OUTWITS MOTHER, THEN BOY WEDS

COULTON PRICE, 15 YEARS OLD, MARRIED AT TOWSON.

BALKED AT CITY COURTHOUSE

Just as Clerk Was About to Issue a License He Was Called to Telephone and Told That Price Was Not of Age—Then Boy Took His Fiance, Jeanette Burke, Aged 18, to Towson, and the Knot Was Tied.

Outwitted by his mother, who telephoned to the clerk in the marriage license bureau that her son was a minor, thus frustrating his attempt to secure a license, Coulton Price, 15 years old, of 618 West Franklin street, turned the tables on his parent and was married to Miss Jeannette Burke in Towson late yesterday afternoon.

Thinking that she had succeeded in preventing her son from being married until she agreed or until he was of age, Mrs. Price was content to rest on her oars, secure in the thought that she had come out victorious. Not so with young Price, however. After the excitement of his first effort and failure had subsided he met his fiancee, Miss Jeanette Burke, 18 years old, 106 West Thirty-sixth street, and prevailed upon her to accompany him to Towson. There he secured the necessary paper and within a hour was married.

Great was Mrs. Price's surprise and deep was her chagrin when she learned that her son had succeeded in getting married while she sat at home waiting for him to return and tell her that he had given up the idea of marrying Miss Burke.

"I do not know whether Coulton is married or not," she said, "but if he is it does not make much difference. He is under age and I will annul it so soon as it is made public. If anyone has been instrumental in securing a license for him I will prosecute them on the charge of perjury. I do not know Miss Burke and, in fact, never heard of her. I do not know where my son met her or how long they have known each other. I did not even know that he contemplated being married, but was informed by a friend that he was making an effort to secure a license yesterday afternoon. I treated the matter as a joke until this friend impressed me with the seriousness of the matter. I then telephoned to the clerk in the marriage license bureau and learned that my son really was there at the time trying to get a license for himself and Miss Burke. I quickly told them that he was only 15 years old and received the assurance of the clerk that he would not issue a license to them.

"I thought the matter would close there and returned to my home. Coulton came in at supper time and ate heartily. Although he did not talk concerning the matter he acted as if he had given up the idea of getting married. He appeared downcast over his failure the first time and I did not think that he would attempt to repeat it. He left shortly after mealtime and I have not heard of him since."

Young Price appeared before Clerk O'Neill at the Courthouse early yesterday afternoon in company with his fiancee and Harry Berger, of 904 Ryan street, who made application for the marriage license. After satisfying himself that everything was all right the clerk was just preparing to issue the paper when he was called to the telephone. After hearing of the matter from Mrs. Price he refused to give the license and warned the youth against attempting to secure another. The party left the Courthouse and disbanded outside, but only for a short while. Berger left the vicinity, and a short while later Price and his youthful bride-to-be were aboard a car bound for Towson.

They arrived at the county seat shortly after 3 o'clock and went immediately to the courthouse. While Miss Burke remained on the outside of the building young Price went before Chief Clerk Martin J. O'Hara and asked for a marriage license. The clerk was dubious about issuing the paper because of the apparent youthfulness of the applicant. Young swore, however, that he was 21 years old. Clerk O'Hara warned the youth of the penalty attached, but even this failed to shake young Price.

Immediately upon securing the license the young couple went to the parsonage of the Towson Methodist Protestant Church, a short distance from the courthouse, and were married by the Rev. C. F. Cassen. After that time everyone seems to have lost trace of the youthful couple. Mrs. Price expects, however, that her son will return home within a short while.

SPRING SEASON NOW OPEN

Business Men, Forgetting Politics, Will Settle Down to Work.

Now that the inauguration is over, and the excitement and expectancy which attended upon that event is passed, business men of the country will settle down strictly to business, and Baltimore merchants expect that the spring season which will begin today will be the greatest in the history of Baltimore. For the past two or three weeks merchants have been pouring into Baltimore, and the registration of out-of-town buyers at the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association is already 101 in excess of the number registered at the corresponding time of last year. Monday was a record-breaking registration day, since 34 merchants registered upon that day alone. Few registrations were recorded yesterday as most all of the merchants bound for Baltimore stopped off in Washington to witness the inaugural ceremonies. Today, however, it is expected that a considerable number of them will continue on their way to this city and begin their buying.

