

NEWS OF THE DAY IN LOCAL SOCIETY

Adjutant General and Mrs. Corbin, while in London, were entertained at dinner by Commander Richardson Clover, naval attaché at the Court of St. James. Mrs. Clover was in Paris at the time.

Dr. David J. Hill, the First Assistant Secretary of State, will return to Washington today.

There is to be a boy at the British embassy. Sir Michael and Lady Herbert have a sturdy lad just about the size of Kermit Roosevelt, and the imposing, like the White House, will serve as a playground for a little child and his friends.

Mrs. Potter ignored the conventionally that decrees that a widow shall be married in colors and wore a wedding robe of white satin and white flowers in her gray hair. Love knots of white satin with long streamers and her shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and white orchids.

Gen. Charles Burrows, of Ruthford, N. J., accompanied by his wife and two daughters, Misses Marion and Estelle Burrows, are at the Ebbitt for the week.

Mrs. Fred Washington and Mrs. Henry Elliott Grice, of New Orleans, arrived yesterday for an extended visit to their sisters, Mrs. Cora Moelke and Mrs. Rebecca Briggs, Nineteenth Street northwest, and Mrs. E. G. Harbaugh, 1221 Princeton Street northwest. Mrs. Grice was formerly Miss Frances Whiting

Washington, of this city, and her marriage to Mr. Grice took place in St. Andrew's Church last year.

Miss Constance Mills, whose engagement to Capt. Winfield Scott Overton, U. S. A., has just been announced, is now with her mother in New York, on their way here from their summer home at Gloucester, Mass. Miss Mills is the only daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Anson Mills, of Dupont Circle, and Captain Overton is a graduate of West Point.

Miss Nina Beatrice Blaine, daughter of the late Robert G. Blaine and niece of the late James G. Blaine, will be married October 15 to Mr. Charles Francis Byrne. The ceremony will take place at St. Peter's Church. A younger sister, Miss Maude Virginia Blaine, will be the only attendant maid, and Mr. James Bahly, of Petersburg, Va., will be best man. After their wedding journey abroad they will reside in this city.

Mrs. W. C. MacBride and Miss Jessie MacBride, of K Street, have returned from their all summer visit to the coast of Maine.

Mrs. Seaton Schroeder, wife of the governor of Guam, has returned with her children from that island and is at her home, 1816 U Street.

Mrs. Arthur T. Ramsey and Miss Steele will give an at home at the Fairmount Seminary this evening from 8 to 10 o'clock. The guests will include a number of the prominent ministers of the city and their wives and the students who compose the school.

CHAT HEARD IN HOTEL CORRIDORS.

Extra Session of Congress.

Judge Vincent Boring, of Kentucky, the most prominent Southern Republican in the House of Representatives, said in the lobby of the Ebbitt last evening that an extra session of Congress could not settle the coal strike, and therefore he did not believe there would be a called session. In discussing a remedy for the coal strike, he said: "I think the powers of Congress under the Constitution to regulate trusts have been exhausted in the so-called Sherman anti-trust act. I am therefore in favor of an amendment to the Constitution to give Congress additional power to control corporations, and will at the coming session of Congress introduce a bill-submitting such an amendment to the States.

"This coal strike has made it evident that such an amendment to the Constitution is needed, and I believe public opinion is fast shaping itself in this direction. If the mining of coal was an interstate affair, the Federal authority could step in, as was done during the time of the Chicago riots, and give relief to the people."

Opens Headquarters. Gen. Smith Risinger, of Moundsville, acting adjutant general of the Department of West Virginia, is at the Barter, where he has established headquarters for the encampment.

"There are fifty-five G. A. R. posts in West Virginia, with a membership of about 1,500," said General Risinger last evening, "and all of the posts will be well represented during the encampment. There will be something like 500 West Virginia veterans in the grand review. They will arrive in numbers tomorrow morning and evening. From present indications the encampment will be a big success. The people of the city having the affair in charge it seems to me have left nothing undone. My first visit to Washington," added General Risinger, "was just after the first Bull Run fight, and at that time soldiers were badly needed at the National Capital. I was a member of Company A, Pennsylvania Reserves, which was organized by Gen. Andy Curtin, the war governor of the Keystone State. General Torrance, the commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., was a member of Company A, and we served together in the war."

