

ROBBERS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Henry Broedus and James Grant, Colored, Self Confessed Hold up Men

HEARING LAST NIGHT

Grant Today Identified In Hold up of Robert L. Huntington, Jr. Which Occurred Saturday Night.

Henry Broedus and James Grant, alias "Columbia Kid," both colored, twenty-one years old each, self confessed highwaymen and hold up men, at a special session of the police court last night were held for the action of the grand jury by Justice Thompson. They admitted having held up and robbed Roy L. Fahnstock, a Southern Railway fireman who lives at 1003 Cameron street and William Lyles, a car inspector at the Potomac Railroad yards who lives at 1409 Prince street.

All of the money and other articles taken from the two men by the robbers except a gold chain belonging to Fahnstock were recovered by the police from the prisoners. Both men willingly admitted their guilt in court, having previous to the hearing confessed to the police.

According to the testimony of Fahnstock he was held up about 10 o'clock Tuesday night while on Duke street extended. He said the men first asked for a match and he told them he had none whereupon they ordered him to halt and drew a gun. While one covered him with the gun the other grabbed his gold watch and chain.

He was unable to positively identify the men, but told the court they bore a description of the men who robbed him.

William Lyles next was called. He testified that at 11 o'clock Tuesday night while on his way to work at the Potomac Railroad yards while at the west end of Oronoco street he was held up at the point of a pistol by the men, whom he identified, and robbed of \$28, a pistol and pocketknife.

Both men were arrested the night of the robberies by Policemen Bell and Campbell.

A large crowd was present in court when the prisoners were arraigned. Both men appeared entirely unconcerned.

GRANT ROBBED THIRD MAN

The two negroes were brought before the Police Court again this morning when Robert L. Huntington, Jr., identified James Grant as the highwayman who robbed him of a Hamilton gold watch a night or two ago. A scar on the right side of Grant's head corresponded with the description which had been given the police. Mr. Huntington said Grant searched his pockets while another negro held a pistol to his head. Grant denied the charge.

RECEPTION TOMORROW

In Honor of Rev. Dr. E. V. Regester and Rev. H. P. Hamill New Presiding Elder

A reception will be given at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in the Young People's building by the congregation of the M. E. Church South in honor of Rev. Dr. E. V. Regester, recently reappointed pastor of that church, and Rev. H. P. Hamill, the new presiding elder, formerly located in Martinsburg, W. Va., who has just arrived in this city.

There will be welcoming addresses, a musical and refreshments will be served.

Members of this church who have recently located in Alexandria are invited to attend.

BUILDERS ATTENTION

One of the imperative needs of Alexandria is a large number of moderate priced cottages. We have the lots and can also furnish a large amount of the material to build, why not see us today and talk this matter over. F. C. Goodnow Company, agents, Office 600 King street. Phone 388 103-It.

He had a Bug in His Brain. But Now "It's a Bear." See Taylor Holmes at the Grand Theater tonight.

A. W. GREGG DIES

Former Representative Was First Elected in 1903. Ill Many Weeks Alexander White Gregg, former representative from Texas, died at his home in Palestine, Tex., yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock after a long illness.

Mr. Gregg was a native of Texas. He graduated from King College at Bristol, Tenn., and later entered the law department of the University of Virginia. He was elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress in 1903 and to each succeeding Congress until in March of this year, due to failing health, he withdrew from politics. When in Washington Mr. Gregg made his home at the Cairo apartments. He was 69 years of age and had been in poor health for many weeks prior to his death. He is survived by his widow and four children. Burial will be from his home on Saturday.

CAPTURES NINE SINGLE HANDED

Walter Moore of This City Awarded Service Cross by Government

CITED FOR HEROISM

Turns Over One Officer and Eight Men and Alone Advanced Fifty Yards to Attack Sniper.

Walter Moore, of 1700 Prince street, who for the past twelve months has served his country overseas, has returned to his home in this city. Private Moore was awarded the distinguished service cross for extraordinary heroism in action near Brancourt, France, October 3 and near Vaux Andigny, France, October 9, 1918.

