A MASS MEETING OF REPUBLICANS

Plan of the Committee of One Hundred Outlined

HOW TO UNITE THE PARTY

PROGRESSIVES JOIN IN HARMONY MOVEMENT.

More Than Half the Membership Respond to Call of Gen. Bartlett. Animated Discussion in Which Former Progressives Participate. Resolutions Adopted Setting Forth the True Conditions — Republicans, Irrespective of Former Differences, Invited to Take Part.

Nearly one-half the membership of the Republican Advisory Committee of one hundred responded to the call issued by General J. Kemp Bartlett, and met yesterday afternoon in the Belvedere Hotel to consider ways and means to secure a reunion of the Republican party in this state. It was the best attended meeting, with probably a single exception, since the committee organized.

General Bartlett presided and Enos Stockbridge was secretary. The interest manifest by the Republicans who attended is best indicated by the fact that the discussion, which covered every phase of the situation, lasted from 4 until after 7 o'clock, and then a committee appointed to draft resolutions outlined by the meeting remained in session one hour longer to complete the work.

General Bartlett explained the purpose of the gathering after he had called the meeting to order, and in an extended address directed attention to the importance of Republicans getting together if they hoped to make any showing against the common enemy. He said that a great majority of the Republicans who had supported the Progressive ticket at the last election were prepared to return to the fold. The reasons that had induced them to forsake the party no longer existed, and there was no reason why both wings should not again come together.

TO RESPOND TO CALL.

Addresses along similar lines were made by former State Senator Putzel, ex-Senator Harry M. McCullough, Jonathan K. Taylor and others, but different views were presented bearing on the manner of procedure. It was at first proposed to appoint a committee to take immediate action, the idea being to have a big mass-meeting in the near future. Other members, however, thought it a wise course to proceed with great deliberation before adopting this proposition. The discussion took a wide range, during which it was stated that while men like Messrs. Bonaparte and Gaither were determined to quit the party, the rank and file would respond to the call when the situation was made known. Divided the opponents of Democracy could make no headway, but again united the Republicans could repeat the performance of the fall of 1911 and retain control of the state administration.

The members who had supported the Progressive ticket and who were well represented were as earnest in their desire to restore harmony as those who had supported the Republican nominees, the only difference of opinion being as to the course to be pursued.

It was finally agreed to appoint a committee to draft resolutions along the lines indicated by the speakers, with the understanding that there is to be a conference or mass meeting some time in May or June, to which all Republicans and Progressives should be invited, who, willing to sink past differences, would unite in restoring the party to its former power and usefulness.

The committee named included General Bartlett, Louis Putzel and Edward Duffy, of this city; Henry M. McCullough and Frank E. Williams, of Cecil; Dr. Charles F. Gordell, of Frederick, and B. H. Warner, Jr., of Montgomery.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

The resolutions agreed upon read as follows:

"The Republican State Advisory Committee of one hundred, created to assist in the conduct of the state campaign of 1911, resulting in the election of a Republican governor for the second time in the history of the state, appeals to the thoughtful people of the state at this crisis in her affairs.

"The people of the state face a plain and appalling situation such as they fought so bitterly against in the past. If the citizens who have heretofore affiliated or acted with the Republican party continue to be divided, it will mean that the government of the State of Maryland shall be delivered to the old Democratic organization and the administration of public affairs placed at its mercy. Much needed progressive legislation can only be secured by the co-operation of the same forces that brought victory in 1911. Therefore,

Be it resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed by the chairman, of which he shall be chairman ex-officio, to prepare the necessary plans for an early conference of representatives from all sections of the state, looking to the prevention of the unchecked control of the state government by the Democratic organization. And be it further resolved,

That this committee cordially invites and urges the co-operation of all who have acted with us heretofore, irrespective of other differences of opinion, to the end that in the strength which results from united and harmonious action we may secure the welfare of our beloved state.

Among those at the meeting were Jonathan K. Taylor, Col. H. B. Wilcox, Louis Putzel, B. H. Warner, Jr., Henry M. McCullough, Frank E. Williams, George R. Dennis, Edward W. Duffy, R. P. Graham, C. I. T. Gould, Edward M. Allen, Theodore Mottu, Enos Stockbridge, Clinton O. Richardson, Bladen Lowndes, Gen. C. F. Macklin, Henry L. Duer, Capt. L. B. Phillips, James McEvoy, Addison E. Mullikin and Charles F. Goodell.

Civil War Veteran 69.

Henry H. Matthews, distinguished Confederate veteran, and for 10 years quartermaster at the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home, Pikesville, celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday quietly yesterday at the home.

PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM

Committee Decides to Go It Alone Next November.

Ward executives of the Progressive party at a meeting in the office of Col. E. C. Carrington, Jr., last night decided to place a full legislative ticket in the field next fall. This action means that the Progressives, as far as the city is concerned at least, intend to go it alone. The resolution agreeing that the city party should have its own candidates was adopted after a two hours' meeting.

Following the open meeting there was a caucus, at which it was decided to support Col. Joseph R. Baldwin for the chairmanship of the state central committee, also for the permanent chairmanship of the state convention which assembles tomorrow.

There is some doubt as to where the Progressives will gather tomorrow. Some weeks ago arrangements were made to have the convention at the Hotel Emerson. Yesterday the management of the hotel and Colonel Baldwin differed as to the propriety of his receiving negro visitors in his room. A number of the colored delegates called at the hotel and started for the Colonel's room. The hotel manager objected, but the Colonel met the colored delegates. It is said, however, that the Colonel was advised that hereafter that will not be allowed.

Inasmuch as tomorrow's convention will be held in the public parlors, it may be that the colored delegates will be admitted. Col. E. C. Carrington, Jr., last night stated that if the hotel management will not permit the colored delegates into the convention room then arrangements will be made to secure another meeting place.

Not only will the city Progressives have their own legislative ticket, but they will have nominees for all the local offices. Whether similar action will be taken by the state party remains to be determined at tomorrow's convention.

The party representatives from all city wards and every county are expected at the meeting tomorrow. If possible, former United States Senator Wellington, of Cumberland, will attend and in the event that he does the probability is that he will be the temporary chairman.

MAY MEAN GERMAN WAR

Natives of Fatherland Here Receive Important Message.

That Germany may go to war in the near future was indicated yesterday by letters received here by prominent natives of the Fatherland, which stated that they should hold themselves in readiness for immediate orders. Among those who received one of these messages was a former member of the imperial body guard of Emperor William of Germany and at present head waiter in a downtown hotel.

The waiter, who comes from the suburban section of Berlin, would not go into details last night regarding the situation in Germany. He admitted that he did not know whether his native country was about to engage in warfare with some other great power or not. He said, however, that he had received a letter from a close friend in one of the government departments of the empire that he should keep himself in readiness for orders and to make preparations to leave the United States at short notice for military service abroad.

The waiter is of a military appearance. The years he spent in the military service of the Fatherland have made him straight as an arrow. He came to this country about seven years ago, after years of faithful service as a bodyguard of the ruler of the German Empire. He has prospered. He understands military tactics from a to z, and should he be recalled to his native land to re-enter the military service he will be made a captain of infantry.

Besides this man several other prominent Germans of this city who experienced former military service under the German flag are said to have received letters similar in tone to that of the head waiter at The Emerson, but they regard the matter with such grave importance that they declined to make the contents of the missives known.

COL. HOOK RETURNS

Given a Rousing Reception at the City Hall.

Col. Jacob W. Hook, City Collector, who enjoyed his annual promenade on Atlantic City's Boardwalk last Sunday, was given a rousing home-coming welcome by his colleagues at the City Hall yesterday. Hardly had he entered the building before the watchmen at the doors extended their congratulations. The Colonel wore a soft Fedora hat, carried the cane which hung on his arm at the seashore, and looked as if he were pleased.

Colonel Hook received the official greetings from the Mayor and his associates when he entered the cabinet meeting. When he opened the door the Mayor stopped talking and waved the City Collector a happy salutation. Other officials, taking the cue, also extended their arms. Some one said "Hooray for the Colonel!" and had not the Mayor glanced at the enthusiast there would surely have been applause.

When the meeting was over the Colonel was surrounded by his colleagues, who wanted to know the particulars concerning his trip to the city-by-the-sea.

"The American stated that you were riding in a rolling-chair with two ladies," said John Hubert, president of the Second Branch City Council. "Is that true?"

"It certainly is," said Colonel Hook, amid laughter. "One of them was my daughter and the other was her friend from New York."

Other city officials who drifted into the City Hall late in the afternoon from Atlantic City were Major Joseph W. Shirley, of the Topographical Survey Commission, and W. Harry Laib, secretary of the Health Department. Both officials said they had a fine time and marched behind Colonel Hook in the Easter parade.

HARMONIE MINSTREL SHOW

Performance and Dance at Lehmann's Hall a Great Success.