Speaking of the coal strike, General Risinger said its only effect in West Virginia was a rise of 50 cents per ton in the price of soft coal. "There is plenty of soft coal in my State," said the general, "and the prolongation of the strike will hardly hurt us, but I sincerely hope for the rest of the country that a settlement will soon be arranged between the miners and the operators."

General Risinger is accompanied by his son, George.

On Private Business.

Representative Charles Dick of Ohio, chairman of the House Committee on Militia, is at the Raleigh. He is here on private business. In Colonel Dick's opinion the Republicans will carry the Buckeye State this fall, and will control the next House of Representatives.

From Bluegrass State.

Mr. W. H. Castner, of Rush, Ky., the Republican candidate for Congress from the Ninth Congressional district of the Blue Grass State, is at the St. James. He is here to attend the Grand Army encampment. Mr. Castner is confident of his election. The district, he says, is debatable ground, and prior to the election of Representative Kehoe, Democrat, two years ago, the district was for three successive Congresses represented by a Republican.

"The Republicans in the Ninth District," said Mr. Castner, "are united and enthusiastic, and there is every reason to believe we will redeem the district in November by a safe majority."

Pays Flying Visit.

Representative Joseph W. Babcock of Wisconsin, chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, came over from New York yesterday and was at the Raleigh for a brief period. He returned to headquarters in New York last evening. Chairman Babcock takes a most hopeful view of the political situation, and says the reports received at headquarters from the various Congressional districts throughout the country are satisfactory. In his opinion the Republicans will control the next House by a safe working majority.

South Making Strides.

Hon. W. L. Mauldin, formerly lieutenant governor of South Carolina, and now a member of the general assembly of the State, was at the New Willard yesterday. Mr. Mauldin's home is in Greenville, the cotton mill center of the State. He is on his way to New York to attend to some business connected with the manufacture of cotton, in which he is interested. South Carolina, he says, has made rapid strides in the manufacture of cotton and other staples during the past dozen years.

Washington's Needs.

"What Washington needs more than anything else to make it an up-to-date city—for I grant it is the most beautiful city in the world—is a union depot," said James B. White, a commercial traveler from St. Louis, at the National yesterday. "Just look at the crowds double the two depots. It requires double work all around, to say nothing of the inconveniences and mistakes hunting for your train or meeting friends. A union depot is really an attraction to a city, and one would certainly add to the beauties of the National Capital. I suppose, some of these days, Congress will act in the matter and pass one of the union depot bills which I am told have been pending before either the House or Senate for several years. The crowds now coming in certainly make clear the imperative need for a union depot."

BISHOP BLESSED BELL.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Oct. 5.—In the presence of several thousand people yesterday afternoon Bishop Prendergast, of Philadelphia, blessed the new 300-pound bell which Mrs. J. Davis Broadhead has presented to the Italian Catholic Church of this place. The rector, Rev. Michael Maggio, assisted the bishop.

CREATORE ARRIVED LATE

Concert at Columbia Was Greatly Delayed.

Creatore, the bandmaster, had a peculiarly unfortunate introduction to Washington last night, at the Columbia Theater. The Creatore organization played in Pittsburgh Saturday night and early yesterday morning left for the Capital, the band on one train and Creatore on another. The unusually heavy passenger traffic on all the roads leading into Washington prevented the musicians from reaching this city before 7:30 o'clock, at which hour Creatore was lost somewhere between Baltimore and Harrisburg.

The audience patiently waited until 9 o'clock, and then a large portion had their admission money returned at the box office. Just as the throng in front of the ticket window was largest, Creatore pushed through the lobby, and then everybody expected the concert would begin, and at once. But another difficulty then presented itself. The music was in a number of trunks, and these were stowed away in a baggage car in the Pennsylvania yards, but just where nobody was able to determine until nearly 10 o'clock.

