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A HINT TO THE B. M. A.

As there appears to be a strong probability that the next Legislature will provide for the establishment of several additional normal schools to be located at different points in the State, and as it is most desirable that Fredericksburg (which has never been the recipient of a single favor of a public character from the State) should secure one of these schools, which would prove a splendid addition to the public institutions of the city, we respectfully suggest that the Business Men's Association and the City Council, together with our representatives in the next General Assembly, take the matter up as soon after the November election as may be and begin work looking to the establishment of this institution in our midst. Fredericksburg would have secured the school from the last Legislature had that body have voted to extend the system and there is no reason why we shouldn't be successful before the present body, provided always that we conduct an active and energetic campaign before and during the session. Let the Business Men's Association get in touch with members elect of the next Legislature, presenting to them facts and figures as to Fredericksburg, its claim on the State, its suitability for the location of the school and its advantages of a general character.

We want to see this normal school come here and we shall expect our senator and delegate in the next Legislature to leave no stone unturned to secure it for the city, but, while we believe they will do this, they must receive aid and encouragement from home and with this fact in mind we make the above suggestions. Let everyone get together in a strong effort to land here a most desirable acquistion.

THE EPISCOPALIANS.

The great gathering in Richmond of the bishops, the clergy and lay delegates of the the Episcopal church of America is historic, in that it assembles on the 300th anniversary of the establishment of that church in America. It represents a large, powerful and influential church organization. On Thursday the Ladies' Auxiliary reported collections for missions of over $200,000. England is represented there by the Bishop of London, who is a striking figure, and who is known as the Bishop of the Slums, and the poor man's Bishop, inasmuch as his great work has been among the poorer classes of the great city of London. We trust that much good to all the people will result in this gathering.

MEXICO AND JAPAN.

Secretary of State Root is being dined and wined in the republic of which Diaz is chief. Both are delaring that their governments are on the friendliest terms with each other and the rest of mankind, and it is said that this visit of Root will be a great harmonizer, while the Secretary of State is being thus received in Mexico. Our ponderous Taft, Secretary of War, is in the kingdom of the Mikado, and he too is being banqueted and sweet things are being said by him to the Emperor of Japan, and the wily Mikado is returning the compliment, and it is also said that a good and permanent understanding has been reached and there will be no war. Both parties are for peace; indeed, there never was any cause for alarm or any occasion for thinking that there would be.

As a tennis player the Bishop of London bids fair to explode that notion that we can beat the English at almost anything.

Mr. Roosevelt deprecates pessimism, but then it will be observed that he is in a position to do so.

Mr. Barr has finally decided to quit and Mr. Tucker may breathe easier.

MARTIN SUCCEEDS BARR

Board's Action Unpopular—Norfolk Criticises—All Governors Have Resigned.

The board of directors of the Jamestown Exposition Saturday elected Alvah H. Martin director-general, succeeding J. M. Barr, resigned.

The Government, to which the exposition owes $900,000, sent a telegram, urging that the resignation of Barr be not accepted, as a change in the administration of the fair at this time would be disastrous to its interests.

Other names proposed for director-general were T. S. Southgate and Col. Walter H. Taylor. The vote stood 26 for Martin to 16 for Southgate.

Mr. Martin is first vice-president of the exposition and is said to be the biggest individual stockholder.

The action of the board of directors in making Martin director-general is meeting with severe criticism in Norfolk, and as the exposition must depend much on local patronage for support from now until it closes, Nov. 30, people do not see how this act of the board can do the exposition any good.

The heads of all exposition departments have resigned with Barr, but it remains to be seen whether their resignations will be accepted by the new director-general.

CHURCH HISTORY

Episcopalians Hear of Early Work in Virginia.

English Prelate's Remarks Illustrated by Display of Documents from Archives of London See—Missionary Matters Occupy Attention of Delegates—Big Appropriations are Made.

A historical mass meeting was held at the auditorium in Richmond Friday night, incident to the triennial general convention of the Episcopal church, and the public was given its first opportunity of hearing the Bishop of London. An address was delivered, also, by Bishop Randolph. The capacity of the building was taxed by the attendance.

The speech of the Bishop of London was of interest, in that he exhibited a large number of maps and records taken from the archives of the London See, which for years exercised spiritual control over the first parishes established by the Church of England in America.

Virtually all of the proceedings were in relation to the early history of the church in America and its association with the mother church in England. The choirs of all the churches in Henrico parish occupied seats on the platform and supplied the music.

Both houses of the convention were in joint session all day to consider missionary matters. During the afternoon session the general topic of discussion was "The Church's Duty to the American People." Bishop Funsten, of Boise, spoke of work in the Northwest; Bishop Anderson of the work in the Middle West, and Bishop Mann, of North Dakota, concerning the conditions on the great prairie.