Jokes that were really new, singing that was far above the average, and dancing that equaled that of George Primrose, all went to make the minstrel show and dance of the Harmonie Singing Society last night at Lehmann's Hall one of the most successful performances ever given by that organization. A large and appreciative audience, which packed the hall to overflowing, encored the numbers again and again and between the songs and choruses were kept in an almost continuous roar of laughter at the jokes cracked by the end men. A number of pleasantries at the expense of officers of the organization were much appreciated. Last night's performance and dance was the last of a series of entertainments, consisting of two grand concerts, a mask ball and two smaller concerts, which were planned by the society to be given during the winter season.

Following the minstrel show the floor was cleared and the dancing began. Although owing to the numerous encores it was a late hour before the orchestra struck up the strains of a popular two-step and the dance was on, the hall was thronged with eager couples, who, careless of time or the somewhat crowded condition of the floor, gave themselves up to the complete enjoyment of the occasion. Between the dances refreshments were served.

The cast of the minstrel show was as follows: Ferdinand Kaiser, interlocutor; E. Stichtenoth, A. Bayer, H. Jackson, bones; J. Myer, M. Voegel and E. C. Trinite, tambos; P. J. Trinite, L. Goodman, W. Wilbur, C. Doyle, H. Carl, H. Burlage, L. Duval, H. Scholing, G. Poehlman, T. Riordan, J. Kernan, H. Mickich, B. Fritsche, G. Napfel, E. Ender, N. Kupersmidt, S. Myer, B. Pfoertsch, A. Zeis and J. Tichy, gentlemen of the circle, and John A. Klein, musical director.

VANDALISM ON A RAMPAGE

NEWS ITEM—FIRE AND TORNADO ARE PLAYING HAVOC WITH LIFE AND PROPERTY IN THE WESTERN STATES.

MINISTERS ARE ARRIVING

Ready for M. E. Conference Sessions, Beginning Tomorrow.

A vanguard of about 50 ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church reached Baltimore yesterday eager for the opening session of their annual conference, which convenes in Eutaw Street Church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Tonight a majority of the ministers assembled in the church to hear Dr. W. R. Wedderlecture on the Bonnie Briar Bush, after which there will be an informal reception in the church parlors, with Rev. Dr. E. L. Hubbard and the members of Eutaw Street Church as the hosts. Refreshments will be served.

Bishop Henderson, of Tennessee, who is in the city in the interest of Goucher College, met several of the district superintendents of the church in the lecture-room yesterday afternoon and received their reports of progress on the Goucher campaign fund. These reports, flattering as they are said to be, will form a part of the Goucher jubilee meeting to be held on Thursday evening during the conference session. There was a class of candidates for admission to the conference before the board of examiners yesterday afternoon. T. G. Owens, H. C. Owens, John T. Fort, A. W. Groscup, J. C. Kerr and Luther Lewis were the applicants.

There are also large classes of applicants who have passed their first year's examination before the board and who are to be examined this morning for their second and third year course. They are the candidates for local deacon and elders' orders.

Immediately after the roll-call tomorrow morning the sacrement of the Lord's Supper will be administered. For this purpose one of the treasured relics of Methodism in America will be brought into use. The communion cup which will be used on this occasion is the same one which was used by Francis Asbury, the first bishop of the Methodist Church, in old St. Gregory's Church, Philadelphia—11 years before the organization of the Methodist Church. The historic cup will be brought here by Rev. W. L. Munhall, its owner. Mr. Munhall was persuaded to bring the valued relic here for use on this occasion because the remains of Bishop Asbury lie buried beneath the altar of the present Eutaw Street Church.

TURNERS GIVE CIRCUS

Ticket Scalpers, Popcorn and All at Vorwaerts' Benefit.

With everything from a big tent and ticket scalpers to popcorn and pink lemonade, the Turnverein Circus came to town. It gave its first and only performance last night at Vorwaerts Hall, on West Lexington street. Ringmaster William Grace made a graceful speech and then, with a crack of the whip, the show was on.

First came the four Jardin brothers, in their hand-standing act. Then, with a blare of the trumpets from the Circus Band, Professor Ludo and his troupe of "wild animals" made their appearance. After this came the Royal Musical Troupe, from Amsterdam; Walpert and Weide, in their hand-balancing act; Kurtz Rottman, the lightning cartoonist; the Taylor sisters, in their Mexican ring act; a sextet of jockeys on their noble steeds; the Impossible Brothers, in their hand-balancing performance, and, as a climax, a thrilling act by the Olympic Bar Experts.

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President Wilson and American participation in the Chinese loan.

Read It On The Financial Page

FLORODORA IS TALK OF SOCIETY

FIRST PERFORMANCE GIVEN BY PAINT AND POWDER CLUB.