Music Was Lost.

Then it was found that in the hurry and excitement the men neglected, or rather did not have time, to properly tune their instruments, with the result that the reeds and brasses were striving to do their best—or worst—to see which section could produce the largest assortment of bad harmony. However, the men were undoubtedly physically worn out and really not in any sort of shape to give a concert.

Creatore himself is a musical acrobat. He has a pale face that is framed with a wealth of raven hair that in the back completely conceals his coal collar. There has never been seen on a local stage a director of just the same type as he. One is an elegant sufficiency, however, for, while John Philip Sousa may throw out his chest a bit and display his medals and pose to his heart's content and to the amusement of his audiences; while Innes may work energetically with his forces—this strenuous Creatore does things in an acrobatic line that no other conductor would think of attempting.

Dances Among Players.

He is slight of figure, which perhaps explains his expertness in hopping about the stage. For Creatore is not content to merely wave the baton over his musicians. He must skip around to the reeds and coax the music from the instruments; he occasionally scotchesses over to the brasses and shakes his fist furiously at the trumpeters, and then turns his attention to scolding the blowers of the big bass horns. Then, perhaps, if he is not too fatigued, he will run his fingers through his shaggy, black hair, shake it somewhat majestically, and lead his musicians on to another attack on the score. He gyrates; he contorts like a serpentine dancer; he cuts more capers than a monkey on a stick; he cajoles his men; he threatens them; he literally pulls the music from their instruments—and all these gymnastics the audience seems to like, even if it is altogether unconventional and takes away the interest from the playing of the band.

Program Very Ordinary.

There was nothing uncommonly good in the program offered last night by Creatore. It was distinctly a popular-classical collection, and included the overture to "Tannhauser," the "Poet and Peasant" overture, a rather elaborate selection from "Carmen," the march from Frank Danieles' opera "The Amerer," one of Creatore's own marches, called "The Royal Purple," and the sextet from "Lucia."

The "Poet and Peasant" was the only number that was granted an encore, although the audience was persistent at first in demanding additional numbers. The program was cut two numbers—the "Blue Danube" waltz and Battiste's organ offertorio. The soloist of the evening, Madame Barill, was programmed to sing Creatore's "Il Lamento del Sule," but the strain of the trip from Pittsburgh was too much for her nerves, and she was unable to appear.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE.

Dr. W.-W. White, a noted Bible student of New York city, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., addressed an audience composed of men in the association's gymnasium, 132 G Street northwest, yesterday at 3:30 p. m. His talk on "Points on Bible Study" was of deep interest, and he gave some hints of unusual practical value as to how to study the Bible.

DIED AT THE HOSPITAL.

Mr. Melville Reed, thirty-four years of age, died at Garfield Hospital last night. For some time he had been suffering from tuberculosis, and about three weeks ago Mrs. Arnold, a relative living at 711 Ninth Street northwest, had him removed to the hospital. His relatives will take charge of the remains today.

DRESSLER SCORED A HIT

Comedienne the Feature at Chase's Last Night.

Chase's Theater last evening entertained a good-sized audience with a musical concert that was thoroughly enjoyable. The program was a varied one and consisted of music by the United States Marine Band and contributions by some of the noted artists of the vaudeville stage.

The chief attraction, of course, was Marie Dressler, the comedienne, who despite the reports that she was suffering from typhoid fever and various other ailments, appeared at the allotted time and made the big hit of the evening. Miss Dressler did not seem to be at all ill and her share of the entertainment was given with as much vim and dash as she has displayed on previous appearances in this city.

Miss Dressler sang two songs, one of which told all about a little mosquito and the other conveying the information that she was looking for an angel without wings, both of which she was obliged to repeat several times. Even then the audience was not satisfied and the comedienne had to recite "a tough poem" as she called it, which told of the prowess of a young woman of pugilistic tendencies known as "Bully Bess." The Dressler face and mannerisms are the most amusing part of the Dressler personality, but they are so original and funny that Marie Dressler will never grow tiresome.

