

## 20,000 ATTENDING ANNAPOLIS EVENT

Secretary Adams and Other Notables at Graduation Week Exercises.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ANNAPOLIS, June 1.—June week athletic day and the first of the series of June week sports will be staged this evening in Dahlgren Hall, at the Naval Academy, brought a crowd of more than 20,000 persons from all parts of the country to Annapolis today.

Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams and Mrs. Adams arrived at the Naval Academy shortly before noon to witness the athletic festival that will be staged this afternoon and evening. Secretary's visit was official and he was received by the Naval Academy Band, a company of Marines and sailors, and was given a salute from the guns of the station ship, Reina Mercedes. Mr. Adams will return to Annapolis this evening and will return on Wednesday to present the prizes and awards to the midshipmen at the full dress parade at 5 o'clock that afternoon. He will remain as the guest of Rear Admiral S. S. Robinson, superintendent of the Naval Academy, until after the graduation exercises at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning. Mr. Adams will preside at the graduation exercises and present diplomas to the 242 graduates.

Prizes to Be Awarded.

Among the members of the graduating class who will receive prizes, according to an announcement by Lieut. Comdr. Harry Patrick, secretary to the academic board, is Midshipman George Herick Wales, son of George R. Wales, 3600 Norton place, Washington. He will be given a sword presented by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, for excellence in seamanship.

Midshipman John Bartholomew Webster will graduate at the top of the class, it also was announced. Webster will be given three prizes next Wednesday. For graduating at the top of his class he will be given a gold watch, known as the Gardner L. Caskey Memorial Prize; he will receive navigating equipment presented by Col. Robert M. Thompson for being most proficient in practical navigation, and he will receive a wrist watch, presented by the Military Order of Foreign Wars, for standing highest in mathematics.

The sword presented by the class of 1897 to the midshipman who has contributed most to the development of positive character to the development of naval spirit and loyalty in the regiment was won by Midshipman Charles E. Weakley of St. Joseph, Mo. The sword given by the class of 1871 to be presented to the midshipman most proficient in practical navigation and theoretical ordnance and gunnery will be presented to Midshipman James M. Farrin, Chicago, Ill. The gold watch presented by the class of 1928 to the midshipman standing first in engineering and aerodynamics was won by Abraham Lincoln Baird, Cleveland, Ohio. Baird also gets the Marine Medal Prize, known as the P. E. Bunt Memorial Prize, for standing highest in order of merit during his four years at the academy.

Gets Ordnance Honors.

Midshipman Corben C. Shute of Philadelphia will have his name inscribed on the cup presented by the General Society Sons of Revolution for proficiency in ordnance and gunnery. The cup is known as the "Confederacy," which is a set of marine binoculars for excellence in marksmanship. The cup will be presented to the midshipman who will be given a prize of \$100 offered by the New York Times to the midshipman showing the broadest knowledge and most thorough understanding of current events. Ralph W. Elden, Portland, Oreg., will get the second prize of \$75 and Ira Ellis McMillan, Honey Grove, Tex., the third prize of \$25.

Commendatory letters will be given to Manly L. Curry, Mountain City, Ga.; George Hedwig Deller, Clintonville, Wis.; John H. Keadley, Davenport, Iowa; Leslie E. Richardson, Boulder, Colo.; Claude V. Ricketts, McCune, Kans.; and Charles E. Trescott, Girard, Ohio. The sermon to the graduation class will be delivered by Capt. Sydney K. Evans, chaplain of the Naval Academy, in the chapel at 10:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Gymnasts Give Exhibition.

Eight members of a model gymnastic team from Czechoslovakia, delegated to attend the second congress of the American Sokol Association in Chicago June 1, gave an exhibition of their skill at the Naval Academy last night.

The performers included two world champions in gymnastics, Ladislav Vacha, parallel bar artist, and Bedrich Supcik, rigid pole expert. Both won their titles at the last Olympics. Other members of the team are Emanuel Loeffler, Josef Effenberger, Václav Vesely, Jan Bruckner, Jan Karafat and Vladimir Pokorny.

The gymnasts were guests of academy officials yesterday afternoon and were escorted on a sightseeing tour of the institution. Three officers of the Czechoslovakian Sokol Association accompanied the group. They were Dr. Rudolf Krovak, Dr. Miroslav Klinger and Vladimir Pokorny.

