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FERRIS SCHOOL CHARGES ARE NOT SUSTAINED

So Reports Investigating Committee in Exhaustive Review of Hearings to Institution Managers

MR. HANDY MAKES BRIEF COMMENT

Former Governor Preston Lea, T. Allen Hiles and Lindley C. Kent, the committee appointed by the Board of Managers of the Ferris Industrial School to investigate the charges of alleged cruel treatment of boys in the institution as preferred by L. Irving Handy, has reported "We do not find the charges made by Mr. Handy in this letter to Mr. Lea sufficiently sustained by the influence brought before us." Although the report of the committee was read at the meeting of the Board of Managers of the school at its meeting yesterday afternoon, it was not made public until today.

The report treats of all the acts of alleged cruelty brought out by Mr. Handy during the prolonged investigation following the charges. Relative to Mr. Handy's charge that one boy had been beaten with a fence rail, the investigating committee reports that the boy was not badly hurt, as he went to work shortly after the occurrence. The committee also finds that chains used on boys were quite light and that whippings by a hitching strap were inflicted in the usual manner and not on the bare flesh. Relative to Mr. Handy's charge that boys were deprived of insufficient drinking water, the committee finds that correction was made, and that there was no indication on the part of the officers to make the boys suffer from thirst during work hours. In closing its report the committee asks that suggestions for the betterment of the school be made to the managers by all interested persons.

Mr. Handy received a copy of the report this morning. Replying to it, he said: "I just received a copy of the report and read it with much interest but I do not care to make any comment on it at this time. The final judgment in a matter of this kind rests with public sentiment and humane purpose of the good people of Delaware."

Following is the report in full: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board of Managers of the Ferris Industrial School. The committee to whom you delegated the duty of investigating the charges presented by Mr. Handy, alleging extreme cruelty to the boys on the part of the officers of the school, has given the matter very careful attention and now make their report.

The investigation covered three half days of public meetings, at which there was a mass of testimony presented by various witnesses, both for and against the charges. The presentation of this testimony was delayed far beyond the time anticipated, by causes which were beyond our control. At the outset your committee was placed in a position which had many difficulties this position required careful and impartial investigation of charges against an institution of which we are managers. It

is hardly necessary to say that we deeply felt this delicacy of the task imposed upon us. We desired the fullest ventilation and correction of abuses in the management of the school. If there were such as was claimed in Mr. Handy's open letter to President Lea, and an absolutely fair and impartial weighing of the testimony brought out by the lawyers on both sides. We were confronted too with the fact that many of the witnesses on both sides were personally interested and liable to personal bias.

STRIKE NOW UP TO B. & O.

Should Company Refuse Demands Many Railroaders Will Quit

EMPLOYEES ON EASTERN ROADS AWAIT ANSWER

By United Press Leased Special Wire. NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The wage situation on the railroads east of Chicago is rapidly approaching a critical stage. On the conferences now in progress in Baltimore between the officials of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway and the officials of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors may hinge the question of a general strike, according to the railroad men in this city.

Although all of the big railroads centering in this city have unequivocally rejected the demands made for more wages and have invited another offer of a compromise character, none has been offered by the unions. They state that they are awaiting the outcome of the negotiations in Baltimore and the return to this city of the grand chiefs of the two brotherhoods.

That the railroad officials realize that there is much at stake in the Baltimore conferences is shown by the refusal of the officials to make any statements for publication suggesting the probable outcome. An inspired statement by an official of the New York Central was given circulation today, but it has failed to smooth the feelings of the Brotherhood men here.

In the statement it is alleged that the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors throughout the country have decided that the time is ripe to compel the complete recognition of their organizations. Heretofore the railroads, with the exception of the New York, New Haven & Hartford have refused to treat with the officials of these brotherhoods but have insisted that when committees are sent to them to agree on the points of the annual agreement these committees must be exclusively composed of men employed on the road with which the negotiations were held.