During the action of his company at Brancourt, Private Moore went out alone, and attacked an outpost, containing one officer and eight men, capturing the entire party and turning them over as prisoners. On the following day he advanced alone fifty yards in front of his company to attack an enemy sniper who was placing an effective fire on our lines. Private Moore was a member of Company I, 118th Infantry.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY

Sky Pilot In No Man's Land, Ralph Connor; The City of Comrades, Basil King; Netherleigh, W. Riley; Skipper John of the Nimbus, Raymond McFarland; Judith of Blue Lake Ranch, Jackson Gregory; The Journal of a Recluse, M. Fisher; Miss Mailand (Private Secretary) G. Bonner; Good Old Anna, Mrs. Belle Lowndes; Lady Larkspur, Meredith Nicholson; Green Valley, Katharine Reynolds; The Emblem of Fidelity, James Lane Allen; The Bargain True, Nalbro Bartley; A Land Girl's Love Story, Berta Ruck; The Arrow of Gold, Joseph Conrad; Edgewater People, M. E. Wilkins-Freeman; The Prestons, Mary H. Vorse; The Riddle of the Purple Emperor, T. W. Hanshaw; From Sunup to Sundown, Cora Harris; An American Family, Henry K. Webster; With the Help of God and a Few Marines, Brigadier General A. W. Catlin; Dorothy Draycott's Today, Virginia Townsend; Dorothy Draycott's Tomorrow, Virginia Townsend; Guy Harris (The Runaway) Harry Castleman; Victory, Joseph Conrad.

VIRGINIA ALLOWED MILITIA

War Department Gives Authority For Infantry and Artillery Washington, May 1.—Authority was given by the War Department yesterday for the organization of one regiment of National Guard Infantry in California, one battalion of infantry in Florida and two battalions of infantry and four companies of coast artillery in Virginia. Approval of the proposal by the States interested that they be permitted to organize these units was based on the department's policy of providing military organizations for those States requiring military forces of their own without awaiting permanent reorganization of the old National Guard.

QUOTA IS \$4,000 FOR RELIEF FUND

Appeal Made For Armenian and Syrian War Sufferers

DRIVE ENDS SATURDAY

All Urged to Send in Contributions so That There Will be no Necessity For Canvass.

Alexandria has been requested to raise \$4,000 for the Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund, and the chairman of the local committee hopes that everyone will respond promptly in order that the campaign may be closed Saturday night without the necessity of a house to house canvass.

Remittances should be sent to J. T. Preston, Treasurer, care of the Chamber of Commerce.

It is hoped that all Alexandrians will respond to alleviate the suffering of these unfortunate people.

Hours among 330,000 Armenian refugees on the border between Russian and Turkish Armenia, "unparalleled among the atrocities of the great war" were described in a cablegram from Dr. A. W. Halsey, Commissioner to the Congresses of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief, made public today by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

Dr. Halsey asserted that famine and disease were killing the refugees at the rate of one-seventh of the entire number each month, and added that typhus had begun to make its appearance among the sufferers.

"On the streets of Alexandropol on the day of my arrival," said the message, "one hundred and ninety-two corpses were picked up. This is far below the average per day. At Ejdmiadzin I looked for a time at a refugee burial. Seven bodies were thrown indiscriminately into a square pit, as carrion, and covered with the earth, without any suggestion of care or pity. The workman told me that the seven in this pit were the first load of thirty-five to be brought out from the village that morning. The cart had gone back for another load."

"The refugees dare not go forward. They halt on the border land of their home. The Turk, the Kurd and the Tartar have taken possession of their lands and hold it by force of arms. A line almost like a battle line, from the Black Sea region, where is located the Southwestern Republic, with Karas as its capital, to the Caspian Sea, where Baku is the capital of the Azerbaijan republic, together with a line of Turks, Kurds and Tartars, between these two extremes, holds the refugees where they are. The total number is more than \$40,000. To these must be added the local inhabitants, also suffering indescribable hardships."