In spite of the inauguration fever, a large number of merchants were in Baltimore yesterday who have not registered with the Merchants and Manufacturers'. So many were there, in fact, that due to the crowded conditions of the local hostelries, the Baltimore Bargain House provided 50 cots in their new building for the accommodation of their patrons, who were unable to secure rooms at the hotels. So many of these cots were occupied last night that the management feels that they will be forced to install additional cots within the next few days. The merchants who have registered this year represent a vastly wider field than ever before. Not only are the Southern states represented from which merchants of Baltimore have been in the habit of looking for their customers, but the western states are represented as well. While the names of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas predominate, there is a goodly sprinkling of the names of states west of the Mississippi, even including one representative from far off Oklahoma.

Representatives of the great houses of Daniel Miller & Co., John E. Hurst & Co., Armstrong, Cator & Co., and the Baltimore Bargain House when asked about the prospects of the season agreed that they were brighter this year than ever before. Conditions are good, they say. The inauguration is over, and nothing radical is to be anticipated from President Wilson, crops have been unusually large, we will have an early Easter, and wholesalers must share in the general prosperity which is largely due to the success of agricultural activities of the last year, together with the wise and beneficient administration that has just ended.

FALLS DEAD IN LUNCHROOM

J. W. Fitz Gerald, of Philadelphia, Stricken With Heart Disease.

Stricken with a pain around the heart while in the Courthouse Lunchroom, 24 East Fayette street, shortly before 8 o'clock last evening, John W. Fitz Gerald, 2837 Bailey street, Philadelphia, traveling salesman for the Amberg File and Index Company, Duane street, New York city, died before medical aid could reach him.

Fitz Gerald's body is now at the Mercy Hospital, to which institution it was taken in the Central District police ambulance. The local authorities are trying to get in communication with the man's relatives, and the body will probably be claimed today.

Fitz Gerald walked into the lunchroom about 6 o'clock last evening, apparently in the best of health. He inquired of O. C. Simmont, the proprietor, as to the location of the nearest hotel. His inquiries answered, he went to the Carrollton Hotel, registered and went to his room. He remained there for about an hour, then came out and returned to the lunchroom. It was about 7:30 o'clock when he sat down to the table, and 15 minutes later Mr. Simmont saw him fall from his chair. Mr. Simmont and William J. Elmore, 1425 Race street, an employe of the lunchroom, ran to Fitz Gerald's side and found the man gasping for breath. Charles L. Merriken, a local attorney, who was in the lunchroom, notified the Central Police Station by phone and Round Sergeant Lurz dispatched the ambulance to the place. Before it arrived there, however, Fitz Gerald had died.

From the man's effects it is evident that he came on to Baltimore intending to stop here for only a day. He had several engagements for tomorrow morning with business houses here and had one order from a local firm given yesterday afternoon.

WANTED $100 FOR RINGS

Mrs. Kunkel Appears With Cash; Bearer of Jewelry Fails Her.

Excited over a telephone call she received yesterday morning asking her to be at Lafayette avenue and Chester street at 10 o'clock last night with $100, and that the three diamond rings which she lost last Saturday would then be returned to her, Mrs. Harry Kunkel, 2040 East North avenue notified the Detective Bureau yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Kunkel was instructed by Captain of Detectives McGovern to be at the appointed place at the appointed hour. But she was not to be there alone. Headquarters Detectives Quirk and Burns were nearby, looking in all directions. The three waited there for more than an hour, but no one showed up. Believing the whole thing to have been a joke, they gave it up then and left.

Mrs. Kunkel believes she lost her rings on a street car last Saturday. She inserted an advertisement in Sunday's American, and, following this, she received the phone call yesterday morning. The call was in a woman's voice and asked Mrs. Kunkel if she valued her rings at $100. Mrs. Kunkel said she did.

"Then meet me at Lafayette avenue and Chester street at 10 o'clock tonight," said the voice, "and if you give me $100 then I will give you back your rings." The person on the other end of the line then hung up the receiver and Mrs. Kunkel made efforts to find out from where the call had come. These efforts, however, were unsuccessful. The Detective Department was then notified.

Detective Quirk will today make further efforts to locate the person who called Mrs. Kunkel.

ROBBERIES IN E. BALTIMORE

Police Making Efforts to Apprehend the Thieves.

Every effort is being made by the police of the Eastern district to apprehend two men who are thought to be responsible for a chain of petty robberies that have been committed in that section of the city during the last few weeks. The latest of these was reported to the police last night, when John A. Andrews, 2003 Fleet street, reported to the Eastern district police that late Monday afternoon two men came into his store while his wife was there alone. They represented themselves as being sent to examine the premises prior to the installation of new sewerage pipes. While Mrs. Andrews showed one of the men to the rear of the house the other remained in the store. When the two left Mrs. Andrews discovered that the cash drawer had been robbed of its contents, amounting to about $12 in cash.

