extracted.

Government geologists have made tests of the material. It has been definitely established that it contains radium. Whether the property is of commercial value cannot be determined until further examination is made.

SHARP CRITICISM OF UNITED STATES

Japanese, in Mass-Meeting, Protest Against Discrimination in This Country.

Tokyo, December 26.—Criticism of the United States for discriminating against Japanese and disapproval of the prospective participation of Japan in the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco, were expressed in resolutions adopted at a mass-meeting of citizens before the Imperial Palace here to-day. The meeting attended a so-called "national welcome" to Francisco De la Barra, special envoy from Mexico. Senor De la Barra is here officially to thank Japan for her participation in the Mexican Centennial.

The mass-meeting at the palace was attended by several thousand people, who previously had marched through the city in a procession calculated to demonstrate the nation's appreciation of the visit of the Mexican envoy. The procession formed in the city park, where speeches were delivered by prominent men. This was followed by a brilliant display of fireworks and numerous bonfires.

The procession then proceeded to the hotel where Senor De la Barra is staying. After the crowd had serenaded the visitor, a committee of members of Parliament and other popular leaders mounted the balcony, where De la Barra greeted them amid prolonged cheering.

The committee presented to the visitor a sword and other gifts, which he acknowledged briefly and then called for cheers for the Emperor and the Japanese nation.

The procession afterward marched to the Mexican legation, and then to the Imperial Palace. After the mass-meeting there it disbanded.

Reasons for Elaborate Welcome.

Washington, December 26.—It is understood by officials here that the elaborate welcome accorded to Senor De la Barra by the populace of Tokyo was particularly designed to express the dissent of one of the Japanese political factions from the official reception planned by the government.

In his capacity of special envoy from Mexico, diplomatic etiquette provides for certain formal functions in honor of Senor De la Barra. The Japanese government, it was explained here today, had adhered strictly to the regular court ceremonial. A faction opposed to the government, however, arranged a reception of its own, including a torchlight procession, speech-making and sword presentation.

PRESIDENT FINDS HIMSELF HERO FOR ACTING FIRE CHIEF

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ernment in reorganizing their companies to conform with the Sherman law, it is virtually certain, will be dwelt on by the President.

Those who conferred with Mr. Wilson before he left Washington drew encouragement for the ultimate establishment of an interstate trade commission to comply with requests for information made by business concerns desiring accurate details of what the Sherman law permits or prohibits.

Object of Commission.

While such a commission would not be given regulatory powers, it would constitute a bureau of information and investigation over which its advocates intend the commissioner of corporations should preside. It would assist the courts in carrying out decrees of dissolution by observing whether such decrees actually are put into effect.

This is one of the phases of the trust question which, in the light of recent developments, is considered quite likely to be discussed by the President in his address. The President has told friends he will deliver the address immediately after the holidays.

It is probable it will be read on January 19, about a week after the President has returned to the White House, and canvassed the subject thoroughly with his official family.

Pass Christian as a resting place has many possibilities. It is quiet, except on Christmas; once it might have been something else, but the thought strains the imagination. Anyway, the police force has been increased from one antebellum policeman, constable or some other guardian of the law, to five criss-cross-my-heart large badged officers. Where once the "blind tigers" might have winked there is nary a blink or a drink. It seems that there was a meeting of the "leading citizens" just before the President arrived and it was unanimously agreed that Pass Christian should be the most holy place in the United States while the village has the chief executive of the nation as a guest. The agreement is sticking tight.

Hospitality Is Emphasized.

All that has been said about Southern hospitality is emphasized here. The President's party owns the town, and no greater respect could be shown to President Wilson's presence anywhere.

Booming of cannon crackers and the snapping of firecrackers marked the arrival of the President there. It is the custom to observe Christmas a la Fourth of July hereabouts, but it was opined by the oldest inhabitants that yesterday's celebration was the noisest Christmas in their memory.

Numerous French-speaking negroes, a woman blacksmith, ox and near-horse wagons, men and boys who tip their hats to members of the President's party, and other things afford diversion to the newcomers to this place.

Phil Sheffall, an aged negro, who has driven Mrs. Wilson to school in her girlhood days, boarded the train at Atlanta as porter. "Uncle Phil" was the proudest person on the train. He sent his "most respectful compliments" back to the first lady of the land by a secret service man, and they were pleasantly received. Mrs. Wilson recalled the years ago when the faithful old negro guarded her.

UNIQUE GIFT FOR MRS. CLARK

Salem Woman Sends $100 Confederate Bill With Verses on Back.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, December 26.—Mrs. Champ Clark, wife of the Speaker, received a unique Christmas present today of a $100 Confederate bill, on the back of which was written some verses to this now useless piece of money. The gift was sent by Miss Bessie Tompkins, of Salem, Va., many of whose kinfolk fought in the Civil War.