"Should our government delay in reaching out a helping hand to these suffering people? The question of political expediency ought to be forgotten in the present of this world catastrophe. These people look to America. Our government is under moral obligations to respond."

MOB HOLDS UP TRAIN

Shreveport, La., May 1.—An armed mob held up a passenger train on the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific Railway, near Monroe, La., yesterday and dragged George Holden, negro, off and shot him to death. The negro was accused of writing insulting notes to a white woman at Monroe, and was being taken to Shreveport for safekeeping.

Two previous attempts to lynch him had failed.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late Eugene B. Taylor, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present their statement properly certified for settlement, all persons indebted to the deceased will please settle promptly. VIRGINIA A. SMOOT. 104-3t.

RETIRE FROM BUSINESS

E. L. Allen Disposes of Interest in Drug Firm to J. E. W. Timberman The drug firm of E. L. Allen and Company, located at the northwest corner of King and Washington streets, was today dissolved by mutual consent. E. L. Allen, the senior member of the firm retiring. As will be seen by a notice elsewhere in this paper the business hereafter will be conducted by the junior member of that firm J. E. W. Timberman. This firm was established sixty-three years ago, being founded in 1856 by W. Lewis Milburn. He was succeeded by S. H. Lunt and afterward came Lunt and Davidson and then J. D. H. Lunt and next Lunt and Allen and subsequently Ernest E. Allen. In 1905 Mr. Allen associated with Mr. Timberman. The Gazette extends its best wishes for success to Mr. Timberman and also to the retiring member of the firm, Mr. Allen.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep appreciation and thanks to our friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy, extended us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. Mr. R. E. Dunn and family. 104-1t.

THE MOST IMPORTANT LOAN BUY BONDS NOW

Our future (esteem in the eyes of the nations of the world depends upon our performance now.

The American citizen is standing up for the world's inspection. Our rapid fire ability to do things astounded the world.

America entered the fight to save civilization. She exceeded all expectations. Blood was shed and lives were given willingly. The people gladly furnished funds from their savings that the war might be financed. Peace was accomplished sooner than expected and America made a great stride in prominence. A great part of that army we placed on the battlefield is still in France. Navy transports are rapidly bringing the soldiers home, but the task is an enormous one. The United States government has business contracts for war material that it must take care of.

The rapid fire action that played such an important part in crushing Germany was made possible by the ready response of the nation in the Liberty Loan drives. Everybody realized that things had to be done quickly.

Shells are no longer killing our soldiers. The enemy's guns have been silenced. That is why the Victory Liberty Loan is probably the most important of all loans. It is a "peace loan" to pay the cost of peace and calls for the greatest response.

It is a test for the American citizen. It will prove whether or not he realizes the importance of the government meeting its obligations and maintaining its position of esteem. It is a final call for us to show the world the true spirit of America.

ALBANIANS IN REVOLT

Would Drive Out Italian Army of Occupation Saloniki, May 1.—The revolt in Albania against the Italian troops of occupation is spreading wider and wider, according to advices to the Greek newspaper Hellas. The commander of the rebels is said to have a force of 4,000 men.

Several hundred Albanians, it is added, have sent a message to the Peace Conference denouncing Italian acts in Albanian and affirming confidence in Essad Pasha.

OMAHA BARS ANARCHISTS

Mayor Forbids Scheduled Meeting For May Day Omaha, Neb., May 1.—Mayor Smith yesterday forbade the holding of an advertised meeting of Socialists and I. W. W. tonight, at which an "international labor day" program was to be given.

"I want the whole world to know that anarchy cannot be preached in Omaha," said the Mayor. The committee in charge of the program announced, after being told of the Mayor's order, that the meeting will be held at the Socialists' headquarters.

FILTER PLANT READY JULY 1

Reserve Capacity of 500,000 Gallons Additional Filter Unit

IT WILL COST \$65,000

Work Now Being Done by Alexandria Water Co.—Expected Plant Completed by Above Date.