BRILLIANT AUDIENCE THERE

Albaugh's Theater Packed to the Doors—Handsomely Gowned Women Predominate in Audience—Success Crowns First Night Performance—Every Boy and "Girl" in the Show Did Their Best—Applause Greets Players.

One of the most brilliant audiences ever assembled in Albaugh's Theater witnessed the opening performance last night of Florodora by the Paint and Powder Club.

The club has had a number of successful productions, but it was generally conceded that Florodora was the crowning success. No professional performance could have been staged better.

The costumes, which had been especially designed for the production, were very rich and handsome. The beautiful settings of the stage and the rich costumes worn by the women in the audience made a picture that will long be remembered by those who witnessed it. By 8 o'clock the fashionable audience began to arrive. Charles street was lined with automobiles for several blocks in each direction from the theater. A large crowd gathered on the street in front of the theater to catch a glimpse of the beautiful dresses worn by the society women attending the performance. The police regulations were good. Besides a large number of police in uniform, there were a number of plain-clothes men on hand.

For a time the entrance to the theater was blocked with many richly gowned women waiting to gain admission. When the curtain went up there was still a large number of persons waiting to be shown to their seats. Florodora is not a new opera, but it is one of the most successful that has been written in years. Thousands of persons witnessed it both in this country and England.

There are so many stars in the cast that it is hard to decide which did the best work. Charles Andrew McCann, who appeared as Lady Holyrood, is an old Paint and Powder favorite. His entrance was greeted with an outburst of applause. His costume was stunning, but the question that was asked by everyone in the audience was, where did he get the little white woolly dog with a red ribbon around its neck. In one of his songs Mr. McCann told the audience that he was known from Roland Park to Franklin Square. Many of his songs were filled with local hits.

Clapham Murray, Jr., did excellent work as Anthony Tweedlefunct, a showman, phrenologist, hypnotist and pianist. He also has appeared in a number of amateur plays. Some of his jokes were gotten off at the expense of the Duc de Richelieu. Joseph W. Swikert, as Cyrus W. Gilfain, made one of the hits of the performance. He sings well and is a clever actor. Richard H. Bond as Frank Abercord did good work. Mr. Bond has an excellent voice and sang a number of songs that met with favor from the audience. One of the features of the perofrmance was the dance in the last act by Hyland Kuhns and Neil Hughes. The dance was called the Chevy Chase, and is likely to be taken up as one of the new dances by Baltimore's society set.

Robert Breese, of New York, who took part in the performance at the request of Reese Cassard, did what he called a 1913 clog dance. Mr. Breese is out of the amateur class, and should be classed among the best dancers on the professional stage. His dance was one of the bright spots in the performance. Arunah S. A. Brady made an excellent Capt. Arthur W. Donegal. Mr. Bardy is an old favorite, and was given a warm reception.

Sextet a Feature.

The Florodora sextette was a brilliant success. The costumes were stunning. Charles Andrew McCann had a great deal to do with having them made. Howard Gill as Dolores, and Charles Gantz as Valleda, a maid to Lady Holyrood, also came in for their share of the applause. Among others in the cast were:

T. Nunan McFee, William Appold Wood, Goeffrey R. Koefoed, Dr. F. T. Ellison, Walter H. Lambie, W. B. Swindell, Jr., A. Patterson Pendleton, F. Boughton Beacham, T. George Parr, Robert Garland, Roger W. Bacon, T. Robert Schumann, Walter Guy Dulany, Wilmer W. Wagner, Francis S. Beacham, Alan P. S. Hobltzell, William Penn Lewis, Arthur Knothe, Joseph Ridgeley, Harold Clark, Charles Joyner, F. Lester Simon, R. Bruce Hamilton, John M. Barrett, Charles M. May, Jesse S. Whiteford, W. W. White, Irwin W. Loock, Henry R. Gillingham, George C. Crawford, Jr., J. Raymond Moore, Rowland Loudenslager, F. Morrison Boyd, Junius Millard, P. Hammer Vetter and Dr. H. Lyman Whittle.

W. Harry Noeth, as Miss Gilfain, was one of the prettiest "girls" in the cast. Among the feature dances were:

French Military Dance—Lloyd Unduch, Francis S. Beacham, Gillie Shaw, F. Morrison Boyd, Rowland Loudenslager and Dr. H. Lyman Whittle.

Pierrot Dance—Lloyd Unduch, Melll Hughes, F. Morrison Boyd, Gillie Shaw, W. W. White, C. M. May, Wilmer Emory and Rowland Loudenslager.

At times the stage was banked with flowers sent by admiring friends of those taking part. The performance last night was given for the benefit of the Country Home for Children at Orange Grove. Coach Eddie Meehan and Musical Director Louis H. Fisher have worked unceasingly whipping the recruits into shape and deserve much credit for the success of the performance.

