

## PRIMARY DATE NOW APRIL 30TH.

**Democratic Committee Decides to Allow Other Candidates in Mayoralty Race.**

### BENDHEIM'S STRONG SPEECH.

**Chairman Urges Committee to Open Primary in Interest of Party Harmony and Plea Is Successful.**

The date for the Democratic primary for mayor and members of city council was changed last night from Tuesday, April 23rd to Tuesday, April 30th. This action was taken by the City Democratic committee on account of the death of Hubert Snowden, who was a candidate in the primary for the office of mayor. Candidates were given until noon on Monday, April 22nd by which time they must file their names with the secretary of the committee.

The committee met in the parlors of the Hotel Rammel and all of the members were present with the exception of Richard Gibson from the fourth ward. In addition there were a large number of persons interested in the election, many of the candidates for council being present. A. D. Brockett, who is a candidate for mayor, was not present nor was he represented by any authorized person.

Chairman Charles Bendheim presided and asked for suggestions from anyone present. There seemed to be a disposition on the part of everyone to remain silent, until Councilman F. C. Spinks, who is a candidate from the First ward, and one of Mr. Snowden's active supporters, arose and asked that the primary be opened so as to permit the entrance of other candidates for mayor. There was still silence when Mr. Spinks took his seat and Mr. Bendheim repeatedly asked for ideas from Mr. Brockett's supporters who were present, as well as further suggestions from those who were inclined to favor Mr. Spinks' request. But he was unable to get any expression whatsoever from the audience.

After a few minutes silence, Oscar Phillips from the First ward moved that the primary date be changed to May 7, and that other candidates be permitted to enter the mayoralty contest. This was seconded by S. P. Fisher from the Third ward, and Mr. Bendheim again asked for expressions on this proposition.

Howard W. Smith and Frank Mason, candidates from the Second ward, opposed the proposition, Mr. Smith stating that it would be manifestly unfair to the candidates for council, now that their campaign had been virtually closed, to compel them to go through another week on the suspicion that some one might want to oppose Mr. Brockett in the primary.

As there were no other views expressed by any of the candidates, Mr. Bendheim took the floor, and in a forceful and eloquent speech favored the resolution introduced by Mr. Phillips. He said that he had given the matter the most careful consideration entirely from a non-partisan standpoint. At first he was inclined to believe that the primary should not be opened, but that Mr. Brockett should be declared the nominee of the party, but on further consideration he had come to the conclusion that the best interests of the party demanded that the voters of the city be given an opportunity to express their preference. He did not wish to give any one an opportunity to bolt the Democratic ticket in the general election nor did he want it to be said that the committee was unfair if they declared Mr. Brockett the nominee. The party plan left the entire matter in the hands of the committee, and he wanted to do the fair thing, and if possible preserve harmony in the party. He said that the family scraps should be fought out in the party primary and not in the general election.

Mr. Fisher spoke in like vein, There was some discussion as to the date to be set for the primary, and April 30th was finally agreed upon. Upon the passage of Mr. Phillips motion as amended all the members voted for it with the exception of Mr. Brent.

It was decided that all candidates for the mayoralty must file their names with the secretary before noon of next Monday, April 22nd.

### RESPECT THE MEMORY OF LOST

Congress Adjourns—Many Regret Sad Fate of Major Butt.

Washington, April 19.—In a glowing tribute to Major Butt President Taft in a statement given out at the White House today expressed a high esteem in his personal aide who lost his life in the wreck of the Titanic.

The statement was as follows: "Major Archie Butt was my military aide. He was like a member of my family and I feel his loss as if he had been a younger brother.

"The chief traits of his character were loyalty to his ideal, his cloth and his friends. His character was a simple one in the sense that he was incapable of intrigue or insincerity. He was gentle and considerate to everyone, high and low. He never lost under any conditions, his sense of proper regard to what he considered the respect due to constitutional authorities. He was an earnest member of the Episcopal church and loved that communion. He was a soldier, every inch of him; a most competent and successful quartermaster, and a devotee of his profession.