Today the athletes were to give a demonstration in Baltimore as guests of the local branch of the American Sokol Association. Monday they will go to Washington to perform before Government officials assembled in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium there.

MAN AND WOMAN HURT IN MARYLAND ACCIDENT

F. P. Whiting and Miss Margaret De Groot, Trained Nurse, Injured in Car Wreck.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Star. BETHESDA, Md., June 1.—An automobile said by police to have been driven by Frank P. Whiting, a guest at the home of Capt. E. S. Sellogg, U. S. N., went off the Brookville road near the intersection of Jones Mill road last night, injuring Whiting and Miss Margaret De Groot, a trained nurse, who was suffering from a possible fracture of the skull and body injuries. The accident is said to have occurred at a dangerous curve, and was alleged to have been caused by another machine forcing it off the road. It overturned, and the victims were taken out by members of the Kensington and Chevy Chase Fire Departments. Whiting is said to be suffering from bruises and shock.

Radical Editor Jailed as Traitor. LEIPZIG, Germany, June 1 (AP).—Karl Schrader, editor of Rote Fahne (The Red Flag), radical Berlin newspaper, was yesterday sentenced to a year in prison and fined 100 marks (about \$24) as a traitor. He was convicted of attacking the established form of the German government and of inciting a movement to overthrow the constitution by force.

## Honor Man



JOHN B. WEBSTER, Of California, midshipman, who is the honor man for the graduation class at the Naval Academy next week. Midshipman Webster has led his class every year since entering the Naval Academy. —P. & A. Photo.

## ALEXANDRIA.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 1 (Special).—Three student nurses of the Alexandria Hospital graduated last night at open-air exercises held in the yard of the nurses' home adjoining the hospital. Diplomas were presented to Miss Frances Story Finks, Miss Myrtle Dillake and Miss Helen Muse Taylor by Dr. S. B. Moore, senior member of the hospital staff.

The program was opened with invocation by the Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Wallis, professor at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of Virginia, followed by the address to the graduates by Rev. P. L. Vernon, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Dr. Martin D. Delaney of the hospital staff delivered a short talk welcoming the graduates into the ranks of the profession, and the Florence Nightingale oath was administered by Dr. H. A. Latane, Dr. Llewellyn Powell presented a \$10 gold piece to Miss Dillake for excellence in class standing. Talbot Haslett sang and violin selections were rendered by Miss Grace Powell, daughter of Dr. Powell.

The pulpit committee appointed to name a successor to Rev. P. L. Vernon, who preaches his last sermon at the First Baptist Church tomorrow and then leave to become pastor of the United Baptist Church at Lewiston, Me., has failed to fill the vacancy as yet and visiting ministers will conduct the services until an appointment can be made.

Charles Lyons, 14, of Baltimore, who ran away from his home recently, was arrested here yesterday and turned over to his parents. F. L. Flynn of this city, newly elected grand warden of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, made an official visit to Potomac Lodge, No. 38, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, here last night.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nellie Waters, wife of J. Benjamin Waters, who died Thursday at the Alexandria Hospital, will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence, 1008 Duke street, and interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter, rector of Grace Episcopal Church. She is survived by her husband and a son, Alfred Waters.

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## FOUR DEAD, 12 HURT IN ELKTON BLAST

Fireworks Plant Explosion Occurs While Chemicals Are Unloaded.

By the Associated Press.

ELKTON, Md., June 1.—Four men were killed and a dozen other persons slightly hurt yesterday afternoon by an explosion in one of the buildings of the Victory Sparkler Co., fireworks manufacturers, near here.

The dead are Harry Brown, 58, truck driver; Vernice Jones, 38; John Gilbert, 21, and Allen Dickinson, 24, laborers. A dozen girls employed at the plant were slightly injured by flying glass.

Fire which followed the explosion was quickly extinguished after destroying a small building where the blast occurred and damaging the adjoining one. A fire engine in the day damaged another of the small buildings, a number of which comprise the factory.

The blast occurred while Brown was unloading chemical materials used in the manufacture of fireworks. Officials did not know whether the blast was in the truck or the building itself.

Midget Beats "Strong Man." NEW YORK, June 1 (AP).—The strongest man in the world, so billed at Coney Island, 6 feet tall, weight 225, bites railroad spikes and the like, has been beaten up by a little fellow, Warren Lincoln Travis, prosecuted by William Pollock, 5 feet 2, weight 115, aged 60, for assault. They had a row over a really deal, and William swung, undaunted. A judge let him go.