The performance will be repeated tonight and the proceeds will go to the Society for the Protection of Children from Cruelty and Immorality.

FASHIONABLE AUDIENCE.

Among the society folk present were:

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. George Dobbin Penniman, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abell, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh C. Thomas, Mr. Jesse Cassard, Mrs. Thomas Nelson, Miss Mary Page Nelson, Miss Virginia Amber, Miss Margery Whyte, Mrs. William Painter, Mrs. John Gittings Brogden, Mrs. F. Irving Cooke, Mrs. Maurice Bloomfield, Miss Ellinor Bloomfield, Mrs. Gilbert Fraser, Mrs. Nicholas G. Ferriman, Mrs. Felix Agnus, Mrs. Oscar Leser, Dr. and Mrs. Charles O'Donovan, Mr. Basil Snowden, Miss Mary Bedford Snowden, Miss Sara English Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry O'Donovan, Mrs. John Phelps, Mrs. Andrew Melville Reid, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kent McCay, Mrs. Sallie Cator Hopper, Mrs. Wilmer Brinton, Mr. Stuart C. Hopper, Mr. Rowland West, Miss Marian Ancker, Miss Bessie Clark, Miss Louise Clark, Mrs. George Randolph, Miss Katherine Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hubbard, Mr. Ernest Jenkins, Miss Katherine Robertson, Mr. Walter deC. Poultney, Mrs. Leigh Bonsal, Miss Margaretta Bonsal, Mrs. John C. Willett, Miss Ludlow Willett, Mr. and Mrs. S. Proctor Brady, Mr. Charles Kerr, Mr. Hamilton Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gosnell, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Penrose, Mrs. Chester Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vickery, Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Gorter, Miss Bessie Bucker, Miss Elise Miller, Mr. Henry Gittings, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Daly, Miss Irene Daly, Mrs. John I. Griffiss, Miss Margaret Griffiss, Mrs. Edwin Abell, Mrs. Harvey Inglis, Mr. Ewing Harvey, Miss Katherine Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swindell, Mr. and Mrs. David Carroll, Mrs. Sloan Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. John Fife Symington of S, Miss Phyliss Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Baker, Miss Ella Holt, Mrs. Campbell Mortimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Farber, Mr. and Mrs. S. Proctor Brady, Mr. and Mrs. German Hunt Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rasin, Miss Marie Louise Perin, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Harrison, Miss Jean Gilmor, Miss Amy Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Soper, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Levering, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Janes, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison Gaither, Mr. Lloyd Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Staples, Mr. Luther M. R. Willis, Mr. D. Peale Polk, Mr. J. Albert Young, Miss Elizabeth Young, Mrs. Charles F. Macklin, Mr. Vivian Leftwich, Miss Virginia Ambler, Mr. George Knapp, Jr., Miss Katharine Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Thomas, Miss Lucie Cherbonnier, Miss Constance Flanigan, of New York; Mr. Reese Cassard, Mrs. Robert Morrison, Miss Sidney Morrison, Mr. Hopper Emory, Mr. Charles G. Kerr, Mr. T. Robert Jenkins, Mr. J. Archer Selhman, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Beachan, Mr. and Mrs. John Randolph Bland.

BLOWN FROM FODDER STACK

Aged Man Hurled to the Ground by High Winds.

Blown from the top of a high stack of fodder by boisterous winds yesterday afternoon George Randall, 82 years old, of Holbrook, in the second district of Baltimore county, was hurled violently to the ground. He is nursing a lame back but otherwise escaped injury.

Mr. Randall had been loading the fodder on a cart all morning. As he raised himself slowly from a stooping position a strong gust struck him, and he was whirled over the side in an instant. The shock of the fall dazed him, and his back pained him considerably, but he continued his work.

Gold Watch Stolen in Car.

A gold watch, valued at $85, was filched from the vest pocket of Charles M. Brink, of Catonsville, while he was riding on the Catonsville car to Baltimore Sunday night. The loss was reported by Mr. Brink to Captain of Detectives McGovern yesterday.

15 FIREMEN ARE INJURED AT FIRE

Union Abattoir Co Suffers Loss of at Least $200,000.

PLANS TO REBUILD AT ONCE

MANY EMPLOYES ARE THROWN OUT OF WORK.

Blaze Started Early Yesterday Morning in Refining Room of the Oil Building and Soon Spread to and Destroyed Lard, Boiler and Engine Houses and Cold-storage Building — Firemen Caught on Falling Wall and Precipitated Into Blazing Structure.