This brings the list already reported to the Eastern district police up to about a dozen. In some instances the men represent themselves as being sent from the sanitary plumbing section of the Health Department, stating that they were sent to look over some old drain pipes. The police are positive that the same two men are responsible for all the robberies, for in each case the description of the men tallies. The police have a good description of the pair and an arrest may be made at any minute.

Drops Dead in Saloon.

Stricken with heart trouble, Lawrence Logue, 55 years old, an inmate of Bayview Asylum, fell dead yesterday afternoon in the saloon of Frank P. Sweeney, 846 Harford avenue. He was picked up by the bartender. The Northeastern district ambulance was sent to the place, and the body removed to the Morgue. Logue had been out of Bayview for several days.

Archdeacon Webber to Preach.

Archdeacon Percy C. Webber, one of the most prominent missionaries in the Protestant Episcopal Church, will preach today at noon and evening services in Old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. He will also speak every evening this week.

LOCAL MENTION.

GOOD SEATS, $1.00

At the matinee today at the New Academy of Music of John Mason in the great Bernstein play, "The Attack," only the first ten rows in the Orchestra are reserved at $1.50 (the same seats are $2.00 at night). The remainder of the Orchestra and Orchestra Circle is reserved at $1.00, while the Balcony seats, also reserved, are 50c and 75c. The entire Gallery is 25c admission for both Wednesday and Saturday matinees and the evening performances. This will be the last chance to see Mr. Mason in "The Attack."

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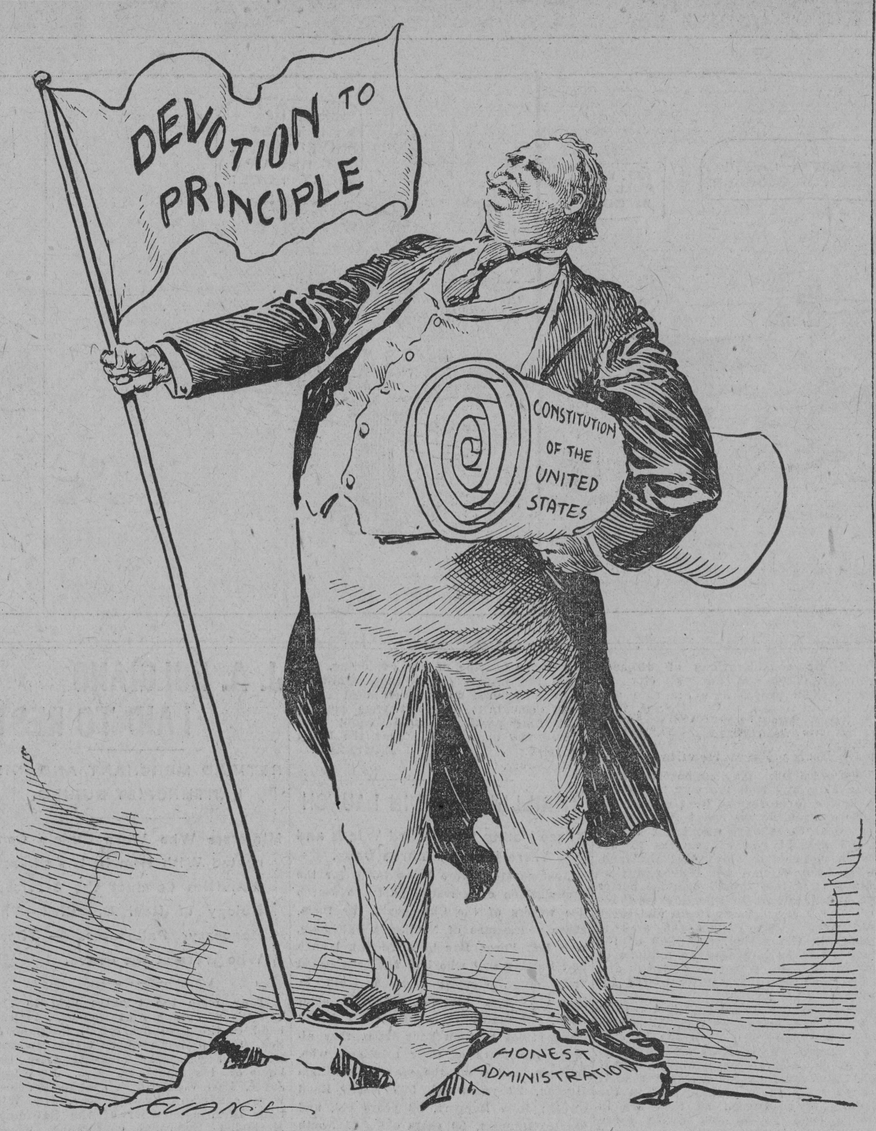

William Howard Taft's high-minded devotion to principle, his staunch defense of the Constitution, and his honest manhood in the midst of political storm, place him high in the hearts of the people and the affairs of the nation.