"After I heard that part of the ship's company went down, I gave up hope for the rescue of Major Butt, unless by accident. I knew that he would certainly remain on the ship's deck until every duty had been performed and every sacrifice made that properly fell on one charged, as he would feel himself charged, with responsibility of rescue of others.

In honor of the Titanic's dead the House of Representatives adjourned almost immediately after meeting today. The motion of adjournment was made by majority leader Underwood of Alabama as a tribute of respect to the victims of the great maritime disaster.

Mr. Underwood's resolution was as follows: "Resolved; that as a tribute of respect to those who lost their lives in the disaster to the Steamship Titanic, the House do now adjourn."

The adjournment is until noon tomorrow.

The Chaplain of the House, the Rev. Henry H. Couden, in his prayer opening the session referred to the disaster as follows:

"Almighty God, we thank Thee that though in the ordinary circumstance of life selfishness and greed seem to be in the ascendancy, yet in times of distress and peril then it is that the nobility of soul, the God-like in man asserts itself and makes heroes."

Sunday, May 5, has been set aside by the Masonic orders of Washington, for memorial services to the memory of Major Archibald Butt, one of the Titanic dead. President Taft today accepted the invitation to attend.

Representative Hardwick, (Dem. Ga.) was the bearer of a similar invitation to President Taft today. He asked the President to attend the memorial services to be held in Augusta, Ga., Major Butt's home, when the President goes to Savannah. The President promised Representative Hardwick to do his level best to be present.

Senator Bacon (Dem. Ga.) today paid high tribute to Major Archibald Butt. "I've known Major Butt from his early manhood and he was one of the sweetest of characters and the most loyal of friends," said Bacon.

"I doubt if there was a man in the United States who had more friends than he—friends who will most sincerely mourn his loss. To me personally he was one of the best friends I had, and his loss is almost that of a brother. He was a very rare and unique character, and we shall see his like again."

Senator Tillman, (Dem. S. C.), quoting Dryden said:

"He was one of God Almighty's men."

Senator Bailey (Dem. Tex.) said:

"No man grieves for Major Butt and his bereaved relatives more than I."

**CAPT. W. L. PATTISON DEAD.** Hampton, Va.—Capt. William L. Pattison, commander of Company E, 5th New York Infantry, of the National Soldiers Home, died suddenly in the Home Hospital last night. Capt. Pattison was 70 years old and was highly esteemed by the members and officers who mourn his loss.

An April blizzard was raging from Nebraska to Chicago yesterday. Snow fell in Chicago most of the night. Snow fell in Nebraska, Iowa and the northern part of Illinois. In Missouri a cold rain has given place to cloudy, cold weather. It is cloudy and cold in Nebraska.

## THOMAS A. FISHER IS A CANDIDATE.

**Will Oppose A. D. Brockett for Mayor in Postponed Primary to Be Held April 30th.**

### STARTS ACTIVE CAMPAIGN

**Police Commissioner from Second Ward to Take Up Fight Which Was Started by Hubert Snowden.**

A new complication was added to the already complex political situation in the Democratic party of Alexandria this morning when Thomas A. Fisher, police commissioner from the Second ward and well known throughout the city, announced that he would be a candidate for mayor in opposition to A. D. Brockett.

Mr. Fisher's decision was reached last night after the action of the City Democratic Committee in postponing the primary to April 30th, and throwing open the mayoralty election to all comers, in that primary.

The action of the committee came as a complete surprise to everyone in the city as it was thought that they had practically reached a decision to declare Mr. Brockett the nominee of the party unless he asked that the primary be opened.

Mr. Fisher, in announcing his candidacy, states that he will devote his best interests to the city of Alexandria if elected. He started this morning on an active campaign, and states that he is confident of his election.