The filtration plant for Alexandria City now in course of erection by the Alexandria Water Company at the distributing reservoirs of the company on Shooters hill is proceeding rapidly. The filter building 67 by 15 feet, a two story structure with a head house three stories in height and being erected by the Water Company is about under roof. The reinforced concrete foundations for the one story chemical house 58 by 20 feet are now being erected. All of the concrete and timber foundations for the sedimentation and filter tanks and wash water tank are in place.

All of the cast iron piping system, valves and equipment are in the ground and in course of erection. Twelve carpenters have been engaged in erecting the filter building and a large force of laborers, plumbers, and pipe fitters is engaged on the supply lines to the filters from the pumping plant and filtered water discharge into the reservoirs.

Lewis Henschel, the erecting engineer of the New York Continental Jewell Filtration Company, is on the ground engaged in carrying out the contract of his company with the Alexandria Water Company.

Thirteen cars are required to transport the material to be erected by the Filter Company of pipe and valves and special castings. The cast iron strainers and filter material, automatic rate of flow controller, the filtering tanks of a combined capacity of two and one-half million gallons per day. Three cars now en route from California containing the filtering tanks and sedimentation tanks. Six cars of special graded sand and gravel filtering material now en route.

In addition to the above material, it was taken four large cars to transport valves to be provided and erected by the Water Company to connect its pumping mains to the filter plant, with provision for future connection to its gravity supply from its 600,000 gallon Barcroft storage reservoir.

The Filtration plant when completed will have an ample reserve capacity in excess of the present consumption with provision for the addition of a 500,000 gallon additional filter unit. Every effort is being made to have the plant in operation on or before July 1. The estimated total cost at this time will be in excess of \$65,000.

PARIS TAKES DAY OFF

Business at Standstill in Observance Of Labor Holiday. Paris, May 1.—Business in Paris was halted yesterday in observance of May Day (Europe's labor day). Work was stopped on all transportation lines and in theaters, factories, offices and shops.

Even the newspapers did not publish, setting a precedent in labor demonstrations.

PIER STRIKE FAILS

New York, May 1.—Officials of the United States Railroad Administration here declared the strike of freight handlers on piers a failure. Sixty per cent of the men, it was stated, either refused to quit their work or have been replaced by others.

Early to Bed and Early to Rise: A Tenderfoot Takes Cowboys by Surprise. Wins the Respect of All These Tough Guys. Grand Theatre tonight.

STREET BATTLE

Three Persons Wounded in Washington Yesterday Afternoon

Washington, May 1.—Three persons were wounded in an exchange of shots yesterday afternoon in a thickly settled residence section a few blocks from Union Station, between Bryant C. McMahon, a taxicab driver, and negroes suspected of having held up and robbed him early this morning. Spectators said about 100 shots were fired.

McMahon told the police he was held up about 1 A. M. a few blocks from the scene of the shooting. Eight negroes in an automobile took his pocketbook containing \$56 and also his taxicab.

With persons who said they could identify the bandits, McMahon went on a hunt and this afternoon accosted a pedestrian pointed out as one of the highwaymen. The firing then began. The negroes escaped.

PARADE POSTPONED OWING TO RAIN

Concert in Front of Young People's Building If Rain Ceases

EXHIBIT TOMORROW

Big Tank Will Give Exhibition From 7 Until 8 O'clock at Old Canal Basin.

The Victory Loan parade was called off late this afternoon owing to the inclemency of the weather.

Announcement to this effect was made this afternoon by Robert S. Jones, chairman of the local Victory Loan Committee.

However, in the event the rain lets up it is proposed to have a band concert at 7.30 o'clock in front of the Young People's building. The concert will be given by the 63rd Infantry band of fifty pieces. The public is invited to attend.

The big six ton tank, which is already stated in The Gazette, arrive here yesterday afternoon will give a spectacular exhibition of work on the backfields at the old canal basin, at the end of North Washington street from 7 until 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

EXCITEMENT IN ITALY

Anti-American Demonstrations in Trieste Reported—Regret Expressed. Paris, May 1.—Disquieting reports were received from Italy yesterday. The conferences between Premier Orlando and American Ambassador Page are understood to have been unsatisfactory.