WILSON'S SPEECH A DISAPPOINTMENT

TO A NUMBER OF FINANCIERS IN THIS CITY.

SAY IT LACKS INITIATIVE

Is Not Definite and Conveys No Clue to the Intentions of the New Administration—Not Up to Usual Style of President Wilson, Nor Above the Average Inaugural Address—"A Lady-like Performance."

Although the majority of Baltimore financiers attended the inauguration of President Wilson yesterday, those who remained in the city and read the inaugural address as it was printed in the newspapers expressed considerable disappointment in the long-awaited message. The consensus of opinion was that although the document was well phrased and worded, it lacked definiteness and initiative, and that it gave no clue to the actual intentions of the administration regarding the tariff and currency reform. Even from the literary standpoint was it criticised, for Dr. James W. Bright, professor of English literature at the Johns Hopkins University, declared that the document was not to Mr. Wilson's usual style, and that it was by no means above the average of inaugural address.

John M. Nelson, head of the local banking house of Nelson, Cook & Co., and one of the best-known financiers of Baltimore, gave the following opinion of the address:

"The speech of Mr. Wilson was one of the most ladylike performances that I have ever witnessed. It means absolutely nothing. The address was given several days ago to news agencies all over the country, and its general tone and purport were pretty well known. The actions of Mr. Wilson have already been discounted in financial circles, and will have absolutely no effect whatever upon the market. Mr. Wilson indulged in a large number of platitudes, with which we will all agree, but there is nothing constructive to be found in the whole speech. It is a disappointment, and we are no wiser than we were before it was delivered."

Simon J. Block, another well-finown financier, said.

"The speech is a combination of platitudes, bad rhetoric and redundancy. President Wilson might just as well have selected a text from the Bible and preached a sermon upon it as to have delivered the address which he did. He states that we are facing one of the most crucial times of our history, yet we have no wars, and I cannot see why we are in such a position as he declares. It is largely a matter of pure phrase making, and the phrase making is none too good."

A trifle less severe is the criticism of Charles Hann, assistant cashier of the Merchants-Mechanics' Bank. Mr. Hann remarked, when shown a copy of the address.

"I have already read the speech and have given a considerable amount of thought to its contents. It is a well-phrased, conservative speech and free from all suggestions of alarm. It cannot have any ill effects upon the financial situation, for this has been largely discounted. It lacks definite suggestion, however, and shows what may be considered more lack of initiative than was expected of President Wilson. When he spoke of tariff and currency reform he simply grazed the surface rather than penetrated the problems. Of course we all agree that we need these reforms, but the essential point is how they are going to be brought about. This is what financiers want to know, and the inaugural address, while nicely phrased and resounding in its periods, is silent upon these most important points."

Speaking of the literary merits of the composition, Professor James W. Bright, Caroline Donovan professor of English literature at the Johns Hopkins University, said:

"The speech represents Wilson at his usual style of phrase making. It is in no sense a great composition and does not surpass in style the average inaugural address. The address was evidently so phrased as to please all auditors without giving offense to any. President Wilson does not attempt to discuss in a scholarly or practical manner the great questions which he touches upon, but disposes of them in a most graceful manner. It is a good example of his usual style, but it is by no means above the average, and does not approach in style to many of the things which he had written."

LOCOMOTIVE BELL IN BAG

William H. Schotta Charged With Carrying It Off.

"What are you doing, making a character study of bellbuoys?" asked Lieutenant McLean of William H. Schotta, 1833 Wilhelm street, who was brought into the Southwestern Police Station last night on the charge of the larceny of a huge locomotive bell, the property of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

"Nope," replied Schotta, "bellboys." He grinned at the lieutenant as he made this sally.

Schotta was arrested by Sergeant Durfee, of the Southwestern district, who noticed that he and another man were walking up Wilhelm street, staggering beneath the weight of some article in a bag, which they carried between them.

"What have you in there?" queried Durfee. "Oysters," replied the pair in unison, and the bluecoat permitted them to pass on. Durfee thought that the weight appeared to be too great for such a small quantity of oysters, and followed behind them until they arrived at Schotta's home. They entered the house through the rear gate and after depositing their burden in the yard, proceeded through the house and seated themselves on the front steps.