### CATHEDRAL CROWDED.

**National Memorial Services in Respect to Memory of Victims of Titanic Disaster**

London, April 19.—St. Paul's Cathedral was filled to the utmost capacity today when the national memorial services were held for the victims of the Titanic disaster. Thousands jammed the streets in the vicinity unable to get inside the walls. Most of the people both in church and street were in tears. Many wore heavy mourning.

Honam Carlisle, designer of the lost vessel, faintly while the organ was playing the Dead March from Saul and had to be carried from the edifice.

### PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO PASTORS FEDERATION

Washington, April 19.—President Taft today, in reply to the resolution adopted by the Pastors Federation of Washington, protesting against the suspension by the President of the order of Indian Commissioner Valentine forbidding priests and nuns teaching in public Indian schools to wear distinctive garbs, today advised that body that suspending Valentine's order he merely intended to preserve the situation status quo until parties interested could be given opportunity to be heard.

### FREE SUGAR BILL.

Washington, April 19.—The Senate Committee on Finance today closed hearings on the House Free Sugar Bill. A vote on reporting the measure will be taken next week.

Delegate Kalaniana'ole and Sidney M. Ballou of Hawaii, made arguments in opposition to the bill. Delegate Quezon of the Philippines declared the industry in that archipelago would be ruined.

### Woman Attempts Suicide.

Paris, April 19.—Endeavoring to follow in death her lover, the aviator Verrett, who committed suicide by abandoning his aeroplane to the air currents at a height of 4,000 feet and came crashing to the ground last Monday. Madame Rita Mathis today attempted to hang herself in her room in Versailles Hotel. She was cut down and resuscitated with great difficulty. "I do not want to live," she moaned as she realized that she had been brought back to life.

### To Exclude Anarchists.

Washington, April 19.—As a consequence to be labor and anarchist troubles in States on the Pacific Coast, Rep. Smith, (Repn. Calif.) today introduced a bill providing that no person believing in the doctrine of anarchy shall be admitted to the United States and that no alien believing in this doctrine shall be eligible for citizenship. The bill, if passed, would go into effect immediately.

## SEATON PLEADS GUILTY.

**Hold-Up Man is Sentenced to Serve Eight Years in the Penitentiary**

William P. Seaton, alias Bertram Seaton, of Washington, was arraigned in the Corporation Court this morning to answer the charge of entering a lunch house conducted by George Pappas on King street several weeks ago and at the point of a pistol robbing the proprietor of over seven dollars. Seaton was represented by Charles Bendheim and Commonwealth's Attorney Brent conducted the prosecution.

Several days ago it was suggested that Seaton was of unsound mind, and it was decided to hold a commission upon him. The commission was held this morning and the following report was made to Judge Barley:

"We, Doctors Arthur Snowden, Thomas S. Gibson and Martin D. Delaney, have this day, by your honor's direction, examined Bertram Seaton and witnesses in regard to his sanity, and after a searching examination, find him to be of sound mind."

After a consultation by Seaton's attorney and the Commonwealth's Attorney, it was decided that the accused be allowed to plead guilty and a sentence commensurate with the offense be pronounced.

Accordingly Judge Barley commanded Seaton to arise, when the charge against him, and at the conclusion his honor asked him if he was guilty.

Seaton promptly replied "guilty." Judge Barley thereupon pronounced sentence, which was that he be confined in the penitentiary for a term of eight years.