While the ruins of their buildings which were swept by fire early yesterday morning are cooling, the D. B. Martin & Co., Inc., trading as the Union Abattoir Company, at Claremont, are making elaborate plans for rebuilding their plant. As soon as every spark of the fire has been extinguished, the 350 or more employes made idle by reason of the fire, will be put to work clearing away the debris, which is now scattered all over the grounds.

The buildings either destroyed or damaged were a four-story brick oilhouse, 60x150 feet; a two-story brick building used as a lardhouse of practically the same dimensions; a one-story brick building used as an engine and boiler house, containing much valuable machinery, all of which is believed to be completely ruined, and a one-story brick building, 75x300 feet, used as an abattoir and cold-storage house. In this latter building, which faced Gwynns Falls, was stored thousands of pounds of ready dressed meats of all kinds, as well as many tons of hide. All of this was either destroyed or made unfit for use. An official estimate of the damage is $200,000, fully covered by insurance.

That the fire spread so rapidly to the adjoining building was due to the lack of water. Had there been a better supply the fire would have been confined to the oil-house alone, according to Chief Engineer August Emrich. As it was the firemen were handicapped and could not use the big steamers which responded. Four hose lines were placed on one steamer, but the streams were so tiny that two of the lines had to be disconnected to give the others a half-decent stream. The city department was criticised time and again for the poor water supply, but it was pointed out that the fire occurred outside of the city limits in Baltimore county, and not only that, but on private property, where the owners should have taken proper precautions against such an occurrence of yesterday morning.

FIRE STARTED IN OILHOUSE.

The fire started shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning in the refining-room of the oil building on the third floor. Employes tried to extinguish the blaze, but 15 minutes later, when they saw it getting away from them, they called the city department out. The first alarm was sounded at 2:19 A. M., and it was just six minutes later when the combination or "four-twos" alarm was sounded, bringing out apparatus from as far in the city as Baltimore and Fremont streets.

Nearly half an hour later the Catonsville chemical engine responded, but stopped at the entrance of the yard. A puny one-inch stream of water was played on the rear of one of the buildings, but there was no attempt made to connect up the three-inch hose with a county plug. This was left for the city department. Yesterday afternoon, when all but two of the city companies had left the scene, the Catonsville company ran its auto into the fire zone and played a small stream on the debris.

Had it not been for the city firemen there is no telling how far the fire would have spread. For a while it looked as though it would get away from the firemen, but their pluck in facing death on the roof of the engine-room and the top of the 10,000-gallon ammonia tank saved the day. But it was at the expense of many bruises, cuts and broken bones.

FIFTEEN FIREMEN HURT.

Fifteen firemen were carried through the roof of the engine-room by the buckling of the east wall of the oil house. These men were:

CAPT. WILLIAM J. STEWART, No. 8 Engine Company; lacerated face and contusions of the body.

CAPT. JACOB F. RUPP, No. 14 Engine Company; lacerated face and contusions of the body.

LIEUT. JAMES E. McDONALD, No. 8 Engine Company; overcome by ammonia, injured eye and bruises.

LIEUT. HARRY C. SHOWACRE, No. 30 Engine Company; bruised.

PIPEMEN RAYMOND LYETH, No. 8 Engine Company; fractured wrist and badly bruised body.

PIPEMAN WILLIAM J. RIGGS, No. 30 Engine Company; back and legs injured.

PIPEMAN ANTONE YIENGER, No. 30 Engine Company, back injured.

PIPEMAN JOSEPH P. V. BARRY, No. 8 Engine Company; lacerated face.

PIPEMAN GEORGE E. McPARLAND, No. 30 Engine Company; fractured arm.

PIPEMAN ARTHUR T. GUNTRUM, No. 14 Engine Company; lacerated hand.

PIPEMAN GEORGE ELLIS, No. 30 Engine Company; contusions about the body.

SUBSTITUTE GEORGE E. LINTON, No. 10 Engine Company; nail in foot.

ASSISTANT ENGINEMAN JOSEPH L. CHASON, No. 8 Engine Company; bruised about body.

PIPEMAN JOSEPH P. BARRY, No. 8 Engine Company; bruised about body.

PIPEMAN FRANK E. KAISERSKI, No. 30 Engine Company; bruised about body.

These men were fighting the fire from the best position, and just a few moments after Chief Emrich had left them the wall toppled over. District Chief Shipley and members of Nos. 10 and 36 Engine Companies managed to reach the edge of the roof where they clung. The other men could not escape in time, because of their position, which was close to the windows of the oilhouse. When the cry to get back reached them they made a break for safety, but it was too late. Tons of red hot brick and mortar fell on them with a crash, breaking in the roof of the engine-house and hurling the men to what seemed almost certain death, 30 feet below, among the machinery. To add to their danger, fire started in the pit and their groans and cries for help could be heard above the roar of the flames.

