

"FESTIVAL WEEK"

PLANS APPROVED

Washington Merchants to Call Shoppers With Cut Prices and Special Features.

Details of "Festival Week," when the merchants of Washington will make an effort to have the largest number of shoppers ever in Washington attend the displays, have been discussed and approved by the entire Retail Merchants' Association, and the big home-coming and shopping week now seems to be an assured success.

It is probable that the last week in September or the first week in October will be determined upon. The merchants will announce a considerable cut in prices, and also will make especially attractive window displays.

There is to be a railroad ticket refunding plan, whereby out-of-town purchasers will be provided with shopping cards at the Union Station. A considerable amount of each purchase made while here will be recorded on the card. When the agreed amount is reached, the card will be returned to the railroad, and the visitor may take the card to the headquarters of the Retail Merchants' Association and get the refund of the railroad ticket.

On Monday of whatever week is selected as "Festival Week," there will be a parade of business vehicles which will give the visitors an idea of the variety and extent of Washington's retail business.

Outdoor attractions will be arranged for every night during the week. It has already been determined that a fireworks display will be held Tuesday night and on Wednesday evening an effort will be made to have the United States army flyers at College Park give an exhibition.

Thursday night there will be a big parade of fraternal organizations and a cup will be offered to the District organization having the largest number of persons in the parade. A similar cup will be offered to out-of-town organizations.

Friday night will be turned over to the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. By that time, the new lighting system will have been completed in Pennsylvania avenue and will greatly benefit the effectiveness of the youngsters' performance as well as the big automobile parade which will close the week of festival Saturday night.

These details were approved as a whole at the quarterly meeting of the association last night. An interesting feature of the meeting was an address by L. J. Robinson, assistant postmaster of Washington, on the uses, abuses, and possibilities of the parcel post. He said the parcel post is much more costly to the postoffice of Washington than it should be because of the inefficiency of clerks in the stations of the city that are not directly under governmental control.

He urged the merchants to see that packages are properly wrapped and protected.

Noted Seer Ends Life When Arrest Impends

BOSTON, April 23.—John W. Fletcher, international palmist, seer, and clairvoyant, often consulted by royalty, is dead as the result of self-administered poison.

"I want just one drink of water," said Fletcher to officers sent to arrest him on a charge of moral turpitude. He then took a cyanide pill.

Fletcher started by "reading" inaudible words when he was seventeen. He read the events of the Zulu war for Queen Victoria and predicted the death of the prince imperial.

Nervousness denotes weakness and Scott's Emulsion is the logical treatment—it is not a nerve-quieter, but a natural nerve-builder—it is medical nourishment without alcohol or opiate.

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SUFFRAGISTS PLAN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

Alexandria Branch of Equal Suffrage League Elects Officers and Prepares to Urge Votes for Women on Legislators. City Council Elects Men to Fill Vacancies.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., APRIL 23. Plans for a more active campaign in the interest of woman's suffrage in Virginia were made at the annual meeting of the Alexandria branch of the Virginia Equal Suffrage League, which was held last night at the residence of Mrs. Charles E. Nicol. A feature of the meeting was the address by Mrs. Meade Valentine, of Richmond, president of the Virginia State League. Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett also addressed the meeting.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, honorary president; Miss Rose McDonald, president; Judge C. E. Nicol, honorary vice president; Mrs. Gardner L. Booth, Mrs. Lewis H. Maehen and Miss Fannie Herbert, vice presidents; Mrs. C. S. Taylor Burke, recording secretary; Miss Esther Burke, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. E. Nicol, treasurer; Mrs. Lewis H. Duffey, Mrs. Johnson Downey and Miss Constance Bousch, executive committee.

In the corporation court today the trial of Lewis Hoot, former secretary and general manager of the defunct Merchants-Railway Building and Loan Association, was begun. This is the third time that Mr. Hoot has been tried on charges growing out of the failure of the building and loan association two years ago. He was found guilty the first time by a jury from Lynchburg, and in the second trial, the jury from Fredericksburg was unable to agree. In the present trial the jury was brought from Richmond, twenty-five veniremen having arrived here last night, from which a jury of twelve were selected.

Considerable time was taken up by the selection of the jury. The opening statement for the State was made by Samuel G. Brent, Commonwealth attorney and for the defense by John L. Jeffries, of Norfolk.

Arrangements for the Democratic primary for the Virginia house of delegates, to be held in the near future, will be made at a meeting of the city and county Democratic committee to be held this week. Members of the city Democratic committee will also be elected on the same date as the legislative primary.

The Rev. J. W. Duffey, recently appointed pastor of the Washington Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Rev. D. H. Kern, D. D., the new presiding elder of the Alexandria district of the Baltimore conference, will be tendered a reception by the congregation of the Southern Methodist Church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be made by representatives of the various departments of the church.

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CHEAT IS BALKED BY CONGRESSMAN

Howard of Georgia, Foils New Film-Flam Game and Hands Worker to Police.