Sergeant Durfee opened the gate and after investigating the contents of the bag also went around to the front of the house to place the two under arrest. One of the men saw him coming, however, and started to run. Schotta also made an attempt to get away, but Durfee was too quick for him and collared him before he could leave the steps. Schotta told the sergeant that he purchased the bell from a man on the street for 15 cents. At the station he related to the lieutenant that he had found it in a stoneyard near the property of the railroad company. The bell weighed fully 150 pounds, and was of the type used on all the large locomotives. It is of brass construction and is very valuable. Schotta was locked up on the charge of larceny and will be given a hearing before Justice Ulrich this morning.

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CARDINAL IN NEW ORLEANS

GUEST OF HIS BROTHER IN THE LOUISIANA CITY.

ARRIVED THERE YESTERDAY

Will Remain in the Far South Ten Days—Next Sunday He Is to Celebrate Mass for the Knights of Columbus—Bishop Laval and Officials of the Diocese Pay Their Respects to Prelate—Social and Other Features.

A special dispatch from New Orleans last night states:

"Cardinal Gibbons arrived in New Orleans this morning for his annual visit to his brother, John T. Gibbons. He is accompanied by two of his priests. Heretofore it has been his custom to bring only one. They are Rev. Louis Stickney, assistant priest at the Cathedral in Baltimore, and Rev. T. J. Kenny, pastor of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore. Father Kenny was here with the Cardinal twelve years ago, and Father Stickney, four years ago. Father Kenny's pleasure in the visit with the Cardinal is enhanced by the prospect of seeing one of his sisters, who is a Sister of Charity at what was the old St. Simon's school, but is now St. Theresa's parochial school.

"Archbishop Blenk, not being in the city, the other officials of the diocese paid the customary call upon the Cardinal upon his arrival. Among them were Bishop Laval, the auxiliary bishop; Father Scotti, the chancellor, and Father Weldon, pastor of St. Joseph's Church. There were other visitors during the morning.

"The Cardinal said mass in Mr. Gibbons' chapel upon his arrival, after which he had breakfast. From that time on until the luncheon hour he entertained his visitors. In the afternoon he had an automobile ride. Cardinal Gibbons ordinarily visits New Orleans just before or after Lent, but the very early Lent this year made it necessary for him to come during this season, as this is the time of year when he arranges to get away from Baltimore. He has come for rest, but will attend to some business and will participate in a few social affairs.

"The Cardinal will say mass every morning in his brother's chapel until Sunday morning, when he will go to St. Joseph's Church and say mass for the Knights of Columbus, who will have their annual communion at 7 o'clock. The Cardinal expects to stay in New Orleans about 10 days.

"In addition to the sister in St. Theresa's School here, Father Kenny has another, a Sister of Mercy, who teaches in his parochial school in Baltimore."

Coal Co.'s Annual Meeting Mar. 19.

Stockholders of the Consolidation Coal Company, of which Jere H. Wheelwright is president, will hold their annual meeting in Baltimore on the 19th of this month, at which directors will be elected for the ensuing year. President Wheelwright will also submit his report to the shareholders, covering the operations of the company for the 12 months of 1912, which will show that the corporation enjoyed one of the best years in its history. Earnings of the company from all sources were approximately $13,887,410, or an increase of nearly two and one-half million dollars over the preceding year.

The report will also deal with the extensive development work of the Consolidation in the Elkhorn Valley of Kentucky, which improvements have cost millions of dollars. The Consolidation is now shipping coal from its new mines in the Blue Grass State, and eventually the tonnage from these mines will increase the total tonnage of the company about 4,000,000 tons annually.

Will Meet Tonight.

A meeting of the Western Annex Improvement Association will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at Graubner's Hall, Baltimore street and Garrison lane.

FOR REMOVAL OF MAJOR SYLVESTER

SUFFRAGISTS INITIATE A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN.

RESULT OF MONDAY PARADE

When the Washington Police Afforded Little Protection to Marching Votes for Women Advocates Against the Jibes and Jeers and Attacks of the Spectators—Desecration of the Maryland Flag and Other Insults.

Baltimore suffragists yesterday initiated a campaign which is destined to become nation-wide and which will be participated in by the champions of the votes for women movement everywhere, for the removal from office of Major Sylvester, head of the Washington police force. It comes as a result of the insults heaped upon the participants in the suffragist parade Monday, and what the suffragists regard as the desecration of the Maryland flag which took place during the stormy progress of the paraders down Pennsylvania avenue. The thousands of women who participated in the affair are extremely indignant at what they term the gross neglect and the insulting attitude of the entire police force of the capital.