Mrs. Wallace, secretary of the Virginia ladies' branch, gave a reception at her home to the bishops' branch of the woman's auxiliary.

The triennial report of offerings to meet the expenses of missions showed the total receipts as being $2,386,877. The appropriations for the work in the United States amounted to $1,177,329, and for foreign work, $1,314,023. Many gifts were received by the board, which are not included in the report of offerings.

GREAT DAY AT BRUTON

Bible From English King And President's Lectern Presented.

The hands upon the dial of time turned backward Saturday to the Colonial period of Virginia's history when a vast and reverent multitude knelt devoutly upon the stone flagstones of Bruton Church, at Williamsburg, and prayed fervently for the English King. Fully 2,500 persons united in a pilgrimage to Bruton parish, where the President of the United States and the King of England sent, through formal ecclesiastical emmisaries, each a gift—President Roosevelt a superb lectern for the upholding of the Holy Scriptures and King Edward VII a gold-clasped and jewel-studded Bible, which is to rest upon the lectern.

Bishop Satterlee, of Washington, presented the lectern, which was received by Bishop Randolph, of Virginia. Bishop Ingram of London presented the Bible, which was received by Bishop Tuttle, of Missouri.

The Bishop of London sprung a surprise by presenting to Bruton Church a beautiful prayer book, the gift of Bruton parish in Somersetshire, England.

The service was beautiful and impressive

Bishop Ingram made a touching address beneath the grand old trees that shade the edifice, and he asked permission to pronounce the benediction, both upon the assembled living and the historic dead, long buried there, who years ago owed allegiance to the British sovereign.

Several other distinguished clergymen assisted in the service, including the rector, Rev. Dr. Goodwin, through whose efforts the old church—the oldest Anglican church in point of continuous service in the United States—has recently been restored to its original simplicity of architecture and furnishing.

Governor and Mrs. Swanson occupied the velvet canopied pew, bearing in golden letters the name "Alexander Spotswood," and adorned with the golden coat-of-arms of that Colonial Governor of Virginia.

Bishop Ingram, in presenting the Bible from King Edward, said King Edward is the peacemaker of Europe, as President Roosevelt is the maker of peace in this country. It was meant that the Bible of the one should rest upon the lectern of the other, and that the two great English-speaking nations should come together upon this hallowed ground on an occasion commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of English civilization and the English Church upon the shores of the new world.

Bishop Satterlee, in presenting the lectern, said that two things are dear to the American heart—the Bible and the Sabbath.

Bishop Gibson read the creed and prayer. The rector of Bruton Church touched on the historic significance of the occasion. This was followed by the presentatiou of the lectern and the Bible.

Services were held in the afternoon for the church officials and delegates, the following dignitaries officiating, among others: Bishop Cleveland K. Nelson, of Georgia; Bishop James B. Funston, of Idaho; Bishop Peterkin, of West Virginia, and Bishop Arthur S. Lloyd.

The bronze bas relief memorial given by the American Episcopal Church in memory of the life and service of Rev. Robert Hunt, minister of the colony which landed at Jamestown on May 13, 1607, was installed in the tower of the church and was on exhibition for the first time.

The Lord Bishop of London preached to a great throng in the open air in the Capitol square at Richmond Sunday.

MARRIAGES

Everett H. Jacobs and Miss Alice Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Stone, of Hanover county, were married at the Baptist church at Taylorsville Thursday, Rev. C. H. Ryland officiating. The couple left for a bridal trip.

Carl S. Tomlinson, of Urbanna, and Miss Pearl E. Davis, daughter of Capt. Wm. B. Davis, of that town, were married in Norfolk a few days ago.

Carlin B. Drake, of Washington, and Miss Mattie Berlin, daughter of Mrs. Roberta Berlin, of Richmond county, were married at the residence of the bride's mother Wednesday, Rev. H. G. Lane performing the ceremony.

Ernest F. White and Miss Margaret Louise Foster were married at the Baptist church at Mathews C. H., Oct. 7, at 8 p.m., by Rev. W. A. Snyder. A reception followed the ceremony at the residence of the bride's mother. Miss Foster has taught school in Mathews for several years. Mr. White is a farmer. Both are natives of Mathews.

Charles C. Thrift and Miss Rosa Lee Atwell, both of Kinsale, were married in Washington Saturday by Rev. James H. Taylor.

PROTEST AGAINST PRIMARY

Thirty-one Democrats of Fauquier county have signed and published a petition addressed to the voters of Fauquier county, calling on T. C. Pilcher, who was defeated for the nomination for the State Senate from that district in the primary of June 29, and A. D. Kelly, who was defeated for the nomination for the House of Delegates in the same primary, to enter their names on the ticket to be voted for at the November election. These Democrats say they were not satisfied with the way the primary was conducted.

