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RICHMOND TO QUIT VIRGINIA LEAGUE?

Virginia Capital Likely to Gain International League Berth—What It Means.

President J. O. Boatwright will go to Norfolk soon to attend a meeting of the Virginia Baseball league in that city at which the purchasers of the franchise will make known their action on the option given them on the territory of Richmond, Va., says the Danville Register. This paper explains: The league has given the purchasers of the Baltimore franchise, nearly all of whom are Richmond men, an option on Richmond territory at \$1000, with which sum they will be created on the purchase price of \$12,500 fixed by the Virginia organization upon its rights and franchise in that city. It is a foregone conclusion that the price will be paid and that Richmond thereafter be eliminated from the Virginia league and incorporated in the International league, a Class AA organization, second only to the National and American leagues. This will mean that no other legalized baseball organization may operate in that territory.

With the retirement of Richmond, the largest city and best profit-earning one in the Virginia league circuit, the future of that organization, which was originally formed in 1905, will become uncertain. It is not yet positively known that the league will undertake to continue. With only Petersburg, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Suffolk included, it will be necessary to find a sixth city or town. The league will therefore become practically a tidewater circuit, compact and with travel expenses reduced to a minimum. It is understood that two or more places have made application for the vacancy, and if it is deemed feasible to attempt to maintain the league at all, one of these applicants will be voted in. Elizabeth City, N. C., Hampton and Fredericksburg, Va., are probably under consideration, though the names of the applicants for the sixth franchise are not divulged. It is possible that Roanoke or Lynchburg may be among the applicants, but it is not likely that either of these cities would be seriously considered, since they would be too isolated from the other five teams.

Meanwhile the league will have a net sum of \$12,500 with which to weather the financial season. With a low salary limit and reduced travel expense, however, it is believed that the organization can be made to pay expenses and possibly a little profit to its promoters.

Danville, Lynchburg and Roanoke appear to be on the outside looking in and are liable to remain in that attitude for several years or until the experiment of higher class baseball for Richmond has been made.

GRACE CITIZENS WANT GRACE ROAD IMPROVED

A Large and Representative Gathering of Citizens Hold Meeting to That End.

A large and representative gathering of the residents of the Grace section was held Thursday afternoon at the Johnson store for the purpose of taking some definite steps towards having the road that transverse that section improved. The meeting was presided over by Captain W. T. Weaver, and a committee composed of C. T. Rawls, Robert Greenwood and J. M. Westall was appointed to appear before the next meeting of the board of county commissioners and present a formal request that the road be improved from the city limits to a point beyond Grace where the roads fork.

It was agreed at the meeting that the property holders in that section would pay one-fourth of the cost of improving the road which will be about \$3,000. A number of subscriptions were taken to the fund yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was enthusiastic and representative and it is believed that the request which will be presented to the board will be carried out by the commissioners, as the road is one of the most important in the county and is largely used.

FALKENHAYN CHIEF GERMAN GENERAL STAFF

Berlin, Jan. 23.—(Via London 7:56 p. m.)—The official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has announced that Lieutenant General Erich von Falkenhayn, who now is chief of the German general staff, has resigned as minister of war. Emperor William, on accepting von Falkenhayn's resignation, appointed him a general of infantry. Major General Wild von Hohenberg, according to the announcement, has been appointed to succeed General von Falkenhayn as minister of war.

COMMERCIAL TRAINING AND MERCHANT MARINE

St. Louis, Jan. 23.—"Commercial Education for Foreign Trade" and "American Merchant Marine" were discussed at the Second National Foreign Trade conference yesterday. Among the speakers on the program were Prof. G. I. Swiggett of the University of Tennessee and J. J. Hill and Welding Ring of New York, the latter two opponents of the ship purchase bill now being considered in congress.

MERCHANTS OF ASHEVILLE HAVE ENJOYABLE SPREAD

Interesting Meeting Also Held—Several Speeches Heard—Three New Members.

One of the most enjoyable meetings for many months was held Thursday by the members of the Asheville Retail Merchants' association in their rooms on Broadway. Following the usual business meeting, when several matters of importance were taken up, an enjoyable spread was served and, while gathered around the banquet board, the members heard several very interesting talks.

One of the principal speakers of the evening was H. S. Shelton of Dayton, who explained in detail the methods used by the merchants of that city in the co-operative credit work. Mr. Shelton is president of the merchants' association of Dayton and is thoroughly familiar with the work that is done in that city.

Following this talk, L. B. Rogers of the local association made a short talk in which he explained to the members the importance of each of them working for the adoption of the commission form of government of this city, declaring that it had been successful in other cities and the merchants of this city should see that their city had the best form of local government possible.

Another speaker of the evening was H. Hughes of Danville, Va., who for many years was in the wholesale business in that city. He expressed his pleasure at being in Asheville and stated that he is thinking of locating here. A vote of thanks was extended to J. T. James, agent for the Southern Express company, for the improvement in the local service during the past few weeks.

The report of the secretary showed that the association had grown from 83 members in November 1913 to 123. Three new members were added last night: Zindel's bakery, Eugene Carland and the Shaw Motor company.

TRAIN NO. 15 DERAILED NEAR NEWTON TODAY

Six Passengers Injured, But Not Seriously Is Report—Three Ladies.