The matter was discussed in no uncertain terms yesterday afternoon at the Just Government League headquarters, 817 North Charles street, by women prominent in every equal rights organization in Baltimore. At the end of the meeting, after the matter had been thoroughly thrashed out, a letter of protest against the lack of police protection, in which the dismissal of Chief of Police Sylvester was demanded, was drafted and signed by the five most significant suffrage leagues in the city. Copies of it will be sent at once to both the United States senators and each of the six representatives in Washington, and everything possible will be done to secure the scalp of the leader of "the chuckle-headed fools who did nothing but laugh or give false directions."

How Letter Reads.

This is the way one of the epistles reads:

Hon. J. Harry Covington,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: As the flag of Maryland was desecrated and insulted during the Woman Suffrage parade in Washington on March 3, the women of the State of Maryland wish to protest against the lack of police protection afforded the flag and themselves on that occasion, and request the dismissal of Chief of Police Sylvester.

Signed,
MARYLAND PARADE COMMITTEE,
representing
WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND,
STATE EQUAL FRANCHISE LEAGUE.
COLLEGE EQUAL SUFFRAGE LEAGUE,
MEN'S LEAGUE FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE OF MARYLAND.
JUST GOVERNMENT LEAGUE.

Mrs. S. Johnson Poe, chairman of the petitions committee of the Just Government League, was in the presiding chair. Mrs. Poe was extremely indignant at what all present condemned as the disgraceful, blackguardly actions of the Washington crowd, who not only spat upon the flag, but hurled every kind of insult at the marchers, and even in some instances attacked the women bodily, so that what was to have been a beautiful spectacle deteriorated into a mob. But the bulk of the condemnation for the affair fell upon the police force, who, it is said, were incited to adopt their careless attitude by Major Sylvester, who is opposed to the suffrage movement.

Mrs. Donald Hooker, president of the Just Government League, was unsparing in her criticism of the police.

"I have never gone through such an experience in my entire life," said Mrs. Hooker after the meeting. "The crowd was horrible, and we are fortunate to have escaped without bodily injury. We are going to protest and protest vigorously against our outrageous treatment, which was not at all necessary. Every league for suffrage in Maryland is going to take a decided stand in the matter, and from Maine to Mexico senators and representatives will receive letters urging the dismissal of Major Sylvester, who is to blame for everything. I suppose that we women could stand the insult, but we can hardly ignore the degradation of the flag, which was stepped upon and almost torn out of our hands by the thousands of ruffians, many of them intoxicated, who almost broke up the parade."

All Highly Indignant.

Others who were just as indignant as Mrs. Poe and Mrs. Hooker at the meeting were: Mrs. Catherine T. Carr, Mrs. Charles J. Keller, Miss Warner, Mrs. B. Benson, Mrs. M. H. Palmer, who was in chargé of the banner committee during the parade; Miss N. B. Dixon, Dr. Nelly V. Mark, Mrs. William Pinckney Holmes, Miss Riley, Miss Wheeler and Miss E. V. Larkin.

Dr. Mark, who is chairman of the committee which is to send out the protesting letters, said: "Major Sylvester must suffer. It was all his fault. Not only are we of Maryland going to do all in our power to see that a thorough investigation is made, but the women of every state are going to do the same thing. There was absolutely no necessity for any trouble at all had the police done their duty. They were worse than the hoodlums."

According to Mrs. Calvin N. Gabriel, the National Woman Suffrage Association in New York has already forwarded to President Wilson a vigorous protest against the police and requested an investigation. Mrs. Gabriel commented upon the courteous treatment Baltimore suffragists have always received, and the efficient work of Marshal Farnan during General Jones' recent entry into the city.

In the same mail which carries the letters to the congressmen and senators will be one to the commandant of Fort Meyer thanking and complimenting him on the splendid work done by his forces during the trouble.

On Saturday, May 31, a big suffrage parade will be held in Baltimore, and already plans are on foot to make it a success. Mrs. William Pinckney Holmes has been appointed chairman of the banner committee, while Miss Riley, Miss Wheeler and Hans Schuler will compose the committee on floats.

Fire Damages Kitchen.

Fire damaged the kitchen of the home of Charles Bowen, 1325 West Fayette street, to the extent of about $150 last night. The place is a boarding-house, but few persons were home at the time and there was no excitement. The flames started in the basement kitchen and spread to the surrounding woodwork. An alarm was sent in, and in a few minutes the blaze was extinguished by the Fire Department.

A Novena at Towson.

A novena is being conducted at the Catholic Church of the Immaculate, at Towson, by the acting pastor, Rev. John L. Horstkamp.

Dr. A. Samuels Returns Home.

Dr. A. Samuels, who has been visiting friends in New York for the past ten days, has returned to his residence, 1928 Eutaw Place.

Which Is Reason Enough.