Ship Safe Stolen at Sea. SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 1 (AP).—Four passengers and 50 members of the crew of the steamer Dorothy Alexander were detained for investigation when the ship docked here yesterday after officers of the vessel reported the theft of a safe containing \$4,500 in cash. The officers said the safe was stolen May 28 while the ship was off La Paz, Lower California.

Interment will be in the Presbyterian Cemetery. The rites will be conducted by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, will deliver the address to the graduating class of Alexandria High School Jun 14 at the exercises to be held in Maury School.

Lightning struck the Elks' Hall flagstaff yesterday afternoon, splitting the staff and carrying the flag away. Forty hours' devotional services will be opened in the St. Mary's Catholic Church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock and will close Tuesday evening. Rev. E. T. Hardin of Philadelphia will speak each night at 7:45 o'clock.

William Schubert, 31, colored, was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail this morning by Judge William S. Snow for cutting James Blue, also colored, with a penknife early today.

Schubert was arrested by Police Sgt. George Everly and Patrolman Henry Grimm.

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## Heads Committee



R. E. KENDRICK, Of Falls Church, general chairman of the carnival to be held in August for the benefit of the Arlington-Fairfax Firemen's Association.

## ROCKVILLE.

ROCKVILLE, Md., June 1 (Special).—The will of Mrs. Effie Mulligan Bean, widow of Columbus G. Bean, who died at her home near Lay Hill, this county, last week, leaving a substantial estate, has been admitted to probate in the Orphans' Court at this place. It was executed March 29, 1929, and names Mrs. Theresa B. Ballenger, daughter of the testatrix, executrix, to serve without bond.

The instrument bequeaths to Mrs. Ballenger \$1,000 and directs that the residue be equally divided between her and William Lewis Bean, son of the testatrix. Licenses have been issued here for the marriage of Christian B. Hockman, 23, of Clarendon, Va., and Miss Hazel W. Jamison, 25, of Washington, and Walter Y. Muir, 22, and Miss Virginia I. Mitchell, 18, both of Washington.

The funeral of Mrs. Ethel L. Walker, wife of Jesse W. Walker of Potomac, who died in a Washington hospital, aged 37 years, took place yesterday afternoon from the Methodist Church at Potomac. The services were conducted by Rev. P. C. Helmintoller, pastor of the church, and burial was in the cemetery.

Upon being found guilty in the Police Court here on charges of assault and disorderly conduct, Alfred Moore, colored, was fined \$75 and costs by Judge Samuel Riggs. In default of payment he will have to serve 90 days in the House of Correction.

For violations of motor vehicle regulations, the following have paid fines or forfeited collaterals in the Police Court here: John Thurston, \$20; Joseph Erbe, \$27.50; John Parker and Jack Davenport, \$12.50 each; James C. Truitt, James Driver, A. J. Kohout, \$7.50 each; William Russell Burroughs, \$27.50; George R. Burns and Ralph R. Staples, \$3.50 each.

Tucker G. Humphries of this county was before Judge Samuel Riggs in the Police Court here on complaint of his wife, Mrs. Louise Humphries, who charged him with failing to support her and the couple's two children, aged 2½ and 4 years. He was found guilty and was required to post bond in the amount of \$500 to insure his paying \$12.50 a week toward the support of the children.

The following forfeited collaterals in the Police Court here on charges of disorderly conduct: Lloyd Hall, \$12.50; Wesley Warner, \$12; Milford Warren and Almore Berry, \$7.50 each.

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## MOTORIST BEATEN EXAMINING CAR

Struck Over Head by Unidentified Parties Near Rockville.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., June 1.—Carl Cross, young resident of near Sykesville, Md., who claims that he was knocked out and robbed on the Rockville-Norbeck Pike, about a mile and a half from Rockville, late yesterday afternoon, is recuperating at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Gailher, near Gaithersburg, where it was stated this morning he seemed none the worse for his experience aside from being somewhat sore and short of cash.

That he was sandbagged or struck with some padded instrument as he was stooping alongside his automobile endeavoring to locate motor or other trouble, is the story the young man told the police. When discovered by Joseph N. Starkey of Rockville, who happened to be passing, he was prone on the ground alongside his machine and virtually unconscious. Starkey remained with the injured youth while another passerby hurried to Rockville and notified the police.