

NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND NEWS
AND GOSSIPClemency Sought For Condemned
Murderer in Prince George.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

Senator Martin and Secretary Lawless Make Short Missionary Tour—The Governor's Correspondence and Callers—Meeting of Dover Baptist Association—Chapel Cars—Personal.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., July 18.—Governor Tyler is now considering the petition of the friends of Thomas W. Price, of Prince Edward, the old man under sentence of death, asking for a commutation to life imprisonment. A delegation of Prince Edward people will probably call upon the Governor tomorrow and ask that the sentence be commuted.

Governor Tyler has sent for the shirt which Hall had on when Price shot him. This shirt is said to have on it marks of the burns made by the powder when Price fired the shot that killed the man. The shirt was not put in evidence at the trial. If the burns are found upon the shirt it would appear as though there were ground for the contention of the friends of Price that the two men were scuffling over the pistol when it was discharged.

Governor Tyler will go up to Manassas tomorrow to attend the horse show there Thursday. Senator Martin will be there tomorrow and possibly there Thursday also.

THE MISSIONARIES OFF.

Senator Martin was at the Capitol today. He and Secretary Lawless went over to Petersburg in the afternoon. While at the Capitol several admirers called to see the Senator.

THE GOVERNOR BUSY.

Governor Tyler was early in his office and tackled a big batch of letters, but he never got through with many of them. The callers began coming in soon after he reached his desk. They kept coming until he went over to luncheon at the Mansion at 3 o'clock several callers going with him.

DOVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The eleventh annual session of the Dover Baptist Association opened this morning in West View Baptist Church. Rev. J. B. Hutson is moderator; Joseph Ryland, secretary, and J. B. Walthall, treasurer, and all three were unanimously re-elected this morning.

Before entering upon the work of the association Mr. Boston W. Smith, of Minneapolis, and Rev. J. Pruden, of Salt Lake City, Utah, made brief addresses by request.

CHAPEL CAR WORK.

Mr. Smith is in charge of chapel car work of the American Baptist Publication Society, and gave a very interesting account of the work of the chapel cars from their inception, about eight or ten years ago. The originator of the idea was Rev. Wayland Hoyt, D. D., and one of the most active promoters, his brother, Colgate Hoyt, who is a high railroad official. Five cars are now engaged in the work, he said. The first was christened "Evangelist" and was built for the purpose by a Wall Street syndicate. The second was built a little later and named "Emmanuel." The third was built by a wealthy man in honor of his wife and she chose "Glad Tidings" as its name. "Good Will," the next car, was built at the same time, the gentleman who gave "Glad Tidings" making as a condition of his gift that the Baptist should build one just like it. "Messenger of Peace" was built by 750 ladies who gave \$10 each. A car fund which amounts to \$3,500 is now being raised by young men. Only voluntary subscriptions are received, there being no solicitation.

In the eight years 78 churches and 165 Sunday schools have been opened and 68 meeting houses built at a cost of over \$85,000. Fifteen hundred persons have professed Christianity in the chapel cars, and many others at other places as a result of the preaching.

The work has convinced Mr. Smith that the saying "corporations have no souls" is erroneous. Not one cent had been paid since the first car went over the rails for transportation and in many instances railroad officials have manifested deep personal interest in the work. He told of instances in which fuel, coal and oil had been furnished free by order of railroad authorities.

ANTI-ROBERTS.

Mr. Pruden, who is conducting an anti-Roberts propaganda, spoke in condemnation of Mormonism and Brigham H. Roberts and asked his audience to keep in the work. He said State headquarters of an organization to fight polygamy would probably be opened here in the near future.

Mr. E. M. Long delivered an address of welcome on behalf of West View Church and the city, which was responded to by Rev. Mr. Brit, of Williamsburg.

The report on the ministers' relief fund showed that \$800 more had been spent in the association year than had been received, and an earnest plea was made for more liberal contributions.

T. H. Elliott, of Richmond, a member of the committee, called on the young ministers to be more active in soliciting subscriptions, especially as they never knew how soon they might have to call on the committee for assistance.

Rev. H. L. Quarles, pastor of Broad-street Memorial Church, of this city, protested against appealing to a selfish motive for giving subscriptions, which, he said, was directly contrary to the spirit in which the fund should be conducted. It should be entirely unselfish. He did not see how any one could come into the work with any idea that he would receive a benefit. He appealed to the association to rally to the support of the fund because they love the Lord.

REPORT ADOPTED.

After some further discussion the report was adopted. Letters from Monroe Baptist Church

of this city, and the Marrison (Tenn.) Baptist Church were referred to the Committee on the Reception of New Churches.

Rev. B. C. James, of King and Queen county, delivered the annual sermon.

MURDERER SENT ON.

In the Police Court this morning Thomas Stevens was arraigned on the warrant served on him in the court the day before, charging him with unlawfully and feloniously and of his malice aforethought, killing and murdering one John Butzer.

Mr. Roy Lewis, counsel for Stevens, waived examination and the case was sent to the grand jury and the witnesses recognized to appear before the Hustings Court September 20th.

A NEW RABBI.