Same Della as of Old.

Della Fox, of erstwhile operatic fame, was the other headliner on the bill. Miss Fox looked as pretty, perhaps, as she ever did, when she pleased audiences almost a decade ago, and though her voice is not so good as it once was, she received a very cordial greeting, and was compelled to respond to several encores. Her songs were of the popular variety, "Nancy Brown" and "Good Old Summer Time."

The other artists were Sophie Burnham and Edith Helena, the latter said to possess the highest soprano of any vocalist singing in public. Miss Helena has a clear, high soprano, but the middle tones are hard and strained. When she strikes the high notes, however, her voice is as clear and sweet as one could wish to hear. She sang two songs, and was heard to best advantage in "The Last Rose of Summer." In response to an encore she gave an imitation of a violin which was very good.

Sophie Burnham, the other vocalist, has a much more mellow soprano than Miss Helena, but she lacks strength. Her voice is round and full of sympathy, and both of her selections, "The Owl and the Moon" and "Dreamland," were well-rendered. As an encore she sang the old but popular "Maid of Dundee."

Band Proved Popular.

A large share of the success of the concert was due to the musical selections of the United States Marine Band, under the direction of Lieutenant Director Santelmann. Every one of the five program numbers was played as only the Marine Band can play, and they were all encored several times. The features of their part of the entertainment were a selection from Verdi's "Il Trovatore," and Director Santelmann's latest march, "Our Glorious Banner." The latter is somewhat short, but it has a swing and volume that resemble Sousa's best pieces, yet is distinctly original.

The other numbers included the overture to "William Tell," a new caprice, "Eglantina," by Van Loock, a local composer, which was also well liked; Liszt's Rhapsody No. 2, and "Reminiscences of War," by Reeves. As an encore to the selection from "Il Trovatore," Director Santelmann played Sousa's latest march, "Imperial Edward."

WHITE HOUSE POLICEMAN TAKEN ILL ON HIS BEAT

Policeman Thompson, of the Fifth precinct, stationed at the temporary White House, was taken sick about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon while on duty, and obliged to go to his home. Officer Thompson was unprovided with a waterproof coat, and after a few minutes of duty in the downpour he was saturated.

The order that the policeman on duty in front of the President's house must pace his beat on the sidewalk, without the privilege of standing under the awning over the steps, came after he had left the station house. By 1 o'clock he was wet to the skin. He was taken with a chill, and was obliged to leave his post of duty, after notifying the Fifth precinct to detail some one to take his place.

MAYOR GIVES FREE WOOD.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 5.—Silas Dewey Drake, mayor of Lincoln, made public a statement this afternoon that he had five acres of woodland to donate to those residents who have no fuel. For those who do not have the time to cut their wood he proposes to have it cut.

LOCAL MENTION.

Money to lend at 4, 5 and 6 per cent on real estate. Frank T. Rawlins, 1505 Penna. Ave.

PREACHES FIRST SERMON

Rev. C. F. Winbigler Fills First Baptist Pulpit.

CALLED FROM PHILADELPHIA

Members of Congregation to Tender New Pastor a Reception on Friday Night.

The Rev. C. F. Winbigler yesterday morning preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sixteenth and O Streets northwest. He accepted the call a few weeks ago, and moved here last week from Philadelphia. The new pastor was introduced by Rev. R. K. West, a member of the congregation.

Mr. Winbigler selected as his text the inquiry of Peter at Caesarea: "I ask, therefore, with what intent ye have called me?" He expressed the belief that the purpose of the church in calling him was not selfish; that the members had not called him to entertain them, to give them theological discussions, or to play on their emotions, but was confident he had been called to minister in the true and simple faith. Four things, he said, entered into the accepted work of a pastor and his people—a prepared message, a prepared people, a simple gospel, and blessed results.