### JUNIOR AUXILIARY CONCERT

A most successful and well gotten up concert was given last night for the benefit of the three branches of the Junior Auxiliary, of the three Episcopal Churches of Alexandria at the Young People's Building. The numbers were all extremely well rendered, by a number of Alexandria's favorite artists. The programme was as follows:

"While I Have You" Tosti, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Downham, Mr. George Evans and Mr. C. Ogden; "Thine Eyes So Blue and Tender" Lassen, Mr. E. A. Penick, jr.; Instrumental, "Polonaise Op 40 1, Chopin, Mrs. Weisiger; "O, Dry Those Tears" Teresa Del Riego, Miss Snow; "Visione" G. Scambati, Mrs. P. Tucimel; "The Horn" Flegier, Mr. R. Wirt; Violin Solo, "Flowers and Fears" Kaiser, Miss C. East; "Bid Me To Love" Barnard, Mr. Charles F. Roberts; Instrumental, "Spinnelied" Mendelssohn, Mrs. E. Carpenter; "Irish Love Song" Lang, Miss Alice Anderton, a solo by Mrs. Hullah and one by Mrs. Fowler.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

The schooner Caroline H. Mears, loaded with lumber by W. A. Smoot & Co., has sailed for Colonial Beach.

Hard-shell and deviled crabs at Jacob Brill's Cafe at the foot of King street tonight.

The auction of the cakes made in the cake-baking contest will be raffled off tonight at Armory Hall. The proceeds will go to the Children's Home. The steamer Wilhelmina left Bogrande, Florida, for this port on the 17th instant. She carries 2,500 tons of phosphate rock for the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company. She will arrive here on the 23d.

The State police boat made a visit to this port today, searching for fishermen who use nets prohibited by law.

### Want Bishops.

With the session of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church only a month off, sentiment for the creation of bishops in that denomination is being manifested, according to Baltimore newspapers. Both the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Episcopal Church South have bishops, while the Methodist Protestant Church has always been opposed to the idea.

When the first talk of union of the three branches was started the bishops stood as one of the opposing features in the way. It was felt that the sentiment of the Methodist Protestant members would never sanction a union which provided the continuation of the office of bishop. But for some years there has been a growing sentiment that there should be some officer who business it should be to look after the interests of the whole denomination.

### BOLTED CONVENTION

Peoria, Ill., April 19.—Denouncing National Committeeman Roger Sullivan, the Hearst-Harrison faction bolted the state Democratic convention today and held a separate session.

### House Wanted.

**SMALL WELL-BUILT HOUSE.** \$2,000 to \$3,000, as investment, showing a good return. Will pay Cash. INVESTOR.

## STORY OF THE LOSS OF TITANIC.

**Mountain of Ice, Color of Sea, Descried Too Late To Avoid**

### CAPTAIN NOT ON THE BRIDGE

**Alleged to Have Unheeded Warnings of Ice—Charge That Loss of Ship Was Due to Carelessness.**

New York, April 19.—The mountain of ice that destroyed the Titanic was almost of the color of the water. It was almost impossible to distinguish it at a great distance and the big liner was rushing through the water at such a fearful rate of speed that there was not time to transmit the reverse order to the engine room before the crash came.

That the ordinary rules of caution while passing through the ice fields were disregarded is known. Where the responsibility rested will be determined by the Congressional investigation here or before the Board of Trade in London. But they cannot question Capt. Smith. The veteran seaman carried to the bottom of the ocean knowledge of the truth or falsity of the allegation that his orders were imperative to take the northerly route, the short cut, and make a record for quick passage with a new steamer.

The captain was not standing watch when the liner struck. Chief Officer Murdoch was on the bridge, and he immediately pushed the electric button which automatically closed the doors. As he did this Captain Smith rushed to the bridge and at once made tests of the lighting apparatus and called for a report from the engine room, while Murdoch was signalling full speed astern.

But already there was a drop in the bow. And from the engine room came the report that the vessel was taking water forward. The shock had been felt everywhere but there was no alarm. It would hitting some ice hurt the "biggest vessel afloat." Not a soul on the steamer had even the faintest inkling of the horrible tragedy that had been set in motion.

But soon Captain Smith noticed that the big ship was dropping forward, and the indications were that the bulkheads were giving way, and the engine rooms were being endangered.

Then he gave the order to get the boats ready and the passengers overside, and at the same time sent word to wireless operator Jack Phillips to send out the international call, the continental appeal for aid.

