FSHER SUES FOR $300,000

NEW YORK, Special.—George E. Fisher, a promoter, formerly of 37 Wall Street, filed an action in the Supreme Court Friday, to recover $300,000 damages from Peter H. Corr and T. Ashby Blythe, two Philadelphia capitalists, for alleged false arrest and prosecution.

Fisher, who was involved in a transaction with Virginia railroad securities several years ago that is alleged to have cost Frank J. Gould and his sister, Helen Gould, about $1,400,000, charges in his complaint that Blythe had him arrested for grand larceny in December, 1904. He says that Blythe secured the warrant upon being urged to do so by Corr.

The arrest was based upon a claim that Fisher had appropriated two notes for $10,000 and $15,000, respectively, of the Southern Textile Company, and had obtained a draft of $3,750 from Corr by false representations. Fisher says he was tried on this charge and acquitted.

At the time of the arrest, Fisher complains, he required a large amount of credit to transact the business in which he was engaged. He owed about $300,000, secured by $400,000 worth of securities, and had an additional $100,000 worth of securities in reserve.

As a result of his arrest Fisher claims that the loans to him were called and his $500,000 worth of securities were sacrificed for $350,000. The expense of defending the action against him was $30,000. He wants the $300,000 damages in payment of his money loss and the loss to his credit and reputation.

Fisher is credited with having organized a merger of trolley lines in Richmond, Va. He is also said to have engineered the organization of the Southern Textile Company. The Goulds became interested in his securities through Dr. John P. Munn, who was formerly personal physician of Jay Gould.

THE PRO AND CON OF WOMEN VOTING

DR. MACLACHLAN REPLIES TO ARGUMENTS OF DR. HATCHER AGAINST THE MEASURE.

RICHMOND, VA., Special.—The pro and con of equal suffrage has now been discussed in Richmond by two ministers, both recognized for their force and influence. Rev. Dr. S. C. Hatcher, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist Church, Sunday, January 15th, took the ground that woman was unfitted for politics, and that it would be detrimental to her home life to have the ballot.

Last night Rev. Dr. H. D. C. Maclachlan, pastor of the Seventh Street Christian Church, took the other side of the question, declaring that public affairs needed a feminine touch.

While no announcement was made, nor the slightest hint advanced, that last night's sermon was a reply to Dr. Hatcher two weeks before, it was so regarded, and the advocates of suffrage for women whispered it among their friends for days before that Dr. Maclachlan would reply to Dr. Hatcher's views.

The church was crowded to the doors.

Dr. Maclachlan's position was that the only reasons which could be advanced as to why women should not have a voice and vote in politics were founded on ridicule, ignorance, prejudice and selfishness.

Dr. Maclachlan's address was powerful and intensely interesting. Declaring that "the pulpit does exist to preach the Gospel only; that the Gospel has to do with human life in its whole extent, and that its business is with everything that uplifts the race, whatever its label, whether it is called artistic, literary, religious, social or political," he began his treatment of his subject, "Woman in a Democracy" by an examination of the arguments advanced by those against permitting women to vote.

Passing over the ridiculous side of woman suffrage with the assertion that "it is easy to be funny at the expense of the true and good," and that "to laugh at a thing does not necessarily prove it ridiculous," he dwelt on what he termed the ignorance of "the facts of equal suffrage, its past hi[illegible] present accom- [illegible] was the "wo- [illegible] is expressed that the [illegible] nothing of the laws [illegible] because he did not [illegible] was to be his punishment [illegible] publicity in the fight. He did [illegible] according to the best informa- [illegible] have at hand, flee because of his [illegible]lt. But the jury evidently did not [illegible] take that view of it. The man has a good prison record, both in jail and in the penitentiary. He has made a model prisoner. Here is a list of the gentlemen in the city of Roanoke, the scene of the crime, where all the parties are known, who asked that the man be pardoned, and at their request the pardon was granted: Judge John W. Woods, who presided at the trial; Everett Perkins, attorney for the Commonwealth; James B. Botts, city tax collector; Lawrence S. Davis, treasurer of Roanoke; S. S. Brooke, clerk of the courts; T. R. Tillett, city sergeant; Harry M. Darnall, commissioner of the revenue; E. L. Keyser, member of the House, and John M. Hart, State Senator. That is all the answer I have to make."