A general meeting of the Sir Moses Montefiore congregation was held last night, with President Getman in the chair. Dr. Rabbi R. Grafmann was unanimously elected Rabbi of the congregation and teacher of the Sir Moses Montefiore Hebrew School for two years. By August 1st the doors of this school will be open.

Dr. Grafmann has been filling the pulpit of a congregation in Bradford, Pa. Sir Moses Montefiore congregation is fortunate in being able to secure his services as Rabbi and teacher. Dr. Grafmann leaves tomorrow for Bradford to bring his family to his new home at No. 2115 East Marshall street.

PLANAGAN'S SLAYER BAILED.

Richmond, Va., July 18.—W. G. Pilkinton, who some days ago shot and killed State Senator W. M. Planagan at Powhatan Court-house, was this afternoon taken from the jail in this city to the Court-house on a writ of habeas corpus, and application made for bail. After hearing a number of witnesses the preponderance of whose testimony went to show that Planagan had held of Pilkinton when the fatal shot was fired, Judge Miller granted bail in the sum of \$5,000, holding that the case was not one of murder in the first degree.

NEWPORT NEWS.

On Trial For His Life in Court at Hampton.

A Dramatic Halt Called in a Celebrated Case—The Kearsarge's Trial May Be Delayed—The Hampton Murder Case.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Newport News, Va., July 18.—The proceedings in the case of William D. Burge, which were begun in the Elizabeth City County Court yesterday morning, were brought to a dramatic halt this morning, and all day the attorneys in the case have been hotly contesting the question as to whether they shall proceed with the hearing at this time or continue it to the next term of the court.

When court convened at 10 o'clock Commonwealth's Attorney Montague announced to the court that Ada Burge, the witness on the stand at the adjournment yesterday, was unable to appear again, owing to the premature birth of a child this morning at 8 o'clock. The girl, he said, was very ill, and it was doubtful when she would be well enough to resume her testimony. This announcement came as a thunderbolt to the court and jury and the large crowd of spectators in the courtroom. The young girl was placed on the witness stand yesterday and when court adjourned she was undergoing a severe cross-examination at the hands of Burge's counsel. From the courthouse Miss Burge went to the home of her sister, in East End, where she is now lying critically ill, and, it is said, may die at any moment.

A HOT LEGAL FIGHT.

Commonwealth's Attorney Montague asked the court to proceed with the hearing of the charge, claiming that the witness had virtually told all she knew in the matter and that there was no need of her reappearance on the witness stand. He, however, suggested that the court take a recess until 12 o'clock in order to allow the counsel time to look up the law in such cases, which he claimed he had never heard. Mr. Jones, of Burge's counsel, objected and claimed that the defense would insist upon the witnesses being placed upon the stand before they would proceed further. The attorneys argued the question at some length and Judge Lee decided to accept Mr. Montague's suggestion to adjourn court.

THE LAW ON THE CASE.

At 12 o'clock the matter was still a mystery to the counsel, as there has never been such a case reported in any courts that could be found by the attorneys.

Mr. Montague said he thought it would be perfectly proper for Judge Lee to go on with the evidence and the case. Mr. Jones opposed it, claiming that it was not constitutional for a man's life to be placed in jeopardy, unless he had been given the right to rigidly cross-examine the person preferring the charges.

The Commonwealth's Attorney then requested the court to issue a summons for Dr. W. A. Plecker, who had attended the girl, so as to make it plain to the jury and court why it was impossible for the witness to be in court. This was excepted to by the defense, but the subpoena was issued and Dr. Plecker was soon on the stand. He said that, in his opinion, it would be at least one month before the girl would be able to testify, and perhaps longer.

Court then adjourned for dinner, when the argument will be concluded. Judge Lee will render his decision tomorrow morning.

THE KEARSARGE'S TRIAL TRIP.

Some time ago, it will be remembered, it was announced that the trial trip of the battleship Kearsarge would take place during the early part of June, but at the shipyard that it could not be made until all the big guns for the warship had arrived and had been placed in their position on the vessel.

Two of these big rifles, it is understood, have already reached here, but the rest have not as yet even been shipped from Washington, where they are being made. Of course the trial trip cannot take place until the guns have arrived and are on the new warship.

It is learned from a reliable source that it may be some time yet before

the Kearsarge will go to sea for the first time. In fact, it may be several months and perhaps she will not leave the shipyard until the Fall. Everything is ready for the trial as far as the ship is concerned and the builders are only waiting for the arrival of the rifles to send the warship on her maiden voyage.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

There were no new developments in the Phoebe murder case, and while the police are still at a loss and somewhat puzzled over the mysterious affair, they nevertheless believe they will yet capture the guilty man.

Louis August, the soldier who was arrested Friday and lodged in the county jail, charged with the crime, is still occupying the murderer's cell, but is as much unconcerned about the serious charges against him as if he were still at his post of duty at the fort. His case was booked to come up for a preliminary hearing before Justice L. P. Furness yesterday morning, but was postponed in order to allow the police more time to secure their witnesses. The case will come up for a hearing tomorrow afternoon.

TOWN OF SUFFOLK

Further Particulars of the Aulander Murder Case.