ROPES ABOUT THEIR WAISTS.

Comrades fastened ropes around their waists and plunged into the wrecked and fire-swept engine-room to search for those carried down with the debris. Lieutenant McDonald was the first rescued. When brought out he was unconscious from the ammonia fumes. He was taken to the department ambulance and treated by Dr. J. J. Valentini. Pipeman Lyeth was the next out. He managed to save himself by working his feet out of his boots and climbing over the red hot bricks on his hands and knees. Barefooted, he walked up the road, assisted by two firemen, to the ambulance. When he reached it his feet were nearly frozen and blood was streaming from them from the cuts inflicted by the stones on the road.

Late last night the fire in the oilhouse and cellar of the refrigerating and storage plant was still burning.

Just what caused the fire may never be learned, but it is believed that electric wires started it. Yesterday morning nearly a score of the kosher butchers went to the abattoir to kill cattle for their people, and great was their astonishment upon learning that the building had burned. They stood around a greater part of the day and then returned to their homes.

While the fire was at its height in the storage plant, many of the butchers employed yard hands to assist them in saving some of the dressed meat. About 500 head of cattle on hooks, the total weight of which would run into hundreds of thousands of pounds, were gotten out of the burning building. As soon as the extent of the fire became generally known, word was sent to the United States Bureau of Meat Inspection and an inspector was sent here from Washington. All of the meat not taken from the storage-roms was immediately condemned. Some of it was worth $132 a head. This, of course, was the heavy beef.

LOSERS OF MEAT.

Among the principal individual losers and the extent of their loss are: Fox & Haas, between 200 and 300 head of cattle; loss estimated at $22,500. D. B. Martin & Co., 200 or 300 head of cattle; loss estimated at $24,000. Charles Thompson, 20 head of cattle; loss estimated at $1,500. Gustave Gravley, 35 head of cattle; loss estimated at $2,625. Charles Leydecker, 150 sheep and lambs; loss estimated at $850. Swift & Co., between 350 and 500 hogs; loss estimated at $8,000.

In the cellar of the storage house there were between 1,000 and 1,200 hides. These had practically been sold, but when a representative of the purchaser learned of the fire he cancelled the order. The fire and water in the cellar ruined them.

Thousands of persons visited the scene yesterday and stood gazing in astonishment at the south wall of the oilhouse, which swayed in the high southwest winds, but refused to fall. Great cracks run from the top to the bottom of this wall, and because it is dangerous to life and limb it will be torn down early this morning.

At 11 o'clock last night the Catonsville and Mount Winans Fire Departments were called out when the oil in the cellar of the wrecked oil building began blazing.

LAST BALL AT GERMANIA

Mozart's Mask Dance Held in the Old Hall.

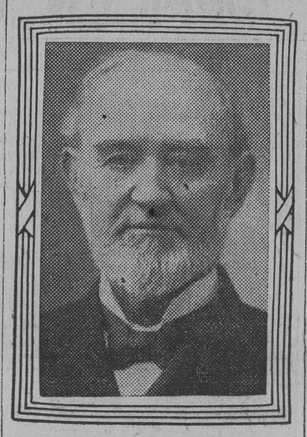
For the last time maskers glided merrily over the polished floor of Germania Maennerchor Hall, on West Lombard street, last night, when the annual mask ball of the Mozart Maennerchor was held there. The affair marked the closing of the winter festivities of Mozart and was the last mask ball that will ever be held at the historic old hall which has been the scene of many notable German festivities.

Owing to the many celebrations among the Germans throughout the city there was not an overwhelming crowd at the hall last night, but the gathering was large enough to count the ball a success. Most of those present were members of Mozart, their families and friends. The merry maskers, who singly and in groups danced around the hall, wore original and stunning costumes. The funmakers were conspicuous in ridiculous garb, while beautiful dresses of many hues adorned many of the women maskers.

The first prize, a handsome rocking chair, was awarded to Mrs. Adele Grieb, who appeared in a costume of white satin. She carried placards which bid good luck to Mozart. The second prize, a mission rocker, was won by Miss Charlotte Depser, whose garb was that of a pigeon fancier. Her hat represented a pigeon coop, while on her dress were sewed corn and stuffed pigeons. The third prize went to George E. Sproul, who represented the Marconi wireless.