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"For centuries man has been bungling municipal and State duties and appealing to women to help him out of the mess he has made. He has proved himself incompetent to solve problem after problem, which women, [illegible]heir long inheritance of insight [illegible]therly instinct, could solve in [illegible]ars if they only had the [illegible]n's fetish is property; wo- [illegible] life. Man thrives in [illegible]ates it with an ele- [illegible] first positive argu- [illegible] us as citizens of [illegible]ichmond favoring [illegible] of the suffrage to women is that our city government needs, above all things, the feminine touch. If left to themselves, men give us what they call a 'business administration,' which too [illegible] means one in which cleanliness, morality and civic beauty are sacrificed to so-called prosperity. Woman, on the other hand, where she has the vote, tends to elect an administration not less businesslike, but more human, more sensitive to the higher values of life. She is a municipal housekeeper and homemaker. Dirty streets and jails, dirty sights and sounds and other similar things are an abomination in her sight. She is interested in public parks and playgrounds more than in reducing the tax rate. Being a born philanthropist she does not long tolerate the exploitation of the weak and defense- [illegible] for the sake of any phantom 'prosperity.'

[illegible]en are not independent, but par- [illegible] Most of them go up to the [illegible] booth and stamp their tickets [illegible]th eyes shut; and some of us [illegible]d to hold our nostrils while [illegible] Not so women. They are [illegible] to 'scratch' in a good cause. [illegible]" he said, "was at the root [illegible] the opposition to woman [illegible] certain interests that [illegible]tened did woman's suf- [illegible] fact. These are, large- [illegible] interests of immoral- [illegible] and greed. Certain [illegible] operators of large [illegible]t to see woman's [illegible] past history has [illegible] on the proper [illegible]bor. The saloonto jail alive.

and gambling housekeeper do not want to see woman's suffrage, because they know it will mean an end to their traffic in human lives. The corrupt politician does not want to see woman's suffrage, because it will mean the purification of elections and his removal from office. The directors of the white slave traffic do not want to see equal suffrage, because they remember how quickly they had to leave Denver, where the women vote, in order to escape a prosecution they laughed at in New York, where the women do not vote."

At another point he said that "in a large number of cases the laws were unjust to woman. In the State of Virginia a woman only owns such clothes as she purchases with her own money; the wife has no right to the earnings of her child; the husband is entitled to all of his wife's personal property, while the wife is entitled to only one-half or one-third, according to circumstances; the mother does not inherit equally with the father in the property of a deceased child; the wife has no choice of a family home; women are not represented on any of the boards of control of the public schools; none but qualified voters are admitted to the bar; there are no women on the boards of control of the State charitable institutions, where most woman's influence is needed, and woman is not eligible to any elective position."

ENGINE CRASHES INTO A FREIGHT TRAIN

LEXINGTON, VA., Special.—Samuel B. Edwards, a watchman in charge of a Baltimore and Ohio engine in Lexington, was killed Sunday in the Union Station yards while returning from East Lexington, where he had taken the locomotive to get water. Because of a wet track the airbrakes refused to operate properly, and the engine crashed into a freight train.

T. C. Phalen, fireman, jumped into the coal box. Edwards attempted to jump and was caught between the engine and tender and badly crushed. He died in about fifteen minutes.

He was twenty-two years old and had been in Lexington one year. He was a san of C. M. Edwards, of Harrisonburg. The funeral will be held at Verona, near Staunton, today.

SHAM BATTLE AT BATHEL JUNE 10TH

JUNE 10TH WILL MARK HALF CENTURY SINCE ARMIES MET IN BATTLE—OBSERVE DAY.

RICHMOND, VA., Special.—Confederate veterans of this city are lending their energies to furthering the scheme to have a great celebration and sham battle at Bethel, Warwick county, June 10, that being the anniversary of the opening battle of the Civil War.

Troops under the command of General D. H. Hill, consisting of Virginia and North Carolina commands, were attacked by the Federals, and a bloody fight followed.

It was in this engagement that the Richmond Howitzers received their baptism of fire, and the Military Board has been approached and will be asked to order the Howitzers and other commands from this city to Bethel for the occasion. The idea is to have the State provide a train for the soldiers and the veterans, and to have Governor Mann and others make addresses. It is also proposed to have the Governor of North Carolina invited, and to request the Secretary of War to order the soldiers from Fortress Monroe to participate.

It is also favored that the veterans from the Federal army who were in the battle shall, as far as possible, be invited to attend. The veterans are in favor of making the celebration one that shall be in keeping with the event which is to be celebrated.

GIVES REASON FOR PARDON TO FERRIS

HE FURNISHES RECORD TO SHOW THAT CRITICISM IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH FACTS.

"There is a disposition on the part of some of the papers of the State to indulge in a little criticism of the Governor for pardoning Moses Ferris," said Governor Mann.

"The papers are evidently not in possession of some facts which have been laid before me. The records show that there was a fight, in which Ellis Assaid and Sam Assaid and Moses Ferris participated. Sam Assaid was arrested and acquitted. Moses Ferris jumped the country and was caught in South America. He was brought [illegible] and given five years in the peni- [illegible] He has served two years and [illegible]

POSSES HUNT NEGRO FIEND

Two Heavily Armed Posses Scour Kentucky for Negro Assailant.