Passenger train No. 15, running between Asheville and New York was derailed yesterday morning at Claremont, near Newton. A mail car, two passenger coaches and a sleeper jumped the track. Six people—three of them women—were injured, although reports given by the local Southern officials state that none was seriously injured. The cause of the derailment could not be learned. The train was due in Asheville at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The railway officials say that a side track is being used for the trains on the main line, until the wreck can be cleared off. Passenger coaches were sent from Hickory to the scene of the derailment to transfer the passengers and bring them on to this city.

The Injured. Washington, Jan. 22.—Several passengers were hurt, but none seriously, according to reports to the Southern railway headquarters here, when a coach and sleeping car of the Southern railway train was derailed by unknown cause near Claremont, N. C.

M. J. Phillips, Asheville; Mrs. E. P. Thorpe, Winchester, Va.; Mrs. O. D. Carner, Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. M. Green, Bishopville, S. C.; Robert Levy, Asheville; A. L. Shuford, Conover, N. C.; J. C. Fry, Hickory, N. C.; R. Bowman, Newton, N. C., are mentioned in official reports as having been bruised or shaken up.

TWO CLASS C PLAYERS DISPOSED OF BY TWINS

The management of the Winston Athletic association announced yesterday afternoon that Infelder Gus Shrader and Ray Rollins had been sold to the Shreveport club of the Texas league, of which Lee Garvin, another former Twin, is manager, says the Winston Sentinel. The sale price was not given out.

"The deal was completed Wednesday. Several days ago Secretary James wired Garvin, asking him whether he was manager of the Shreveport club and if so if he could use any players. Garvin wired back that he was "boss" and that he would like to secure Hollings and Schrader. The price was wired him and yesterday afternoon he accepted.

"Garvin is already in Shreveport getting acquainted with the affairs of his new team, lining up his material and keeping his eye open for good ball tossers. If he continues to sign men of the calibre of Schrader and Rollins it is safe to predict that the Shreveport team will not finish on the bottom.

"By selling Schrader and Rollins, the local management has disposed of all its class C talent and now has nothing to worry over except the 1915 team."

Baseball Player Hurt.

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—William Shumaker, first baseman of the Raleigh league team, and two negro workmen were painfully injured yesterday when a temporary floor on which they were working collapsed and allowed them to fall three floors.



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MORE DOUBLE TRACKING ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Contracts Let for Improvement and Charlottesville, Charlottesville.

Contracts for grading in connection with the revision and double-tracking of the Southern railway line from Orange to Charlottesville have been let by the company. The work from Orange to Burley—15 miles—has been awarded to the Morrow Construction company of Atlanta; and that from Burley to Charlottesville—13 and seven tenths miles—to C. W. Lane and company of Atlanta. It is estimated that the proposed

improvement will cost \$1,500,000. It will make a greatly improved line, both as to grade and curvature, it is stated, as well as furnishing additional track facilities where they are greatly needed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO DR. THOMAS LAWRENCE

The regular service of Oakland Heights Presbyterian church for next Sunday will be given up for the memorial service, which will be held in the Elizabeth Boyd Memorial chapel, to the late Dr. Thomas Lawrence. The memorial services will be held at 4 o'clock Sunday, and an invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Rev. T. A. Cosgrove, pastor of the Oakland Heights church, will be in charge of the service and a number

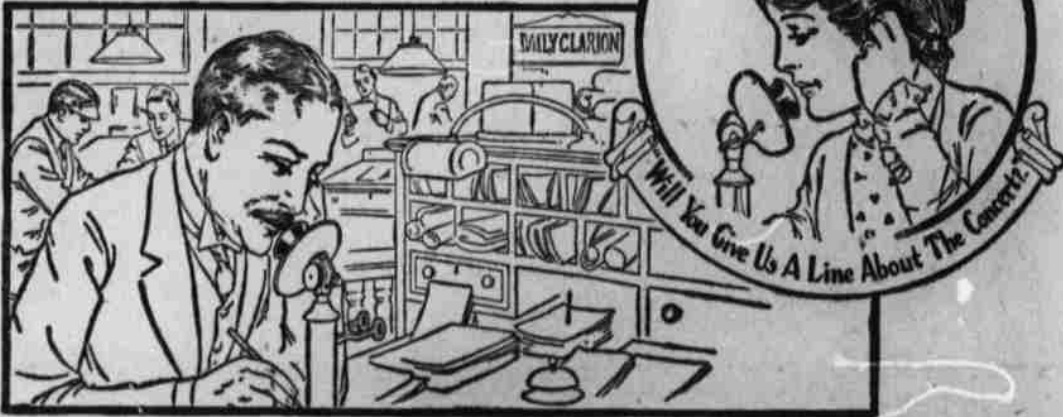
of people have been invited to give words of appreciation of the late Dr. Lawrence. Among them will be: Captain W. T. Weaver, T. S. Morrison, Dr. George T. Winston, Dr. R. R. Swope, Mrs. Ed B. Brown, Miss Elizabeth Williams and Miss Florence Stephenson. A special musical program will be arranged by the choir.

EXHIBITION GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TWINS

Winston-Salem, Jan. 23.—A list of the exhibition games that have been arranged for the Twins during the training season has been given out. Secretary James has been securing some of the strongest college teams in the state. The University of North Carolina will play here on Easter Monday, April 5, both morning and afternoon games. The following is the schedule to date:

Oak Ridge Institute, April 3; University of North Carolina, April 5; morning and afternoon; Philadelphia Athletics April 6; Guilford college, April 10; Elon college April 12.

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