Fatal Apartment House Fire.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, December 26.—One person is dead and three others are missing as a result of an apartment house fire on the upper West side to-night. Seventeen lives were saved by firemen in one of the plucklest exhibitions of heroism ever seen in New York. Those rescued were passed down ladders by the firemen through shooting flame from the windows of the house.

BIG TENNIS TOURNEY BEGINS THIS MORNING

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., December 26.—The first court tennis tournament for the new national challenge cup presented by the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club will begin to-morrow. Some of the best amateurs in the country are entered for the trophy, which takes the place of the gold racquet, now in the possession of Jay Gould, after a series of victories.

WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

Saturday, December 27, 1913.

W. F. Massey.

Bulb Growing in This Country.

Immense quantities of flowering bulbs are imported into this country every year, and it does seem that in some part of this great country these things could be produced as well as in Europe. The Department of Agriculture has been for some years making experiments in the State of Washington, in the Puget Sound section, in growing the bulbs now imported so largely from Holland, and it is found that some things do finely there. But there are many of these that can be as well grown in the South. The production of narcissus bulbs is rapidly developing in Southeast Virginia, and millions of the Virginia-grown narcissus bulbs are now sold every fall to the Northern florists. One of the commission houses in this line told me that they had sold in Philadelphia alone 2,000,000 Virginia-grown narcissus bulbs, and one of the retail houses in Philadelphia said that they had sold 200,000. Now it seems to me that the black reclaimed swamp soil would be the ideal place for many of these bulbs, such as narcissus, Roman hyacinths and White Italian hyacinths, and the hardy lilies would thrive wonderfully on these soils, feel sure. Inasmuch as millions of dollars' worth of these things are imported, it would seem that there should be profit in their production. Some years ago the Department of Agriculture sent me some tulip bulbs grown in their experimental grounds in the Puget Sound region when I was experimenting in North Carolina. They were very fine, too. But the next summer one of the department experts came to my place to see the Bermuda lilies I was growing, and made a photograph of them in bloom.

I showed him some tulip bulbs that I had grown, and he was surprised and took some of them with him to Washington, saying that they were fully as fine as those grown in the Northwest. Japan is now largely superseding Bermuda in the shipping to us of bulbs of the varieties of the Longiflorum lily, and I believe that some locality in the South will yet be found where these can be produced commercially, and I believe that the drained black swamp soils will grow them. It is certainly worth experimenting in this line. I had a letter to-day from a man having just such soil in Michigan, asking my opinion in regard to growing bulbs up there. But that is a climate I am not familiar with, and I never undertake to advise people in conditions with which I am not posted. But I have examined that black soil in the reclaimed portions of the Dismal Swamp section, and have often been impressed with its favorable quality for bulbs such as are now being grown on the Norfolk sandy soils.

Growing Watermelons a Second Time.

"Can watermelons be grown successfully on land which was used to produce them the previous year? Will the flavor of cantaloupes be destroyed if planted in the same garden with cymlings?" In repeating a crop on the same land there is always danger that the diseases that affect the plant will be increased. I have seen very good crops of watermelons made the second season on the same land, by making the hills in a different place. That is by running the rows and checking the ground where the middles were the previous year. But, as a rule, it is always better to follow with a different crop. Cymlings will have no effect on cantaloupes. You could not make them cross if you tried to do so. Various species of squashes and pumpkins will cross, but watermelons will not cross with cantaloupes, nor will cucumbers do so. I grow every year rows of cucumbers, cymlings and cantaloupes right alongside row after row, and I get as good cantaloupes as any one.

A Red Clay Garden.

Bedford County: "I have a garden of red clay soil. It has been well manured for several years with stable manure, but it is still rather hard to work. Recently I have had it spaded and am thinking of covering it with manure to be worked in the spring. Which will be better and cheaper, coarse manure from the livery stable at $1 per two-horse wagon without side boards, or tobacco stems at $5 a ton? If the stems are used, how much would you advise per acre? How do you use litmus paper to tell whether the soil is acid? My lettuce beds are infested with small snails, and also with what are called here water bugs and sow bugs. How can I get rid of them?" Getting the soil well stocked with vegetable decay, such as the stable manure and the tobacco stems will furnish, is about the best way to get a garden soil mellow. Of course, if you could abandon its use as a garden for one season, and sowed it to crimson clover in the fall, and turned that under in spring, and sowed cowpeas and turned them under in the fall, you could very rapidly get the soil filled with vegetable decay and get it quite mellow. But if this cannot be done, then use both the manure and the stems heavily. I say both, because the stems furnish a large percentage of potash that the manure is deficient in, and in the spring add acid phosphate at rate of 1,000 pounds an acre. You cannot be too liberal in the fertilization of a garden if you want good crops of vegetables. Fifty loads of manure and a ton of tobacco stems an acre will be none too heavy. To ascertain the acidity of the soil get the blue litmus paper. Mix up some of the soil into a paste with water and put the paper into it, and let it remain half an hour, and if it turns pink it shows that the soil is acid.