MAYFIELD, KY., Special.—Two posses, each heavily armed, and accompanied by bloodhounds, are engaged in a desperate race to Capture a negro, who, January 29th, criminally attacked Mrs. Nannie Halbrook, a widow, and her twelve-year-old daughter at their home, in Hickory Grove, nearby. One posse is made up of grim and determined citizens bent upon lynching the assailant if caught by the posses made up of police, constables and deputy sheriffs, with instructions to take the negro alive and protect him from the mob until he can stand trial.

The Kentucky hills are being scoured in the mad race.

The negro entered the Halbrook home last night after he had cut the telephone wires, so the alarm could not be given. Mrs. Halbrook, whose husband died only two weeks ago, was alone with her two children. The negro threatened all with death if they gave the alarm.

Mrs. Halbrook and her twelve-year-old daughter are confined to their beds today suffering from the shock and bruises in trying to break away from the negro.

The negro remained at the house until dawn, but it was not until several hours later that the terrified family could muster up courage to give the alarm. The judge of the County Criminal Court and the prosecuting attorney of the county, both instructed the posse of officers to bring the negro

PASTOR RUSSELL TALKS OF SATAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.—Pastor Russell addressed large audiences here twice yesterday at the Opera House. His afternoon theme was "Hereafter." In his evening address he discussed Satan, and suggested valuable lessons from his errors. Incidentilly he showed that many of us have been wrong in thinking of him as a fire stoker in a far off torture chamber; others, equally in error and out of accord with the Scriptures, in denying Satan's personality and claiming that the name represents merely the principle of evil. From the Scriptures Pastor Russell pointed out that he who is known as Satan, or Adversary of God, was not another God evil of disposition and thus contrary to our Creator, nor was he in any sense created evil. He was an angel of light, or rather, The Angel of Light. He was a Prince or Superior amongst the angels—a "covering cherub," as described in the Scriptures. He was glorious, beautiful, intelligent, one of the highest of God's creatures on the spirit plane. Angels in general in the Scriptures are referred to as sons of God and as stars, bright, luminous, glorious. The original name of Satan before his transgression was Lucifer, which signifies a bright and morning star.

One might suppose that an angel of Lucifer's dignity and glory would have been thoroughly content with the wonderful position of Divine favor which he enjoyed. But it is not always those who are without name and fame and blessings who are ambitious for higher things. As the millionaire desires more millions, so Lucifer, rich in Divine favor and blessing, honor and greatness, longed for still more. He was ambitious. It seemed to him that the Divine Program worked slowly. He longed for an opportunity to put into exercise his own brilliant schemes. These schemes naturally were secreted in his own heart. He revealed them to no one. He said in his heart, he would ascend above the stars; he would be as the Most High (Isaiah xiv. 13, 14). Not that he thought of usurping Jehovah's Empire, but merely that he coveted a little corner of the Universe where he could be supreme, above the other angels, exercising his own genius. This unholy thought, disloyal to his Creator, he harbored, instead of repelling as moral poison—instead of saying, "To my God I will be true." My life and every blessing I owe him. He is All-Wise, whether I understand all of his doings or not.

Lucifer Tested—Proved Disloyal.

None of the holy angels were disloyal to God and foolish enough to prefer Satan. Satan's first opportunity for putting his ambition into practice came when mother Eve was created and he heard the divine message that, through the human pair the earth would be peopled with a race of their kind. Ambition whispered, Secure the pair as the foundation for your empire and soon they will fill the earth, and your long-cherished desires will have fulfillment.

The story of the deception of mother Eve by falsehood, and father Adam's disobedience and practical suicide because of his love for his wife, is the well known Bible study. Satan achieved his ends and became, as Scripturally declared, "The Prince of this world" (John 14: 30). But, alas! his kingdom is one of darkness. Sin reigns. And death, the penalty of sin, has brought to mankind pain and sorrow, mental and physical, with moral depravity. Today Satan's empire of 1,600,000,000 is a wretched one, whose only hope is in God and the divine provision—that in due time the Redeemer, as the world's Messiah shall take the scepter of earth and bind Satan for a thousand years, release mankind from the bondage of sin and death, and give to Adam and all his race a full opportunity for return to divine favor, as at first enjoyed, and of knowledge, both of good and evil, of which mother Eve too precipitately partook.

Untruthful and a Murderer.

The speaker quoted Jesus, the great teacher, as saying that "Satan was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth" (John 8: 44). This, he said, corroborated the many other statements of Scripture respecting the personality of Satan. An evil principle could not truthfully be termed a murderer and a falsifier. Such terms could apply only to an intelligent being, such as the Bible describes Lucifer, now called Satan.