"Get all persons on the boat decks" came the sharp order and the army of stewards obeyed at once. Everyone was ordered to assemble on deck with their life belts on. Many refused. They could not realize that there was danger. But the presence of the crew at collision stations and the uncoiling of lifeboat ropes soon indicated to everyone that business was meant.

Then came the sharp command: "Women and children first," and there were revolvers in the hands of officers, showing the orders were to be enforced. No distinction was made between the women of the steerage and the women of the first cabin. At first they refused to enter the boats. The women felt that they were safer on the liner than in the lifeboats, and the crew did not stand on ceremony, but promptly picked them up bodily and threw them into the boats.

Steeage passengers, men, made a rush for the boats. Murdoch's pistol was out. It spoke twice. Two men dropped. A third was felled by a quartermaster's fist. The panic was over; the men fell back.

Over the sea from the davits the loaded boats were swung and promptly dropped. One capsized and the occupants were drowned. A collapsible boat, a new type, also turned over in the water and the occupants lost their lives, although it was later righted and got into commission.

The boats rowed away six in a group, the others widely scattered, the women protesting and insisting there was no need to have left the vessel. And then the women in the boats saw the great Titanic, the boat they had believed unsinkable, break in twain. At the same time there came a roar and a series of explosions. The boilers under which the fires could not be drawn, had exploded when the icy water rushed in.

The after part seemed to right itself and bobbed up an down. Its top was black with men and women who could not be taken off because there were not enough lifeboats and then the great mass of steel sunk down into the waters, raised again, and then plunged forward to disappear forever. And as she went down, from the wreck came the last feeble strains of the music of the heroic ship's band, playing "Nearer My God to Thee."

Women, horror-stricken, tried to jump overboard. They had to be forcibly restrained. Others fell back unconscious. Meanwhile many of the boats were rowed to the scene of the wreck. There was a mass of floating debris, dotted with bodies. One man, powerful of frame, was found with blood pouring from his ears and mouth. He was still alive, but as he was dragged into the boat, he died. The people in the boat believe that he was Major Archibald Butt, U. S. A., aide to President Taft. His body was quickly put over side, as five survivors were noticed and hurriedly picked up.

Then came the awful wait. It was not known that assistance was coming. Most of those on the vessel did not know that the Carpathia had heard the last frantic appeal for help and was rushing through the ice fields piloted by brave Captain Rostron, at a faster rate of speed than she was compelled to make on her trial trip, to save the pitifully small number of survivors. And with daylight the survivors, in the midst of grinding ice fields, with the sea rising and a storm plainly approaching, saw the smoke of the Carpathia coming up. Her crew were at their posts, slings were already overside to hoist the survivors on board, and there was not an instant's delay in the transfer.

New York, April 18.—That Captain Smith of the lost Titanic was at a dinner party last Sunday night in the big restaurant on the liner, despite the fact that he had received numerous warnings by wireless of ice ahead was the direct charge made today by Major Arthur Peuchen of Toronto. Peuchen is an officer in the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and president of a big chemical company. He directly charged that the loss of the Titanic was due to carelessness going at full speed through the ice with a new crew, and insisted that if the captain had been on the bridge the Titanic would not have hit the berg.

"Why, even if the lookout had been on the job in the crow's nest, he should have seen that berg," said Peuchen. "It was a monster and the night was beautifully clear, and the stars were shining."

The captain was at dinner with Bruce Ismay and a number of millionaires for more than three hours that night instead of being on the bridge where he belonged, knowing that they were going into ice fields. Not a single extra lookout was posted, and the speed was never reduced a particle. We were running very fast when we struck."

Major Peuchen declared that he was probably the last person to talk with Charles M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk. The latter told him that he believed the wreck would float at least eight hours and that by that time help would be at hand.