The reason most men can't marry on $10,000 a year is because they haven't got it.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Holland's Letter Today

The South's prosperity regarded as a guarantee against radical business legislation with Underwood in the House.

Read It On The Financial Page

BUSTLE AT UNION STATION

Human Interest Scenes Among the Throngs.

There was surely something doing yesterday at Union Station. All day long from dawn to dewy eve great red trains were shrieking into the big building unloading their human freight and dashing noisily away again on their shining steel roads. There have been larger crowds handled at the station before—notably that attendant upon the great Democratic Convention, when all records were smashed in every line, for example—but the inaugural crowds of yesterday were worth seeing and getting out of the way of.

It was a very tired, wornout crowd, too, for those who composed it had been seeing the big events in Washington, and there had not been many minutes for breathing spells. One might stand at one of the gates and see "types" without end as each train came to a standstill and allowed its inmates to get out.

First would come a young newly married couple, tired but decidedly happy after having seen Mr. Wilson inducted on their wedding trip, and close on their heels would come an individual whose time had evidently been passed in front of a cooling bar. Every now and then a suffragist would swagger past, wearing a yellow badge announcing to all who cared to read that the wearer had assisted in the big parade or, at least, advocated the same principles as "General" Jones and her hikers.

A large squad of Baltimore's finest was on hand all day long and they had very little time to chat with friends or nap from 6 o'clock until late last night. Much of their time was spent in clearing a passage for the new arrivals to pass through on their way out of the station. Several million questions in regard to a wide range of subjects enables the members of the squad to try to live up to their reputations as human encyclopedias.

One feature which was notable in connection with the travelers who swept through the station was the fact that everybody, tired though he might be, was happy. Why not? Had not Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat, been ushered into the presidential seat? Who wouldn't be happy? (for it was a Democratic crowd). If it wasn't appearances certainly belied the reality, for almost everyone was wearing a Wilson button.

It was a hungry aggregation, too. Apparently, food was at a premium in Washington, and then, too, many simply refused to take time to eat more than a hasty lunch during the ceremonies, and when they landed here there was a rush for the lunchrooms, which kept the waiters waltzing about in great style. Those possessed of a certain amount of foresight had loaded huge baskets with sandwiches and other tidbits which one usually associates with picnics, and they munched calmly away on the trains, to the intense envy of their less thoughtful brothers and sisters.

One rugged old fellow from the central portion of Pennsylvania, who, as he expressed it, was about "all in," admitted he was very, very much fatigued. "But I'd do it again!" he exclaimed with a grin. "I'm near 90, and it's been a long time since our last Democratic president, so I had to come along. I may not have a chance to celebrate again for many a year, but I've seen a Democrat inaugurated once, anyway," and he lay down on a station seat and began to snore away lustily.

At a late hour they were still coming through, either to stop off here or to wait for the train which would take them back home.

RETURNING TRAINS DELAYED

Thousands Pour Into Stations Until Early Hours.

Returning from the inaugural festivities in Washington, thousands and thousands of people poured into Baltimore all last night, crowding the stations to their capacity. The flood continued throughout the night with the aid of any number of special trains dispatched by the Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania railroads and the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Railway. Every few minutes trains were arriving, jammed with tired crowds, and hardly had the coaches been emptied before they were sent back to the capital for another load.

Until the early hours of the morning they came. The majority of the arrivals sought rest in the Baltimore hotels, tired out from the day's activities. There were as many women as men that poured into Union and Camden Stations.

Not since the Democratic Convention, in June, have so many trains arrived in Baltimore within 24 hours. The greater part of these were specials.

Due to side-tracking, in order to allow the various specials to pass, where was much delay and hardly a train on the steam roads arrived on schedule time. Union Station particularly was the dumping-off place, and throughout the night the station was packed to the doors with tired, sleepy inaugural celebrants. Camden and Mount Royal Stations, too, were jammed.

J. G. BODINE IS ILL

Found in Gas-filled Room in Washington—He May Die.

Only a few days before he was to return home to his wife and children after a long absence, Joel G. Bodine, 56 years old, 2021 Harlem avenue, a wealthy real estate operator, was found in an unconscious condition in Washington yesterday afternoon in a gas-filled room and a gas tube lying nearby. Mr. Bodine is now at the Casualty Hospital, Washington, in a critical condition as the result of gas poisoning.

The wife and children of Mr. Bodine knew nothing of the affair until a reporter for The American went to the home last night and told them. Mrs. Bodine was nearly prostrated. She said her husband had been in poor health for some time.