St. Paul likewise refers to Satan as a person, saying, "We are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2: 11); and again, "We war not with flesh and blood (merely), but with wicked spirits in high power" (Ephesians 6: 12). The speaker held that Satan has certain evil angels of an inferior grade subordinate to him and o[illegible]hom he is the prince or ruler—"The Prince of demons." These, he said, he might refer to more particularly next Sunday. Through these evil spirits for six thousand years a malevolent influence has been exercised upon mankind.

Not only have they preyed upon human weaknesses and passions, but, as adversaries of God, they have used every device at their command to misrepresent the divine character and plan, putting darkness for light and light for darkness. It was these false teachings, propagated by Satan and his demon subordinates, that the Apostle referred to as "doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4: 1).

The Logos In Contrast With Lucifer.

The speaker believed that St. Paul had in mind the rebellious and degenerate course of Lucifer and intended to institute a contrast between the course of those in the passage which declares that Christ, the Logos, meditated not a usurpation, not to be like God, but, on the contrary, was willing to humble himself and take a bondman's form and then to become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. The Apostle declares, "Him hath God highly exalted and given a name which is above every name"—to which angels bow. The contrast is that Lucifer allowed pride to rankle in his heart and to lead him to rebellion, while the Logos, fully loyal to Jehovah, submitted himself obediently to every test of loyalty applied. The one who sought to exalt himself will be abased to the Second Death. The one who humbled himself in obedience to death, the death of the cross, will experience the great reward—glory, honor and immortality, much more than Satan ever dreamed of.

"Thine was the chastisement, with no release,
That mine might be the peace;
Wounded for my transgressions, stricken sore,
That I might sin no more;
The bruising and the cruel stripes were thine,
That healing might be mine;
Thine were the sentence and the condemnation,
Mine the acquittal and the full salvation."

GRAND OPENING TIMBER EXHIBIT

ONE HUNDRED PROMINENT CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY TO BE HERE.

RICHMOND, VA., Special.—"Captains of industry" to the number of more than one hundred will attend the formal opening of the Virginia timber and mineral exhibit, in the annex to the State Library, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, February 7th. Captain W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield, who had charge of that end of the Jamestown Exposition, will bedren back to class work.

in charge of the ceremonies.

Among those who will make addresses will be Dr. E. A. Shubert, who installed the exhibit, and Dr. T. L. Watson, the State geologist. The exhibit is such a one that will attract attention and commendation from everybody who sees it. The forests have been explored for the best specimens of the woods, and the mines have been forced to yield up their store of coal, stone and ores of various sorts. One exhibit that will attract much attention is a block of coal four feet square and twelve feet long.

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosts on this occasion, and following the ceremonies at the museum there will be a reception at the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, when speeches will be made by some of the many visitors.

The reception at the Jefferson auditorium will take place at 8 o'clock, when the following program, with Mr. H. W. Wood, president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, will entertain the company:

Welcome to the visitors, Mayor D. C. Richardson; "Virginia and Her Resources," Governor William Hodges Mann; "The Southern Railway," President W. W. Finley; "The Norfolk and Western Railway," President L. E. Johnson; "Virginia's Mining Industry," Mr. Daniel B. Wents, president Stonega Coal and Coke Company; "Tidewater Virginia," John R. Saunders; "Virginia's Possibilities," William Henry White, president Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad.

JOSEPH D. LONG SHOOTS HIMSELF

An Alleged Richmond Salesman Shoots Himself in New York Hotel.

NEW YORK, Special.—Joseph D. Levy, a salesman of Richmond, Va., attempted suicide Friday in the Hotel Navarre by shooting himself near the heart with a magazine revolver. He was taken to the New York Hospital and will recover.

Inquiry here today fails to throw any light on the identity of the would-be suicide.

He does not seem to be known here.

RICHMOND, VA., Special.—Harry Earl, the night watchman employed by the Independent Oil Company, and who mysteriously disappeared Friday morning when it was found that an attempt had been made to break into the company's safe, was caught yesterday evening by Officer Wyatt near the Albemarle Paper Mills.

The man denied all knowledge of the attempt on the company's safe. He said that he had been overpowered by two men and tied with wire. The men then went into the office, he declared, and if anyone had tried to break into the safe they must have done it.

Mrs. Earl, who lives at 343 South Cherry Street, told the police, however, that her husband had rushed into the house early yesterday morning and appeared to be very much excited. He told her, according to her statement, that he had just blown up the safe in the company's office and had come home to blow her up. He produced two pistols and threatened to kill her.

Earl then went to his room and after taking an extra suit of clothes from his trunk disappeared. All day the police searched for him, but it was not until late in the evening that they landed him. He made no resistance when placed under arrest and appeared to be in a dazed condition.

Earl has been locked up in the city jail, but will be sent over to Justice Maurice's court in Washington Ward next week for a hearing. No formal charge has yet been preferred against him. The police expect Mrs. Earl to swear out a warrant within the next day or two. She has notified the police that she is afraid of her husband and wishes to be protected.