"We had bad luck from the start," declared Peuchen, "narrowly escaping a smash in Southampton Harbor. This convinced us all that Captain Smith's ill-luck was still maintained. And the steamer was manned by a picked up crew who had never worked together. But this wreck was due to criminal carelessness. Ordinary caution or judgment would have prevented it. But the Titanic was a good boat, luxuriantly fitted up, but she was not given a fair show."

"Sunday it was very cold, and we knew we were in the ice zone. But there was no checking of speed. When we struck that berg we were running 25 miles an hour."

"I know that the wireless warned of danger from the ice. Why, Ismay told Miss Ryerson that we would pass bergs. She asked him if we would slow down, and he is reported to have told her that he 'guessed not.'"

Major Peuchen proudly exhibited what he termed his "reason for being alive honorably." It was a small piece of paper on which was scrawled:

"Major Arthur Peuchen was ordered into the boat by me owing to the fact that I required a seaman, which he proved to be, as well as a brave man."

D. C. Lyntollis, second officer, late S. S. Titanic. Lyntollis drafted the major for service in his boat because he knew that he was noted as an expert yachtsman (Continued on Page Three.)

## RAILWAY STRIKE IS THREATENED.

**Will Be one of the Worst Walk-outs in the History of the Country**

### ULTIMATUM SERVED ON ROADS

**Will Be Given but Two Hours Notice of Strike if Companies Refuse to Meet Demands.**

New York, April 19.—Unless the managers of railways in the territory east of Chicago and north of the Ohio river reconsider their flat refusal to advance wages of the engineers by eight o'clock tonight the worst railroad strike in the history of the United States may be precipitated. Grand Chief Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers flatly served an ultimatum on the roads today. He told J. C. Stuart, vice-president of the Erie and chairman of the general manager's association, that the roads would have only two hours notice of the strike unless they meet the men's demands, and he and the other officials of the organization were prepared to act after eight o'clock tonight.

Stone said that he and his committee did not want to consider the answer of the managers final. The referendum has authorized the calling of the strike, he said, and "unless the general managers consider their refusal by eight o'clock tonight, the committeemen of the engineers organization will leave this city to look after the interest of their organization."

Whether the railroads will now try to invoke the provisions of the Erdman act to prevent a strike was not stated by the managers who were consulted by Stuart.

New York, April 19.—A plea for more time for consideration of the engineer's ultimatum to eastern railroads was made to Chief Warren S. Stone, by chairman Stuart, of the conference committee this afternoon. He said that members of the committee were so widely scattered that it would take a day or two to recall them here and suggested that Stone withhold action until they can be gathered here on Monday.

### SUNDAY BASEBALL

**Giants and Yale to Play for Benefit of Stranded Passengers of Titanic.**

New York, April 19.—The barriers against Sunday baseball will be let down in New York for the benefit of the destitute survivors of the Titanic horror. President John T. Brush of the Giants announced today, that he had arranged for his club to play the Yales Sunday afternoon at the Polo grounds, the receipts to go to the stranded passengers. Sunday baseball is not permitted in New York but the authorities are understood to have given permission for the game.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

Washington, April 19.—Memorial services to be held on April 26, at Governor's Island, N. Y., to the memory of the late Major-General Fred Dent Grant will be attended by President Taft, according to a decision reached by him today.

### RYAN BREAKS RECORD.

Boston, Mass., April 19.—Michael J. Ryan of New York, with a grand burst of speed, captured New England's classic, the Boston Marathon, today. Despite frightful under foot conditions, Ryan broke the old record of 2:21:39.3-5, his time being 2:21:18.1-5.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

In compliance with the solicitations of many friends, I have determined to offer myself a candidate for Mayor of the City of Alexandria subject to the decision of the voters at the democratic primary election to be held on Tuesday, April 30. Should a majority of the members of the party manifest their confidence by making me their choice, I promise, if elected at the general election to give my undivided attention to the duties of the position.

THOMAS A. FISHER.  
April 19, 1912. —adv.-tf.