Eminent Servant.

"Peter was a weak, erratic man until the power of the spirit came to him in full force at the Pentecost. After that his faults and his impulses were brought under and he was a most eminent servant of the Lord. It may be that I am weak and liable to mistakes, but I know whom I have behind me, and I hope to lead you as I am led in the acceptable way of the Saviour.

"In no ministry to human beings have angels been permitted to tell the wonderful story of redemption. I, a sinner saved by grace, am more fitted to tell other men the story of redeeming love than any angel. The people want a witness, and a witness is one who knows something, who has had experience in the thing involved.

"A prepared people is one of the requisites to acceptable ministry. The greatest manifestations of the divine spirit have not, as a rule, been in the crowded places. The places have been simple and the people few when the most signal work of grace have been done. Not by works, not by might have the great results come about, but by the manifestation of the spirit.

No Mention of God.

"Lack of the power of the Holy Ghost has too often appeared in the great assemblies. There are several things which have been utilized in the services in many churches which I am disposed to question. I have heard the ministers read their essays or deliver their orations, eloquent and beautiful, but without one word of God or the Christ except as men.

"Too much of the music is operatic. I do not object to fine music. We ought to have the best in God's house, but a great deal that is heard is better suited for the stage than for use of seekers after light. The incarnated power of Jesus Christ is the power we need. The touch of heart and hand is the eloquence we need."

An Old Church.

The First Church is one of the oldest in the District. It was organized 100 years ago last March. The last of the church debt has been paid, and the congregation starts in the new era with fine prospects. For over two years there has been no regular pastor. Dr. Charles A. Stakely having resigned. Until last June Dr. Edward B. Pollard supplied the pulpit.

On next Friday night the members of the congregation will tender the new pastor a reception. The music will be under the direction of Mr. Percy S. Foster, organist of the church.

FORMER SLAVE DEAD.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Oct. 5.—At the age of 104 Richard Veghte, colored, died last night in the Franklin Township Almshouse, of which he had been an inmate for many years. He was a former slave.

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EFFECT OF WIDOW'S MITE

Was More Powerful Than Advice of Congressmen.

IT MOLDED POSTOFFICE LAW

Rural Carriers Ordered to Serve Patrons Too Poor to Buy Steel Boxes.

The intercession of Mrs. Roosevelt in behalf of a destitute widow, residing in a Western State, was the cause of the issuance by First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne recently of an order prohibiting any postmaster or rural letter carrier from condemning or declining to serve any letter box on a rural mail route which does not comply with the requirements of the Postoffice Department.

Mrs. Roosevelt received some time ago the letter from the woman referred to. The writer explained that she was a widow, the sole support of her children, and was very poor. Being unable to purchase a steel letter box of the style authorized by the department, she had removed from a tree near her home to a point on the road side, a wooden bird cottage, which, she thought, by the addition of a slit in its top, would answer the purpose of a mail receptacle.

Writer Was Sincere.

The writer did not strive for effect in relating the incident, and her statement, that if the money had been available, she would have stunted herself to purchase a steel box rather than use the bird cottage, and her expressions of sorrow and regret over the necessity for disturbing the little feathered family in the cottage, were sincere and unfeigned.

The postmaster at the rural free delivery office, however, held to the letter of the department's instructions, defining the kind of mail box to be used, and ordered the rural carrier not to leave mail in the bird cottage. As a last resort the widow wrote the letter to Mrs. Roosevelt, who was touched by the appeal, and after consulting with Secretary Cortelyou forwarded the communication to First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne.

At the time the letter was received the question of the advisability of according to postmasters the right to pass upon the mail boxes in their several districts was under discussion, it being believed that under this rule much friction would result from the arbitrary rulings of the postmasters.

Decided the Authorities.

The letter received by Mrs. Roosevelt and the note of transmittal by Secretary Cortelyou, asking if anything could be done, settled the matter, and resulted in the issuance of the order.

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