Detective Kellam is still investigating the attempted robbery, and it is possible that before Earl's hearing is called more serious charges will be made against him.

WILLIAM SHARP'S STRUGGLE WITH HIS FEMININE SELF

The newly published "Memoir" of William Sharp by his wife is as remarkable a human revelation as has come from the press in a long while. Its importance may be traced to the fact that it falls in the main stream of that "psychic" current which expresses itself in Maeterlinck and other writers of his school, and which is taking a more and more dominating place in the life of our time. Mrs. Sharp reveals the spiritual and literary genius of her husband; but she does much more than that. She makes us look at our own souls with new eyes. She shows us the strain of something that is in us all—dual personality, man and woman combined.

"Fiona Macleod" was the consciously feminine side of William Sharp. Many men have feminine sides, as many women have masculine sides, which are never consciously expressed. Otto Weininger, the young German, in his epoch-making book on "Sex and Character," has called attention more clearly probably than any other writer, to the fact that no man is a hundred per cent masculine, as no woman is a hundred per cent feminine; and in this fundamental law may be found a key to unlock many of the mysteries of the human temperament. William Sharp was almost an exactly balanced manwoman. One side of him was brain, the other side emotion. During the first part of his life he expressed, in the main, the masculine elements in him.

A Symposium in the Store.

In a little country village, a crowd of loafers around a store, got to talking about echoes and Jim Sanders said down where he was born and raised there was an echo, and he used to put it to a peculiar use. He said that every night before he went to bed he would put his head out of the window and say:

"Jim Sanders! Seven o'clock; time to get up."

He would start that echo going and next morning at 7 o'clock it would get back and say: "Jim Sanders! Seven o'clock; time to get up."

Dea Witherspoon said he didn't know much about echoes, but he'd seen it rain about as hard as anybody ever seen it rain. Somebody said:

"Deacon, how hard did you ever see it rain?"

"Well, sir," said the deacon, "once upon a time, when I was at home, we had an old cider barrel laying out in the yard with both ends out and the bunghole up and would, you believe it, it rained so hard into that bunghole that water couldn't run out of both ends fast enough and it swelled up and busted."

We thought that was pretty good for a deacon.

Reuben Henry said he'd never seen it rain very hard but he'd seen some mighty cold weather. Somebody said: "Rube, how cold did you ever see it get?"

He said: "Well, sir, one time when I was living down in Pickaway county, in hog-killing time, we had a kettle of boiling water setting on the stove, and we took it out in the yard and it froez so doggone quick the ice was hot."—National Monthly.

DEFY HEALTH BOARD.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Special.—The District School Board today issued orders to the teachers of the West End School in the county to disregard the order of the county Board of Health, by which the school was closed last Tuesday, and to resume Wednesday. The school was closed becau[illegible] of scarlet fever. The School Board [illegible]olds that the step was unnecessary an[illegible] will defy the Health Board in putting 280 chil-

TELLS HOW IT FEELS TO DIE

Dr. Evans, Friend of Napoleon, Who Gave Accounts of Physical Phenomena, Dead.

PARIS, Special.—Dr. John Evans, PARIS, Jan. 30.—Dr. John Evans, known as Marquis De Oyley, a relative of "Fighting Bob" Evans, the retired rear admiral of the American Navy and a friend of Napoleon III., died January 30th.

Dr. Evans achieved considerable fame in the medical world by accourits of personal physical phenomena when he declared his heart had stopped beating and he was apparently dead.

Dr. Evans first discovered his ability to consummate this remarkable feat and still live during the Civil War, when he acted as surgeon to Company H, of the Twelfth Pennsylvania Reserves. In a recent article on "How It Feels to Die," Dr. Evans wrote: "I am not worrying about death and am not afraid to die. I believe that I have gone through all any normal person suffers when he dies."

FOUND GIRL DEAD IN HOTEL ROOM.

NEW YORK, Special.—The Police of various cities were today asked to instigate a search for a tall, slender man who wears a light overcoat and a slouch hat, who is wanted to clear up the murder of a handsome woman found dead from strangulation last night in the Hotel Briant, at Forty-fourth Street and Sixth Avenue.

Today, twelve hours after the discovery of the crime, the remains of the woman were still unidentified in the morgue, but the murderer was still at large. The man and woman had registered early yesterday morning at the hotel as "Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Montclair, N. J."

Slayer Gets Good Start.

The police declared today that these were fictitious names. The man had fourteen hours' start upon the police and the authorities believe that he has left the city.

The muscles of her throat were contracted and there were dark bruises on the outside of the neck and upon her arms and shoulders. Her tongue was lacerated by the murderer, who had shoved a towel down her throat.