Another matter which was testified to at length and which was one of the principal charges was the use of chains on boys, who had run away a number of times or attempted to do so. As explained to the committee the chains were not a cruel punishment for they are quite light and only served to prevent running at full speed.

We find the whipping complained of was done with a lash cord or part of a hitching strap or driving line, and was administered in the usual manner and not on the bare flesh. The evidence varied greatly as to the severity and number of strokes; we cannot discover that it was unduly severe.

Painting of Admiral duPont For Battleship Delaware

Portrait of Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont

Oil Portrait of Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont

Mrs. Eugene duPont will present a handsome oil portrait of Delaware's famous naval hero—Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont—to the battleship Delaware. Mrs. duPont is a niece of the Admiral who served gallantly in the American navy through two wars, and whose remains are interred in the Dupont burial plot in Christiana hundred.

The portrait has just been finished by Clarence S. Hammit, the well-known artist, and is regarded by persons who have viewed it as one of the most faithful and, from an artistic viewpoint, perhaps the best oil portrait Mr. Hammit ever has produced.

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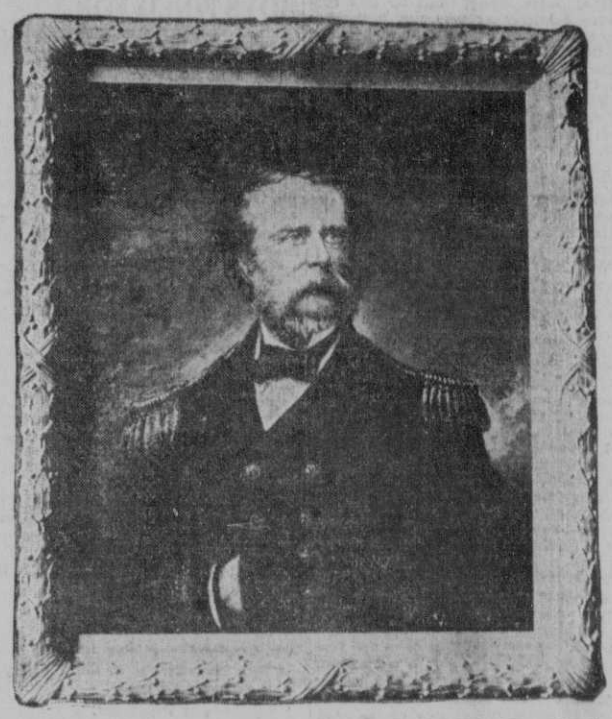


Photo by Royal Studio. OIL PORTRAIT OF ADMIRAL SAMUEL FRANCIS DUPONT.

The portrait will be placed on exhibition in a display window at the store of Millard F. Davis week after next. Real Admiral duPont was born at Bergen Point, N. J., on September 27, 1798, and died on June 23, 1865. His parents were Victor Marie duPont de Nemours and Gabrielle Josephine de la Pite de Pelletot, daughter of the Marquis de Pelletot. He received his appointment as midshipman from President Madison at the age of twelve years. His first cruise was on the Franklin, a seventy-four gun ship under Commodore Stewart. He was advanced rapidly and in 1842 was promoted to rank of commander. The exploits of the Cyano under his command were among the most brilliant achievements of the Americans during the Mexican war. His record during the civil war was even more brilliant and Congress passed a special resolution of thanks to him for his achievements at Fort Royal. His long and valuable services were further recognized by his promotion to the grade of rear admiral on July 16, 1862.

DREADNAUGHTS NEARLY READY

Delaware and North Dakota Soon to be Put Into Commission

Announcement is made by the Navy Department that the battleship Delaware, the first of the improved Dreadnaughts, which was built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, had reached 95 per cent. toward completion on February 11. Her preliminary trials having been successfully conducted, she will be accepted by the Government at the Norfolk Navy Yard at an early date.