A Show That Failed to Materialize—Church People's Outing—Coroner's Jury Completes Its Work—Bowling Party—Movements of People.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., July 18.—Further particulars of the murder at Aulander, N. C., came to-night. I talked with a gentleman just from the scene.

W. H. Taylor, the man who shot Randal Welleford, is supposed to be keeping out of the way somewhere in the vicinity, but his friends think he will show up in time to stand trial. So far as my informant heard the authorities were making little effort to locate him.

"Taylor's friends," continued the gentleman, "want him to be acquitted, and I think he will be. Aulander is a white man's town, and the man killed was known to be desperate. He had sharpened his knife and bought some cartridges, and was fixed for trouble. He was reaching for the knife when Taylor shot him near the heart. One shot did the work."

"Welleford was a blacksmith. He was standing at his shop door when killed. He leaves a wife and two children. Taylor is single. He used to be worth considerable money."

"The direct cause of the killing was an oath. Welleford called Taylor a villain. He refused to retract when Taylor demanded it. Then Taylor shot him dead."

"The community is in sympathy with Taylor, and I don't think they can get a jury that will hang him. The worst feature of the case for Taylor is that Welleford was killed at his own place of business."

THE SHOW DIDN'T SHOW.

There were some disappointed theater goers to-night. A company whose specialties were moving pictures of the war and prize-fights, advertised to give a performance at popular prices. The manager and an electrician came to town Sunday. Most of the paraphernalia was taken into the hall. The manager changed his mind about showing and left the electrician to look after his props.

In justice to Manager Elam, of the City Hall it should be said the show people rented the hall outright, and he is not responsible for the disappointment of his patrons.

CHURCH PEOPLE'S OUTING.

At 9 o'clock to-morrow morning the annual Christian Sunday school excursion will leave for Ocean View on a special train over the Norfolk and Western. A big crowd will go. The Sunday school people go free.

The Ladies Aid Society of Berea Christian Church, in Lower Parish, will run their yearly excursion from Suffolk to Soldiers' Home on July 25, next Tuesday. Many from Suffolk will join them.

THE FINAL INQUEST.

The Coroner's jury that met to inquire the cause of Ellis B. Metcalf's death, and which adjourned Sunday afternoon without reaching a verdict, will convene again Saturday at Woodward & Elam's office, in Suffolk. When they viewed his remains the daughter's body had not been found and there was a suspicion of foul play. Now that there were no works of violence on her person the jury will come together and agree on a verdict of accidental drowning.

THEIR FIRST FIGHT DOWN.

The Down Town Baseball nine met their first defeat of the season this afternoon at Peanut Park. The Old Tigers did it. They were recently organized and though a few of the men were absent, a creditable game was played. The score was 8 to 4. Batteries: Dean and Reed; Jackson and Shaw. Umpire—Ames.

ROWING PARTY.

A company of young people went down the Nansemond river to-night for a moonlight row. Those scheduled to start were: Miss Brownie Odum with Alfred Bowen, Miss Rosetta Veck with Sam Burges, Miss Minnie Brooks with Paul T. Cahoon, Miss Katie Beamon with H. M. Carter, Miss Mary Litchfield with John B. Norfleet, Miss Fannie Lanthorne, of Portsmouth, with Joshua West.

PERSONAL TALES.

Misses Bessie Norfleet and Jennie Ballard left this afternoon to visit friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. V. L. Fowler, of South Boston, Va., was in Suffolk to-day.

Mr. R. K. Blair, a druggist, of Charlotte, N. C., is visiting friends in Suffolk.

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Mrs. J. P. Cook, of Charlotte, N. C., has finished a stay with Suffolk relatives.

Miss Tenie R. Eley, principal of Carrsville Academy, and sister, Miss Maggie Eley, are visiting Mrs. Lizzie P. Eley, in Suffolk.

Contractor E. Tatterson has gone to Philadelphia on business.

Mrs. Jackie Daniel Thrash, who had been Miss Daisy Nurney's guest some days, left to-day for her home, in Tarboro, N. C.

Mrs. N. G. Norfleet left last evening for a visit to relatives in Oxford, N. C.

Mr. Jay Scott, of Elizabeth City, N. C., registered at the Commercial to-day.

Misses Josie and Florence Cohen, of Richmond, are guests of their aunt, Mrs. N. Lehman, on Clay street.

Mrs. E. T. Crews, of Oxford, N. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cutchin, on Main street.

Mr. Sam Bendheim, of Richmond, arrived in Suffolk to-day.

Dr. F. E. Williams and Mr. W. H. Vincent, of Southampton county, will leave to-morrow to attend an Epworth League convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

ACCOCAC.

DEATH OF TWO WELL KNOWN CITIZENS.

Onancock, Va., July 18.—General M. W. West died at his home, near Pungoteague, Tuesday, aged 85 years. He will be buried to-morrow at St. George Church, of which he had long been a vestryman.

Mrs. Martha Snead Weaver, wife of James C. Weaver, ex-Superintendent of Schools for Accomac, died at the residence of her husband, on Kerr street, Sunday. Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church at Onancock and interment in Onancock Cemetery.

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