The other prizes were awarded as follows: Fourth, to Mrs. Ernest C. Berger; fifth, to Mrs. Bernard Rondhouse; sixth, to Mrs. Julia Tichy; seventh, to Walter Ilgenfritz, and eighth, to Mrs. William Franke.

Bishop Earl Cranston



He will preside over the sessions of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which convenes in Eutaw Street Church tomorrow morning.

VESTRYMEN FOR P. E. CHURCHES

CONGREGATIONS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

NEARLY ALL ARE RE-ELECTED

The Vestry of an Episcopal Church Is Its Governing Body, and Men Prominent in Business and Civic Life Are Among Those Elected. Mayor Preston Is Again Chosen by Grace Church Congregation. Women Vote.

All of the Protestant Episcopal congregations yesterday elected vestrymen for the ensuing year. In almost every instance those who served last year were re-elected. The vestry of an Episcopal church is its governing body. Some of the elections took place at noon and others at night.

Mayor James H. Preston was re-elected at Grace Church.

For the second time in the history of the church women voted with the men in the election of the vestry. As on the preceding year, the women enjoyed their privilege of being permitted to vote, and their presence added to the gayety of the scene.

The voting commenced about noon and continued until nearly 1 o'clock. The polling place was in the vestry-room of the church and the judges were William Thomsen, William D. Jones and Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs. Five of the vestrymen were elected for a two-year term, in accordance with a ruling decided on last year. They were William Thomsen, Wilton Snowden, George R. Gaither, William B. Hurst and Major James W. Denny.

Those elected for one year are Mayor James H. Preston, Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs, Charles E. Falconer, John D. Howard and S. Tagart Steele.

Those elected at the other churches follow:

CHRIST CHURCH—John Glenn, Jr., Capt. Fred. W. Colston, Philemon H. Tuck, William F. Cochran, Alexander G. Nelson, Morris Whitridge, Robert H. Powell and William Keyser. Mr. Keyser was elected to fill the place left vacant by the death of Gen. John Gill.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL-ANGELS'—Townsend Scott, G. Wright Nichols, W. W. Chipchase, John W. Denmead, George C. Thomas, Roger T. Dawson and Judge T. J. C. Williams, (all re-elected).

ST. MARK'S—Lloyd Disney, senior warden; M. F. Gebhardt, junior warden; T. F. Bohn, treasurer; Alfred R. Taylor, assistant treasurer; F. Louis Edeler, secretary; M. F. Gebhardt, delegate to convention; Lloyd Disney, alternate; H. Claudice, F. Hill and F. A. Hammond, John F. Kirby, honorary vestryman.

HOLY CROSS—J. Pomeroy, Harvey Slager, J. F. Webb, Charles Lentz, Harry Lentz, Thomas Fredericks, John Beck.

OLD ST. PAUL'S—John E. Semmes, George Dobbin Penniman, Dr. William A. Bliss, Dr. Robert W. Johnson, Leigh Bonsal, George P. Jackson, Herbert M. Brune and C. I. T. Gould. All re-elections with the exception of Mr. Gould, who was nominated to succeed the late Bernard Carter some time ago, and who was officially elected yesterday.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH—Alexander McIlvane, William D. Gill, William Kleinle, Charles Heusted, J. Knight Sanford, Howard MacCarthy, James A. Richardson and Edward N. Rich, all re-elections.

EMMANUEL—Joseph Packard, R. Brent Keyser, Judge H. D. Harlan, Franklin P. Cator, Judge James M. Ambler, E. Stanley Gary and D. K. Este Fisher, all re-elections. There is now one vacancy on the board of this church, as the resignation of John S. Hayes was offered and accepted at yesterday's meeting. No one was elected to fill the place.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION—Charles B. W. Swindell, John Black, William F. Dubell, George Carey Lindsay, George H. Evans, Dr. J. William Lord, C. A. Browning and Walter Jones. Mr. Jones was elected in the place of William Wheatley, who resigned.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S—Dr. N. L. Dashiell, George Poplain, G. S. McEldowney, W. F. Koch, Henry Williams, A. DeR. Sappington and Dennett B. Norris. (All re-elections.)

MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH—Dr. Joseph Ames, Noble Stockett, John B. Henderson, Alfred Casey, Henry Severn Allnutt, Louis Clunett, Albert Biggs and Dr. Samuel Chew. (All re-elections.)

MEMORIAL CHURCH—William Ingle, James C. Garnett, Edward Markell, J. Southgate Yeaton, Thomas E. Bond, Phillip M. Tabb, E. Lloyd Winder and John W. Marchant. (All re-elections.)

PRO-CATHEDRAL—Arthur H. Jackson, David Briscoe, C. C. Miller, H. B. Bowerman, Leonard Ch