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Howard had forged indorsements from New Jerseyites.

When presenting himself at Congressman Howard's office he presented alleged credentials from Attorney Raymond, of the Atlanta bar, who just happened to be in Washington on the same day that Thornton brought in his check and letter.

Thornton called up Mr. Howard yesterday and said he had taken the liberty of having mail sent in the care of the Congressman.

Randolph Happened In.

It so happened that Mr. Randolph had been in Howard's office a few hours before and had seen lying on a table an envelope bearing the imprint of "Thornton & Randolph, Atlanta."

"That's not from us," he said, "perhaps the letter is for me." He opened the envelope, and to his intense surprise found within a cashier's check for \$500 and a letter purporting to be signed by Randolph himself, which was addressed to "Dear Henry," Thornton.

Thornton afterward Thornton called up and Mr. Howard informed him that he would "be glad to see him tomorrow."

Then Mr. Howard went to Police Headquarters and laid the trap for Thornton.

Meanwhile, another envelope addressed to Thornton arrived. This also contained a check for \$500, allegedly from the Atlanta lawyer.

Bank Denies Checks.

Mr. Howard wired the Lowry National Bank, Atlanta, to know if it had issued a check for \$500 to Thornton, two New York exchanges for \$500, Nos. 32 and 43.

The bank replied: "Telegrams received. Checks mentioned not issued by us."

Learning that Senator Martine's secretary had been a victim of a similar film-flam, Congressman Howard arranged to have him in the corridor at the hour of Thornton's intended call today.

Soon after Thornton was confronted with Randolph, whom he had told Howard was a friend of his. Randolph walked in and said:

"I never saw you before," said Mr. Randolph, critically looking at Thornton, as Congressman Howard innocently explained that he was just reading a letter of introduction signed by the attorney.

The detected man asked for a "private conversation" with the Congressman, in which he asked him to shield a woman, whom the check man said was connected with his New York office at 1005 Tribune building. He also requested those present to be "silent" with him.

Police Tell of Confession.

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said by the police to have admitted that he was the man who obtained the \$500 from Senator Martine's secretary. He would tell nothing further about himself, except to say he was thirty-seven years old.

Among his belongings were found three letters, sealed, but not stamped, addressed to a woman. These letters were signed "H. S. W."

Investigation of Thornton's record, the police say, developed the fact that the prisoner, under the name of H. G. Royston, alias H. G. Gathridge, obtained \$100 from Charles R. Pierce, an attorney in the Pacific Building, in August, 1912.

When Thornton called at Senator Martine's office he selected a time when the Senator was on the floor of the Senate. He showed Mr. Aronoff a letter purporting to be from the Jersey City attorneys and as he opened it, the check for \$500 on the Second National Bank of Orange fell to the floor. In view of the fact that it was a cashier's check and not a personal check, and also because of the startling recommendation given Thornton in the alleged forged letter, Aronoff did not hesitate to indorse it.

Recognized by Howard.

One of the most dramatic incidents connected with Thornton's arrest today was Mr. Howard's accusation that, as J. T. Pellam, the Thornton of today had swindled him out of \$35 ten years ago.

You were known then as 'Brother Pellam' and you brought me an endorsement from a minister," exclaimed the Georgia Congressman. "I know you, if you don't want to recognize me."

In one of the letters to the "woman in the case," Thornton refers to her as "the girl I loved." He said the world, too good for a morose, morbid, melancholy, and disagreeable crank, who is that way all the time and would make any woman unhappy."

Thornton declined to discuss "the girl in the case." "I would rather not mention the name of any woman, now that I'm in trouble," he told the detectives. In his belongings were two photographs of a handsome woman.

In both the letters he begged the woman to marry him, saying he was making \$1,000 a month and would give her \$300 for "pin money."

Thornton is a man of refined appearance and his conversation indicates he is a man of education. The police say he frankly admitted the two cases which they have against him—Araroff and Pierce checks. He will tell them nothing more about himself.

The Liver Is Nature's Garbage Collector.

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CHINA VALUATIONS BEING CONSIDERED

Secretary of Treasury McAdoo and Other Officials Attempt to Settle Question.

Secretary McAdoo, Assistant Secretary James F. Curtis, and lesser Treasury officials were in conference this afternoon over the matter of the valuations to be placed on importation of Limoges china. It was expected that after two years' struggling with this question it will be finally disposed of today.

Annual importations amounting to \$5,000,000 or more are involved. More than two years ago the customs officials suspected that Limoges china, which includes "Haviland ware," was undervalued, and therefore subject to less duty than should be. No question of fraud existed, but the French makers were getting off too lightly, it was thought.

At the suggestion of Assistant Secretary Curtis the first Limoges commission was named. Three Treasury experts went to France and made a series of standard valuations which made the French manufacturers fairly howl.

A second commission went to work after the protests had been made and this commission has reported that a little lower valuations may fairly be placed on some grades of china.

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