SCOTT BROTHERHOOD'S ANNUAL ELECTION

At the monthly business meeting of the Brotherhood of Scott M. E. Church last night in the lecture room of the church, the executive and social committees were instructed to prepare for the annual election of the members to their wives and women friends to be held the latter part of this month. The membership of the Brotherhood has grown largely during the last year, over a hundred new members being admitted and the coming reception will be one of the most interesting and popular events in the history of the chapter.

ST. PAUL'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY TEN YEARS OLD

Today marks the tenth anniversary of the Holy Name Society of St. Paul's R. C. Church. The society has nearly 1,000 members and they will attend mass in a body on next Sunday morning in St. Paul's Church. In the evening they will meet in the basement of the church at 7 o'clock and will attend pontifical vespers, which will be celebrated by Rt. Rev. John J. Monaghan. Bishop Monaghan will also preach the sermon.

FAIRBANKS NOT DISTURBED

His Feelings Not Hurt by Cancellation of His Appointment at the Vatican

LOOKS UPON THE INCIDENT AS TRIFLING

By United Press Leased Special Wire. ROME, Feb. 11.—"My feelings have not been hurt in the slightest by the Vatican's cancellation of my appointment to call upon the Pope," said Charles W. Fairbanks, former vice-president of the United States to-day, as he busied himself with preparation for his departure tomorrow for Berlin.

"I look upon the incident as trifling," Mr. Fairbanks continued, "and would really have dismissed it altogether were it not for the fact that the press has taken up the matter and thereby aroused a general discussion. I think I appreciate the position in which the Pope was placed and I am not at all disposed to feel resentful over my failure to have an audience with him."

"Were the whole thing to do over, I think I would act just as I have. I certainly would not have paid the great Methodist Church and its representatives in Rome the gratuitous insult of refusing to address the local church after making an appointment to do so merely to need some what might be called my eligibility to call at the Vatican."

CURDY NOT GUILTY SUSSEX JURY SAYS

Special to THE EVENING JOURNAL. GEORGETOWN, Del., Feb. 11.—The old Sussex County Court House was crowded yesterday with politicians and residents from all parts of the county to hear the trial of William J. Curdy, who was indicted last February on a charge of obstructing public justice by giving to Jonathan H. Hall, the star witness in the Barr brick case, the sum of \$15 to leave the jurisdiction of the court. The jury, after about two hours' deliberation, returned a verdict that the man was not guilty.

TALK OF HIGH COST OF LIVING

At the meeting of the West Brandywine Grange at Talleyville last night an interesting discussion on the high cost of living was opened by Willis Passmore. It was discussed further by T. T. Weldin, Charles W. Day and others, giving the idea of the former upon this subject.

DAM BREAKS; FISH ESCAPE

Fishermen from Philadelphia, Wilmington and other places suffered a severe loss on Wednesday night when the Noxontown mill dam at Middletown broke and large numbers of fish got out of the enclosure. It has been customary for parties of Philadelphians to visit Middletown for a week and spend the days fishing in the Noxontown mill dam. It has always contained large quantities of bass, perch, pike and other small fish. By the breaking of the dam thousands of these fish escaped.

ODD TURN IN CASE CAUSES A DISMISSAL

Thomas Ginder was before City Court this morning on a charge of wife beating. From the testimony it appeared that although the parties obtained a marriage license seventeen years ago, they were never married. The charge against Ginder was changed to one of assault and battery. The woman admitted that she was the cause of the trouble. Accordingly the charge was dismissed.

CHAMORRO IS NEAR MANAGUA

Couriers Say Revolutionist Will Take City When Time is Opportune

AMERICAN SOLDIER WOUNDED AT SANTA CLARA

(By William A. Deverall, Staff Correspondent of The United Press.) BLUEFIELDS, via wireless to Colon, Feb. 11.—General Chamorro has 4,000 well trained soldiers under his command and will be able to capture Managua whenever he deems the time opportune, according to the statements of couriers who arrived here today from the scene of the fighting at Garita and Santa Clara.