Anti-American demonstrations were reported in Trieste, where a crowd is said to have gathered in front of the Y. M. C. A. and demanded that the American flag be hauled down.

Regret for the incident was expressed later. Reports have been circulated that if the Italians do come back they would be headed by former Premier Luzano, but press headquarters appeared certain that Premier Orlando would resume the leadership if they decided to return.

American officials were quite confident that Orlando would be back. Considerable significance was attached to the fact that minor representatives here have been sounding out the Americans as to whether the United States would favor conferring the mandate for Syria upon Italy if she would return and accept a compromise on her Adriatic claims.

Are You a Naturalist? Well, Don't Despair. See Taylor Holmes in "It's a Bear." Grand Theatre Tonight.

NEWS OF CITY TOLD IN BRIEF

Wear a Victory Bond Button. Mrs. O. P. Lloyd will lead the Anne Lee prayer meeting at 3 p. m. tomorrow.

John D. Nemoyle, trustee, has sold to Belle E. Mudd house and lot 331 North St. Asaph street.

Henry Schlichting has received word that his son Paul Schlichting, arrived from overseas yesterday and now is in Newport News, Va.

Private C. Marshall Schiefeld, who has been overseas since January, 1918, arrived on the Leviathan today. He is now at Base Hospital, Camp Mills, N. Y.

Misses Mat and Susan Waters, who have been visiting Mrs. J. T. Harrison, 319 North Columbus street, have returned to their home at Aberton, Md.

Peter F. Hall has sold to David Czekel the house and lot at the northeast corner of Patrick and Oronoco streets. A deed of transfer was recorded today.

At a called meeting of the common council held last night a resolution to borrow the sum of \$30,000 and to issue notes of the city, recommended by the committee on finance, was adopted.

A large number of Odd Fellows and their friends last night attended a celebration given at Odd Fellows' Hall by Sarcopa Lodge No. 47 in observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of that order.

Miss Maggie Deane, administratrix of the estate of James Deane, and others, have sold to S. Tufton Dove the two story brick residence on Rosemont avenue, Rosemont, together with the west half of lot No. 1.

Semi-annual meeting of the Alexandria Auxiliary of the mission to spare will be held in the Sunday school room of the M. E. Church at 7.30 o'clock tomorrow. The contents of the gold pig banks will be collected at this meeting.

Those who patronize soda water fountains today commenced to pay the war luxury tax imposed by the government on soft drinks. Drinks formerly sold by five and ten cents each today cost six and eleven cents respectively; twenty cent drinks twenty-two and twenty-five cent drinks twenty-eight cents.

A telegram was received yesterday by the parents of Lieut. Beaurie L. Howell saying he expects to return in May. Lieut. Howell, who has been overseas since last June with the 29th Division, 104th Engineers, and who was in action in October and November last, has recently been acting captain of his company at an officers' school, he attended in February. He stood number 11 out of a class of 65 officers and number one out of the six officers from his regiment.

ARMY OF SEARCHLIGHTS

A unique and beautiful spectacle was witnessed by thousands of men and women last night when a battery of powerful army searchlights swept the skies above the White House Ellipse and "spotted" American, British, French and Italian flags which were fired from mortars and suspended hundreds of feet in the air by means of miniature parachutes.

The searchlights were stationed around the rim of the Ellipse and on the roofs of office buildings and presented a dazzling and inspiring spectacle as the powerful rays of light crisscrossed in the skies, and alternately flooded the Monument, the park and the thousands of onlookers with light.

The flags were shot high into the air by means of six-inch mortars in the center of the Ellipse. Each mortar would explode with a sheet of flame and a few seconds later the bomb would burst hundreds of feet above the crowd.

Many Alexandrians visited Washington last night to witness the display, most of which could be seen from this city.