In fact, in a very acid soil it will turn pink in a few minutes. You can sprinkle a little air-slaked lime in which a small quantity of salt is mixed, in a line between the rows of lettuce to check the snails. There is a little green caterpillar that is often troublesome in lettuce. I have destroyed these by spraying with an article called aphine, which is sold by seedsmen, and I rather think it will destroy the sow bugs and water bugs.

Fruits for the Eastern Shore.

Northampton County: "Owing to poor help, I have quit general farming, and am interested in poultry, and have runs for the chickens, about six in number, on an acre and a half. Now I want to plant these runs in small fruits and fruit trees, mainly trees. I want peaches, plums, cherries, apples and grape vines, and strawberries and raspberries. I am a widow, trying to make good, and have a hard time doing it. I would like to know the various kinds of fruit suited to this section. I want the best of strawberries and other small fruits for family use." I suppose that you intend to plant other land beside the acre and a half occupied by the poultry runs, for you cannot plant strawberries in these runs, since the chickens would get all of them. Then an acre and a half will give little room for all the different fruits that you want. But I will give you a list of the kinds that will suit your section, and you will have to determine how many you need. For peaches, the best early one is the Greensboro, then Mountain Rose, Carman, Champion, Elberta and Ray. Plums, Abundance, Burbank, Red June and Shropshire Damson. For cherries plant the sour cherries, which will do better with you than the sweet ones. The Montmorency is as good as any of these; and the low trees will make good shelters for the chickens. Of apples, you can plant Yellow Transparent, Red Astrakan, Williams, Bonum, Fall Cheese and Eastern Shore Maiden Blush. Pears, the Kieffer for canning, and Seckel, Anjou and Bartlett. Grapes, Concord, Delaware and Niagara. Strawberries, Chesapeake, and for fall bearing, the Superb. Get the plants from the nearest good nursery.

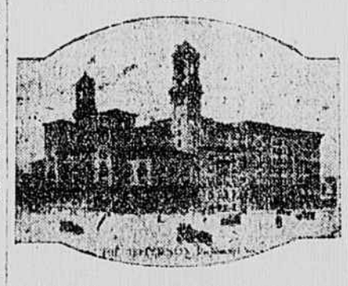
Building a Small Greenhouse.

"I want to build a small greenhouse in which to start plants for spring. I have a lot of hotbed sashes. Cannot I use these for the roof?" Yes, you can make a very good greenhouse with the six-foot sashes. Make the sides ten feet apart. Sheathe the sides and cover with building paper and weather board outside of these, to make a tight wall. Then set up a ridge pole cut on the sides to fit the slope of the sashes. Set the ridge pole six feet high. Then each alternate pair of sashes will make rafters, and the intermediate pair should be hinged at the gutter, so that they can be raised for ventilation.

Build benches on each side about four feet wide, so as to leave a two-foot walk in the middle, which can be sunken slightly to give more head room. At the north end of the house you will need a pit and a shed over it for the heating apparatus. The best heating is done with hot water run through piping. You can get a little cylindrical boiler such as is used for heating bath water, and run a line of two-inch pipe overhead from an expansion tank in the shed, to the far end of the house, and then drop it into four lines of pipe under each side bench back to the boiler. Such a house can be built for $100 if you already have the sashes, and the house to be fifty feet long, and the boiler and piping will cost rather more. If you do not need fifty feet, then half the money will make a house half the length and furnish the heating apparatus. I have a little house only ten feet long for my garden plants, and heat it and my office with a little boiler and piping that cost $30, though the plumber charged $18 to install it, and it gives me all the heat I need in the little greenhouse and the office too, the office being a room 10x16 feet. To work such a house to advantage you must have plenty of sashes in cold frames outside for transplanting the plants for hardening them off for setting in the open ground. I find that in my little place with a bench only ten feet long I can start plants enough to need forty sashes on the frames. A small greenhouse is a far better place to start plants than a hot bed, for it is more comfortable to work inside than to stoop over a hot bed in the outer weather, and take the risk of the declining heat, for you can maintain a regular temperature in the house. With my little boiler I can fill it up with coal at bed time, and then go to bed and let it run, and it has the house all right in the morning, provided I get the piping hot all around before putting the fire to keep. You can make a cheaper heating apparatus by building a brick furnace at the end of the house and running a flue through like a tobacco barn, but that is a constant source of bother and uncertain in the heating, as in cold weather one end of the house will be too hot in order to have the other end warm enough.

Hotels

TURKISH AND ROMAN BATHS.



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