These couriers, who were eye witnesses of the battles at Garita and Santa Clara, say that General Mena scored a complete victory at Garita, but met with defeat at Santa Clara and was compelled to retire to Moogan, where he set himself to the task of holding the government army in check while Chamorro made his way toward Managua.

Chamorro's intentions, the couriers say, was to advance against Managua from the northeast to risk the country of several government forces in that section of the country. Their statements explain the capture of Matagalpa, capitol of the province of Matagalpa, by the revolutionists, news of which has just reached here. The couriers say that General Chamorro marched direct to Managua, he could have taken the capitol on last Tuesday or Wednesday.

SOCIAL CONFERENCE AT GRACE CHURCH

Before the services to-night at Grace Church there will be a social conference held with Dr. Yatman, Pastor Kellogg, the officials and their wives in attendance. Supper will be served. The conference will be a preliminary to the revival meeting Dr. Yatman will conduct. His two weeks' services have been very successful, and many conversions have taken place.

BURY MR. LAFFERTY THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral of Frank B. Lafferty, hotel proprietor and former champion baseball pitcher, will be held this afternoon from his late home, No. 415 Jefferson street.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Alexander Allison, Jr., pastor of West Presbyterian Church. It is expected that the services will be largely attended, as Mr. Lafferty had a large circle of friends. Interment will be made at Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery. Many floral tributes have been sent by friends of the deceased.

WEATHER.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—The following special storm warning has been received by the local weather bureau: WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 11.—North east storm warnings ordered displayed 9:30 a. m. increasing northeast and east winds, becoming high this afternoon and tonight, will prevail; the storm, now central over Alabama will move rapidly northeast and storm warnings will be displayed on the Atlantic coast from Boston to Miami, Florida, and along the entire Gulf coast.

TO-DAY'S TEMPERATURE AT Z. JAMES BELT'S	
1.30 P. M.	32
12.00 M.	31
10.00 A. M.	59
8.00 A. M.	28

CHARRED BONES IN FIRE RUINS

Railroad Watchman at Crisfield Believed to Have Been Killed by Yeggs

SUSPECT ARSON TO HIDE WORSE CRIME

CRISFIELD, Md., Feb. 11.—Crisfield is in an uproar over what is believed to be the murder of J. Dallas Collins, watchman for the local buildings of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company, which were burned yesterday morning. The pocketbook carried by Mr. Collins and his keys have been found by searchers in the ruins. Bones have also been found which are believed to be the remains of Mr. Collins.

It is the belief that Mr. Collins was murdered by yegmen or tramps, who robbed the office. State's Attorney Gordon Tull and Sheriff William J. Phillips are here and an investigation is being made.

It is believed that Mr. Collins saw the robbers and fired on them. An empty shell was found in his pistol. Cries were heard by captains of oyster boats lying off the wharf shortly before the fire was discovered.

OPTOMETRISTS HEAR PAPERS

Also Elect Officers at Third Annual Meeting Here Yesterday

The Delaware Optical Society at its third annual meeting here yesterday elected the following officers: S. L. McKee, Wilmington, president; James D. Stroud, Wilmington, first vice-president; E. P. Collins, Smyrna, second vice-president; S. C. Evans, Jr., Milford, secretary; Charles H. Olwell, Laurel, treasurer. The executive committee will be chosen by the president. Seven new members were elected to the society, they having passed the state examinations.

The committee looked with disfavor on the optician who makes a door to door canvass for business and appointed a committee to educate the public against patronizing such.

FINED ON CHARGE OF NEGLECTING CHILDREN

William Wilson and Mabel Scheffer-decker were defendants in City Court this morning on the charge of neglect of minor children. Agent Stout of the S. P. C. C. testified that the defendants lived together at No. 1140 East Twelfth street and that four children in the house, ranging in age from one to four years had been neglected. Mr. Stout told the court there had been no fire or fuel in the house for two days.

FIREMEN SEE A BRIGHT OUTLOOK

Meeting of Delegates to Arrange for the Celebration in the Fall

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