A telephone call may lead to the capture of the assassin. Hotel attaches remembered today that about an hour before the man left the hotel he called up a number on the telephone. The police refused to divulge the number, although they declared that they had secured a valuable clew from it. Edward Craig, the bell boy who discovered the crime, was taken to police headquarters this morning and questioned.

Found by Bell Boy.

"When the woman in the room failed to answer I was ordered to investigate," said he.

"I knocked, but got no answer. I opened the door with a skeleton key and there was the woman half lying on the bed with something white sticking from her mouth. An outer black skirt and a fur coat were hanging on the back of a chair."

There was neither card nor trinket in the woman's hand bag to help identify her.

Her clothing led the police to think that she was not a resident of New York. She was about thirty-five years old, with reddish brown hair and blue eyes. Attaches of the hotel said they had never seen her before.

Valley's Apple Shipments Heavy.

HARRISONBURG, VA., Special.—Captain C. M. Borum, traveling freight agent of the Southern Railway Company, gives out the following figures showing the apple shipments on the Valley branch, between Harrisonburg and Manassas, for 1904: Rockingham county, 60,000 barrels; Shenandoah, 64,000; Warren and Rappahannock, 50,000; Loudoun, 10,000; Fauquier, 9,000. The above shows an increase of 100 per cent. over the biggest year heretofore, which was 93,000 barrels.

BLIND BOY AT HEAD OF CLASS

WILLIE SCHENCK LEADS HIS GRADUATION CLASS AND IS CALLED BOY MARVEL

NEW YORK, Special.—Blind fifteen-year-old William Schenck will be graduated from Public School No. 20 next week. He leads 450 pupils in examination percentage, has received the Davis character medal, and is said by Dr. William H. Maxwell to be a "boy marvel."

As a child Schenck was sent by his parents, who live in Bayside, L. I., to the New York Institute for the Blind. There he was taught the New York point system. Three years ago he was enrolled in Public School No. 20, at Rivington and Forsyth Streets.

He did not know the Braille system, which is used for blind pupils at that school, but mastered it within three weeks, and at the end of six weeks was at the head of his class and has remained there ever since.

At his final examination this week he wrote upon a typewriter the answers to the questions put to him by Miss Loretta Burns, his teacher.

Schenck lives with his parents on a farm about two and a half miles from the Long Island Railroad station at Jamaica. Every day since he has been coming to Manhattan to school he has walked, unattended, to the station to catch the 8:05 train. The railroad employes assist him to the ferry, and upon his arrival in New York he is met by another boy, who goes to the same school with him.

Schenck says that his hobby is English. He declares that though his parents are supporting him now he will pay them back, and that no one will ever have to support him once he has finished his education.

WOMAN SHOOTS J. G. DAVIS.

ROANOKE, VA., Special.—J. G. Davis, a former member of the House of Delegates from Grayson county and a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, was shot and wounded Jan. 30th, at Independence, Grayson county, Va., by Mrs. Claudie Edwards.

Davis went to the Edwards place with Cleve Troy, brother of Mrs. Edwards, to return a pair of oxen which Troy had bought from her husband, and which he claimed had been misrepresented. Mrs. Edwards ordered Davis and Troy not to turn the oxen in the farm, and when they disregarded her she fired at them with a double-barrelled shotgun.

Fifteen of the shot struck Davis. Mrs. Edwards was arrested, but later was bailed.

BUREAU OF NATIONAL PARKS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.—At the request of the American Civic Association, Representative Davidson, of Wisconsin, introduced in the House today a bill for the establishment of a bureau of National Parks.

A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Smoot. The purpose is to place the control of national parks and monuments under one bureau instead of having them controlled by bureaus in different departments as at present.

GIRL SHOOTS HERSELF.

CUMBERLAND, VA., Special Stella Ray, eighteen years old, waitress at the Mountainview Hotel, Glady, W. Va., shot herself Saturday night, to the left of the heart, in an attempt at suicide.

She was talking with Mrs. Wadsworth, wife of the proprietor, when she suddenly picked up the revolver and fired, remarking that she could not resist the temptation to use it.

She was removed to the hospital at Elkins in a precarious condition.

APPROACHING CONVENTION OF ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE WILL BEGIN GREAT FIGHT.

The tenth annual convention of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League will [illegible] held in the First Presbyterian Church, Newport News, Va., Tuesday-Thursday, February 21st-23d. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 P. M. the 21st.

The last convention took an unequivocal position for Statewide prohibition. This convention will be more important in that a Statewide campaign will be definitely launched.

A program of great interest is being prepared. Congressman Carter Glass will discuss "The Nullification of Our Virginia Constitution." Speaker R. E. Byrd will discuss matters relating to registration of voters contrary to law; Thomas Whitehead, Jr., attorney for the league, will discuss "Law Enforcements," and will conduct a "question box" on the same. Nothing in the convention will be of more practical interest than this feature conducted by Mr. Whitehead. Dr. P. A. Baker, national superintendent, and Rev. S. E. Nicholson, national legislative superintendent, will speak; the latter will discuss "The Interstate Commerce Measures" now before Congress and other national legislation.