PRESIDENT HUNTING

Roosevelt After Big Game in Louisiana Canebrakes.

CAMP A CANVAS VILLAGE

Three Professional Hunters, With Large Pack of Dogs, to Locate Game For Mr. Roosevelt to Shoot—Plenty of Deer About.

Stamboul, La., Oct. 7.—The president spent Sunday quietly in his camp on Tensas Bayou, and began his hunt this (Monday) morning. This report is not official, but comes through natives who are keeping as close an eye upon the movements of the chief executive as courtesy will permit.

Assistant Secretary of State Latta, who is located about 10 miles from the camp, reported to the press representatives that he has not received a word from his chief since he landed in camp, but he added that he was certain that he had not attended church. Residents who heard this statement confirmed it, because there is, they say, no church for him to attend.

There is quite a canvas village where the camp is pitched. It consists of seven tents, most of which are occupied as living apartments by the president and his party. The president's own tent is a walled structure about 15 feet square, and there is a large mess tent and also a cooking tent floored. The president has been presented by Manager Shields, of the Parker plantation, with a handsome bay horse, but will not use it when on the hunt, trained ponies being supplied for this purpose.

The hunting force of the party has been reinforced by the addition of Ben Lilley, a professional sportsman, who emigrated from this section to Texas many years ago, but who had even then made so excellent a reputation as to cause him to be sent for, and he was brought all the way from Texas to be present in case of an emergency. He has in former days hunted all the canebreaks hereabouts and is said to know every nook and cranny in them.

Scouts express confidence that some bear will be bagged, and they are even more assuring on the subject of venison. They say the woods are full of deer, of the Virginia variety, but the disquieting rumor has gone abroad that many of them are dying of the disease known as black tongue. The The party will be augmented by the addition of a Mr. Metcalf, a guest of Mr. McIlhenny and Mr. Parker, who will escort the negro bear killer, Holt Collier, who will bring with him 21 of his own dogs. There will be, therefore, three professional hunters in the crowd, Collier, Ben Lilley and a negro named Brutus Jackson. All have their their own dogs.

MR. ROGERS AND HIS CANDIDACY

Stafford, Va., Oct. 4, 1907.

To the Free Lance:

"We have read, with considerable amusement, the latest joke of that popular and justly celebrated humorist of King George, Mr. James E. Rogers, entitled "To the Voters of Stafford and King George."

As a satire on such silly folk as hope to butter political parsnips with harsh words it is certainly cleverly imagined. What could be funnier than to appeal to Democrats and Republicans to vote for him because they are designing knaves and rascals bent on perfidy and plunder and the subversion of all our civic rights and liberties, and he is The One Honest Man? Will the wolves choose a lamb for their king?

His indictment is inclusive of all people who have ever voted the Democratic or Republican ticket:

"A vote for the nominees of either of the old parties is a vote in endorsement of all the evil and wrong they have put upon us"; so says Diogenes.

But if he turns his lantern on both of the old parties without discovering any man whose vote is not always cast as "an endorsement of evil and wrong," where does he find anything to encourage him, The One Honest Man, to offer his innocent and guileless self as a candidate to such Ali Baba bands?

The more you consider this the more irresistible the humor of it becomes.

Does he expect a shameless and venal people, living callous and content under the galling yoke of "twenty-four judicial satraps," to suddenly awaken to righteousness, abolish the judiciary, do away with all ("needless") state and county officers, break their "League With Death and Covenant With Hell" and set up The One Honest Man as a benevolent despot?

Surely this is much to expect of a people of unanimous knavery and rascality.

We feel quite sure that Mr. Rogers is too clever and well informed a gentleman not to understand that Mr. Moncure will be our next representative from Stafford and King George, and we believe that his card is intended as a joke on those people who are foolish enough to think otherwise.

But if it is conceivable (as of course it is not) that Mr. Rogers is taking this matter seriously, it would be our duty to remind him that one good man could not save Sodom, and if he really believes that all of his neighbors have so sinned as to merit the condemnation he bestows on them the only thing left for him to do is to gather up his goats and his asses and depart into Zoar.

One Who Laughs.

WANTS $25,000 FOR INSULT

Hugh Gordon Miller, of New York, formerly assistant district attorney for the Eastern district of Virginia, a Republican campaign orator, and at present a member of the New York commission at the Jamestown Exposition, Friday entered suit in the U. S. court at Norfolk against the Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company for $25,000. He alleges that he was insulted and assaulted by the conductor of a traction car on which he was riding.

He asserts that he was attacked because he protested against the running of the car by an alleged intoxicated motorman. He also states that when he was being beaten a high Federal judicial official beat the conductor off with an umbrella.