The man was found in a room in the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. Breeden, 210 Bates street, Northwest, Washington. He had been staying there for the past month, recuperating from a recent illness in Baltimore. The inaugural demonstration had put Mr. Bodine in a happy frame of mind and in a couple of days he was expected to return to his home here. Yesterday his brother, Emrich Bodine, of Nokesville, Va., joined him in Washington to witness the parade.

Emrich Bodine went to the room of hi brother shortly before the parade was to take place to call him, and received no response. He then opened the door. The room was in total darkness, and the odor of gas was strong. Quickly throwing open the window, he saw the prostrate form of his brother lying across the bed, with a gas tube attached to a gas lamp lying beside him. The gas was turned on full. An ambulance was called, and Mr. Bodine was removed to the Casualty Hospital. Whether or not he attempted suicide could not be established. Mrs. Bodine stated that her husband after recuperating from his illness, became very despondent, but that last Saturday he wrote her a letter and seemed much brighter.

LEADED APRONS FOR X-RAY MEN

MEANS DISCOVERED TO MINIMIZE DANGER.

WILL BE USED AT HOPKINS

By Donning One of These Leaded Fabrics Operators of the Roentgen and X-rays Machines Will Be Able To Do Twice as Much and Better Work Than Heretofore. Rays Will Not Penetrate These New Affairs.

That the operators of the X-rays at Johns Hopkins Hospital might be given the best possible protection against accident or even loss of their own lives, it has been determined to furnish each with a leaded-fabric apron, recently invented by a French scientist. Heretofore operators have used aprons of lead and placed special shields over their hands. This has interfered greatly in the work of the handlers of the X-rays and to go without any protection has resulted in many being crippled and in some cases operators have been killed. Dr. Frederick Baetjer, of Johns Hopkins has had five fingers amputated because of wasted tissues received while operating an X-ray.

The inventor of the leaded-silk fabric has been able to weave a silk cloth which is so heavily impregnated with various substances, particularly lead, so that it makes an armor actually impenetrable by the rays. Clothes made of six thicknesses of this cloth afford ample protection to the hands, no matter how long or how steadily the operator may be handling the machine. Samples of this cloth have been sent to the Hopkins and other large hospitals of the country, and it has been approved by the physicians.

As is vaguely known to laymen, the rays which have proved so damaging to the tissues of the skin, are invisible. While the Roentgen rays and while the X-ray are being emitted from the globular bulb through which the current passes, nothing is visible but a bright light caused by the friction of the current and the particles of air that have found their way into the partial vaccuum that exists in the bulb. This light is harmless, although it is sufficiently bright as to enable one to see through an outer substance. The X-ray and Roentgen rays are there, but cannot be seen or felt. The discovery of the leaded-silk cloth means that physicians, surgeons and especially their skilled assistants who handle the machines, will be able to do twice as much and better work than heretofore, with the danger reduced to a minimum. Dr. Waters, who is in charge of the X-ray department of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, is particularly enthusiastic about the discovery of the fabric.

DEAD MAN IN STATION

Unidentified Body Lying in Camden Since Monday Night.

Ever since Monday night the dead body of an unidentified white man has been lying in the baggage-room at Camden Station, where he was placed after being brought to this city from Lorely, Md., a small station on the Philadelphia division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. For almost 24 hours the matter was kept a secret from the police and from the city medical authorities. Although 50 patrolmen and the deputy marshal of police, besides a number of patrolmen who work in that vicinity, passed through the station all during yesterday, the authorities were not notified until last night. Coroner Hyde, of the Western district, was informed of the matter and is investigating the death of the man.

The dead man, who appears to be an Italian laborer, was first seen by the crew of train No. 511, of the Baltimore and Ohio, as it was running between Bradshaw and Lorely. The man was lying near him. The engineer brought leg was severed from the body and was lying near him. The negineer brought the train to a standstill and several members of the crew hastened to the man's side. He was unconscious but was still breathing and was lifted into the cab of the engine. Dr. C. W. Pentz, one of the company's surgeons, was summoned and administered medical aid to the man while the train was making the run to Baltimore. The man died before the city was reached, however, and when the train arrived in the depot his body was placed on a stretcher and carried into the baggage-room. Here it remained until last night, before the police of the Western district learned of the matter. It is believed Coroner Hyde will order an inquest. The body was sent to the Morgue last night.

Order for Locomotives.

According to advices from New York yesterday, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad had placed an order for 10 Mallet compound locomotives with the American Locomotive Company. At the same time the Baltimore and Ohio placed their order the Kansas City Southern placed an order with the same company for four six-wheel switching engines. The contract for the 90 locomotives, bids for which were asked several weeks ago by the Baltimore and Ohio, was placed last Saturday with the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia.

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