From this State are expected such men as Drs. W. S. Neighbors, George W. McDaniel and G. W. Perryman. Reports from the various sections of the State and from license and no-license cities will be striking features of the convention.

Hotel Warwick will be headquarters of the convention.

EAT POISONED FOOD.

ROANOKE, VA., Special.—Frank Payne, colored, is dead, and Maggie Barber and Laura Hubbard are in a critical condition as the result of eating food believed to have contained poison.

The trio lived in the servants' quarters on the premises of E. M. Smeed. Yesterday morning Laura Hubbard, Smeed's cook, failed to put in an appearance. Mr. Smeed went to the servants' room and broke open the window. There he found Payne dead and the two women ill. The police were notified. It is believed the negroes got some food which contained poison, and the coroner is investigating. The women will probably recover.

WORKED HOTEL MEN.

ROANOKE, VA., Special.—E. L. Scott, who, while representing himself as a traveling man, is alleged to have obtained money by fraud on the strength of a telegram telling of the death in North Dakota of his wife, was arested in Bluefield, W. Va.

Scott, it is charged, after "working" hotel men here, went to Radford Saturday night and obtained $250 from sympathizers to whom he showed a children had been killed in a railroad wreck.

SYDNOR NOT A CANDIDATE.

PETERSBURG, VA., Special.—J. A. Sydnor, of Manboro, Amelia county, who for the past three terms has represented the counties of Amelia and Nottoway in the State Legislature, told the Journal correspondent that he would not be a candidate for reelection. The candidates for election to succeed Mr. Sydnor are Messrs. W. A. Lamb, editor of the Blackstone Courier, and Thomas Overby, of Nottoway county. Mr. Sydnor declines to run on account of pressing business engagements.

TAFT IN FAVOR OF SAN FRANCISCO

Taft Will Aid 'Frisco in Fight for Exposition—Modify "Exclusion Clause."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Special.—With California's hands tied because of the exposition fight, the Administration will attempt to force a new Japanese treaty through Congress at this session, it is said on good authority, today.

President Taft is now almost openly in favor of San Francisco in the fight for the 1915 Panama Exposition. It is said he demands in return the support of California or at least her non-interference regarding the passage of the new treaty in which distinct concessions are to be made to Japanese on the immigration question. The State Department has not yet made its terms public, but it is well understood that the present "exclusion clause" will be modified.

The present treaty with Japan expires in 1912, but can be abrogated by mutual consent now and a new treaty made.

THIS HEN "ON TO" ROTS AND SPOTS

JOHNSTOWN, N. Y., Special.—Giles Freeman, a farm hand employed by Eddie Hale, owns a brown leghorn hen of fine pedigree and a remarkable nature.

Before he bought the fowl of Hale Freeman noticed whenever the hen was put on a new setting she would kick several eggs from the nest. Marking these eggs and putting them under other setting hens Freeman found that not one would hatch. The remaining eggs invariably brought forth chicks.

Tired of buying setting eggs for a hen to scatter over the floor, Hale decided to sell the fowl. Freeman, knowing of her wonderful nature, purchased her. He christened her Minerva.

Each spring now Freeman uses her only to sort worthless eggs from the settings of farmers, who come from a radius of many miles to have the bird pass judgment on their assorted eggs.

DABNEY AT HEAD OF COLONADE CLUB.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Special.—Professor Richard Heath Dabney, of the school of history, has been elected president of the Colonnade Club of the University of Virginia.

The new members of the board of governors are Professors Charles W. Kent and Thomas L. Watson. Dean William M. Lile, in resigning the presidency, announced that plans were nearly ripe for the building of an addition to the clubhouse.

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WASHIN[illegible] rection of the [illegible] Edward S. Bar[illegible] in-chief of the P[illegible] submitted his r[illegible] from the navy, "for the good [illegible] the service." It was immediately accepted. The enforced resignation is the outgrowth of charges which have been in circulation affecting the moral character of the naval officer.

In response to a telegraphic request, Admiral Barry was placed on the retired list of the navy on January 14th, several months in advance of the date on which he would have retired by operation of law. His right to seek voluntary retirement was his privilege under the law permitting such action after forty years' active service.

The Secretary of the Navy took up the request with the President, and it was promptly approved. Later, however, reports began to emanate from San Francisco to the effect that Admiral Barry's retirement was forced by a demand that he resign on account of alleged scandalous conduct. It was added that the officers of the cruiser West Virginia, Admiral Barry's flagship, were not satisfied with retirement, but insisted upon his resignation.