NEWBILL NOMINATED

In the Democratic primary in Essex for the selection of a candidate for commissioner of revenue, Messrs. C. B. Newbill and W. G. Rennolds were candidates. Mr. Newbill was nominated. The vote from four districts was as follows:

	Newbill	Rennolds
Loretto:	19	8
Enterprise	25	2
Tappahannock	57	12
Howerton	38	23

This vote with the other two precincts included gives Newbill 120 majority (approximately) over Rennolds.

A BIG BUSINESS

The directors of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange have declared a dividend of 10 per cent. for the current year. Indications are that the business of the year will exceed $2,000,000.

A NEGRO LYNCHED

Taken From Jail at Cumberland, Md., By a Mob.

BATTERING RAM WAS USED

Terrified Negro Was Dragged By the Feet Into the Street and Kicked and Shot to Death—He Shot and Killed a Policeman.

Cumberland, Md., Oct. 7.—The first lynching in the history of Cumberland, which occurred Sunday morning, has been the topic of discussion, though scarcely of condemnation.

The shooting of Policeman August Baker, on Thursday night, by William Burns, a negro desperado, while the latter was resisting arrest, created a great deal of excitement, owing to the excellent reputation of the officer and his well known kindly disposition. His death on Saturday morning was followed by threats against the negro, these coming as much from those of his own race as from the whites. Few, however, thought a lynching possible, and the police paid no attention to the rumors that were afloat. Only Deputy Sheriff Adam Hendley was at the jail when a crowd of less than a hundred men, a few of whom were disguised in one way or another, appeared and demanded the keys. These being refused, a telegraph pole was used as a battering ram and entrance to the building was forced. Other negroes, in neighboring cells, were careful to guide the lynchers to that of Burns', and here again the battering ram was used. The lynchers found their victim crouching behind his cot, and, seizing him by the feet, dragged him up and down stairs and into the street, where, within a few yards of the entrance to the jail, Burns was kicked and shot to death.

Rev. W. Cleveland Hicks, an Episcopal clergyman, did his best to save the negro and afterward protected his body until the arrival upon the scene of Judge A. Hunter Boyd and the police. Judge Boyd called the crowd to disperse, and in this was promptly obeyed. The body was removed to an undertaking establishment, and 10,000 persons are estimated to have viewed it.

DEATHS

John Goodridge, probably the oldest citizen of Westmoreland county, died Wednesday at his home at Montross, aged 90 years. He was a Mason and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. Two sons survive, W. E. Goodridge, of Montross, and John Goodridge, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Capt. Wm. L. Ashburn, one of the oldest native citizens of Irvington died Wednesday from hemorrhage. He was a Confederate veteran, 68 years old, and is survived by his widow, four sons and three daughters.

GENERAL NEWS

An explosion occurred Saturday at Yakatasuke factory, Osaka, Japan. While a number of girls were at work loading shells and cartridges, which had been condemned, sixty-three of the girls were killed and over sixty injured. The factory caught on fire and a number boats containing explosives also burned.

Arial navigation was solved by the British army when a dirigible war balloon, which has been given several trials at Aldershot camp, sailed from Farnborough, thirty-five miles southwest of here, to London, and after maneuvering over city started back to its headquarters.

Charles Thompson has been appointed receiver for the Rumburger Lumber Company, a Virginia Corporation with offices in Philadelphia, upon petition of creditors and stockholders that the concern is insolvent.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

Four Men Killed, Thirty Horribly Injured, Twenty Fatally.

Butler, Pa., Oct. 7.—An explosion, caused by the upsetting of a metal pot in the No. 1 cupola of the Standard Steel company here, caused the death of four men, fatally injured 20 and seriously injured 10 others.

Nearly all of the men were foreigners. The large wheel plant, 150x106 feet, was demolished, causing a loss estimated at $100,000.

The dead are: Nick Dorna, disemboweled; Nicholas Biotar, burned to a crisp; John Vereck, skull churched; unknown man, totally dismembered.

The condition of the 30 men injured is pitiable. Although still alive, the features of a majority are mutilated beyond recognition. The hot metal was showered over them, causing horrible injuries. Arms, fingers and ears were torn off, while number of the men had their eyes burned out. Several men are in the hospital with their legs burned to a crisp. The physicians attending the injured said at least 20 of the men would die.

The explosion was caused by the upsetting of a metal pot in the cupola which contained 5000 pounds of molten metal ready for casting. An explosion followed so quickly that none of the workmen in the building had a chance to escape. Streams of the burning metal poured out on the workmen, some of whom were engulfed and literally cooked. Twenty men near the cupola had every shred of clothing blown off by the force of the explosion. Many were buried under the wreckage and were not rescued for an hour after the catastrophe. Buildings in the city, from the force of the explosion, shivered as if shaken by an earthquake, and people rushed from their homes panic-stricken.

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