TAKES PLEDGE SO HE WON'T DRINK HERITAGE

NEW YORK, Special.—A man entered the office of Chief Magistrate Otto Kempner late yesterday afternoon in the Brooklyn Borough Hall. He was about thirty-five years old.

"I want to sign the pledge," he said.

"Why, what's the trouble?" asked the magistrate, seeing that the young man was perfectly sober.

"Well, Your Honor, it's this way," he began. "For twelve years I have been a drinker. It seems as though a thousand times I have had fortune in the shape of excellent opportunities at my finger tips. Always my chance slipped from my grasp because of drink.

"Now, I have had property worth $12,000 left to me in Erie, Pa., and I want to sign the pledge to keep me from drinking it up. And besides, a baby girl of three years and the sweetest wife a man could have beg me to stop drinking, and I have concluded that it is best for me to do so."

"Who are you?" asked the magistrate.

"I am Nathan A. Ellery, and I live at 1449 Bushwick Avenue," he said. "The property was bequeathed to me by an uncle, Norman Morton, who was a wealthy farmer in Erie county, Pa."

Magistrate Kempner got a blank pledge and started to fill it out. As he came to the time during which the signer should remain abstemious, he asked:

"How long?"

"Forever," answered Ellery, and it was written down.

He raised his right hand, and in a voice that choked with emotion, took the oath.

"Now I will go into business for myself," he said.

"Good luck to you!" said Magistrate Kempner as he shook hands with him.

TYSON AND WIFE FIRE UPON FLEEING THIEVES

GREENWICH, CONN., Special.—Mrs. John H. Tyson, wife of the rich automobilist, who was Dorothy Davidson, an actress, and whose home is at Riverside adjoining the Yacht Club, was awakened about 2 o'clock the other morning by sounds that seemed to be produced by the constant tapping of hard wood against metal. She listened intently for some moments, then aroused her husband. The sounds ceased abrutly at that moment.

Tyson got a loaded shotgun and two revolvers. Mrs. Tyson, with one of the revolvers, followed him to a window. A fog hung over the place, but through the mist they saw two men coming from the garage.

The fog soon blotted them out, but not before Tyson had emptied both barrels of the shotgun and Mrs. Tyson a chamber of her revolver. There was a sharp cry of pain near the garage, followed by groans. Tyson and his wife kept up the fusilade until the cartridges were exhausted.

About half an hour after the first alarm a low whistle was heard near the river shore, answered in a minute from a point directly in front of the Tyson house.

Then came the sound of oars working in rusty oarlocks. The watchmen ran to the river bank, but the fog was so dense they could not see twenty feet. On the way back they discovered several crimson spots on the frozen ground near the garage, and consequently believe one or more of eighteen shots fired by Mr. and Mrs. Tyson took effect. Owing to the hardness of the earth no footprints could be made out.

LAZOON ROCKED BY EARTHQUAKE

MANILA, Special.—Earthquake shocks rocked the Island of Luzon, doing heavy damage, but causing no loss of life. The disturbance was accompanied by an eruption of the volcano of Taal, the first time since 1873. Lake Bengas has fallen three inches since the shocks began, and it is believed that the bottom of the lake has settled. Natives are fleeing by the hundreds. More than 100 shocks have been recorded since yesterday morning.

MEXICAN REGULARS BESEIGED IN HOUSE

EL PASO, TEX., Special.—Three hundred Mexican regular soldiers, under the command of Colonel Rabago—the remnant of his former army of 1,000—today are besieged in an Adobe House, near Galanea, by a party of revolutionists, and Federal cavalry is being rushed to their relief.

This information was received here from Chihuahua. The beleagured force has two machine guns, but lacks both food and ammunition.

The last stand of the troop is being made against desperate odds, and the succoring force is marching at double quick to their relief.

Private Court Hearings

Mr. William Montmorence Brown owned fifty million bones,
And fifty cents was all the wealth they claimed for William Jones;
But Brown met Jones and Jones met Brown, and then they had a fight;
They wrestled through the muck and mud, and Jones became a sight;
Jones, dragged into the court room, caused a laugh through all its gloom—
Brown simply paid a fine and laughed within a private room.

Jones never was a man who ever hoped or tried to shirk
His duty—he would do it and he proved it in his work;
He took just what was coming—Brown waited for the best—
He thought that he, as G. M. Brown, could meet 'most any test.
It's true that he, in private, paid his fine and dodged the doom
That William Jones experienced in the crowded, laughing room.

I know we cannot understand the diff'rence in the two;
That's left for greater intellects than those of me or you;
Brown may deserve this treatment and Jones his treatment earn,
And yet the whys and wherefores we'd be very glad to learn.
We'd welcome explanations—our thoughts they would illume—
Why Jones is tried in open court—Brown in a private room.

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