

By Fred Myron Colby. ASHINGTON'S earliest society of his wife, to whom he had birthdays were spent in been married about six weeks. It

and its two huge chimneys, one at special circumstances to make them each end, outside the house. It was memorable. burned down when Washington was in Stafford County.

and kept by one of his father's ten- showing at his temples. ants, named Hobby, who was also the simplest kind-reading, writing and ciphering, and, later on, surveying; but this was supplemented by excellent training at home.

On the broad meadows of the Rappahannock, near by his home, Washington gave the first exhibition of his martial inclinations. The boys at Master Hobby's school were divided into two military companies; and the rivalry between them was sustained by many a parade, sham fight and snow-ball battles and snow-fort sieges. One of these spirited contests took place on a 22d of February, and the account has come down pretty straight, and presents an exciting picture of that old time.

It was the February of 1743, and Washington was eleven years old. The day was damp and stormy, with plenty of snow; and the two sides had it out on the meadows. Of course, Washington was the leader on one side, and a boy named William Bustle commanded the rival troop. The mimic battle terminated in Washington's favor, the other side being so completely pummelled that we do not hear anything more of the claims of William Bustle.

When Washington was sixteen, he gave up going to school, and became a surveyor. This took him out into the woods, and he had to encounter all sorts of dangers and risks. His sixteenth birthday he passed in the wilds of Western Virginia, where he was surveying a vast tract of land for its owner, Lord Fairfax. He had now fairly entered upon the stern business of life. We can imagine the rude camp, the brilliant firelight under the trees, and the cool winds blowing down from the hills, as young Washington ate his late suppor on the 22d of February, 1748, in the wilderness of the great Kanawha Valley.

His next birthday he spent at Mount Vernon, where he had gone to live with his brother Lawrence. He was then a tall, fine looking fellow, with manly ways, and had had his first love affair-a sort of boy and girl attachment with Anne Carey, his "lowland beauty." On February 22, 1752, George and his brother Lawrence were on their way home from a trip to Barbadces, whither they had gone in the hope of finding health for the master of Mount Vernon, who the same year died at his beautiful home, which was afterward to be inseparably associated with the younger brother.

About this time Governor Dinwiddie, of Virginia, commissioned Washington as an officer in the army; and he was sent the next year as a commissioner to a French fort, claimed to have been built as a hostile demonstration on English lands. He was absent about three months on his mission, which he accomplished with tact and judgment. But the war cloud spread in a broader and darker shadow, and February 22, 1754, saw George Washington at Alexandria collecting military supplies for use in the impending conflict. In that fired the first shot that ushered in

the old French War. Washington's birthday in 1756 was spent in the Northern States, he being on a mission to Governor Shirley, of Massachusetts, at Boston. He was absent from February 4 to March 28, and the whole journey was made on horseback. At his next anniversary we find him laying papers before the Earl of Loudon, with the object of having the Virginian troops,



The Birthplace of Washington.

which he commanded, put upon the regular establishment. February 22, 1759, was passed by

Washington at Mount Vernon, in the

Westmoreland County, in was during his honeymoon, and there the old-fashioned farm- is no doubt but that his natal day house on the Potomac, where he was was properly celebrated. Many of his born. You have all seen pictures of succeeding birthdays were spent at this house, with its low, slanting roof | the same charming seat, but with no

In February, 1776, the Revoluabout four years old; and the family tionary War was on, and Washingthen removed to a farm on the Rap- ton was at Cambridge as commandpahannock, opposite Fredericksburg, er-in-chief of the American army, time Southern dishes has been cooler part of the range, turning it Mrs. Washington was with him, and planned for Washington's birthday frequently to brown all parts alike. At this latter place young Wash- they were quartered at the Craigie as nearly as practicable with observ- This is a favorite heliday dish at the ington received the rudiments of edu- House, since famous as the home of ing the rule governing the outlay for South, and Virginians contend that cation at an "old field school-house," Longfellow. He was then forty-four these meals. If an old-time setting their own brand is superior to all humble enough in its pretensions, years old, and the first gray hair was can be given them it will add much jothers, it containing a sweetness of

The defender of his country, the founder of liberty, The friend of man • • •

He lived-the ornament of the eighteenth century.

He died recretted by a mourning world." BREAKFAST.

Grisp harmy. Roasted sweet botatoes. Prominy griddle cakes, maple molasses. Vashington rolls. Coffee. LUNCHEON.

Oysters roasted in the shells.
Condiments Pickled cucumbers.
Deaten biscuits (hot). Preserved bears
Virginia fruit cake Lemonade. DINNER. Virginia fried chicken, tartare sauce Southern mashed potatoes Sweet potatoes fried.

Dealen his cuit toas teo with prateo cheese. Cherry ice-cream Pound cake. Black coffee. Note-A menu consisting of old-

A DAY IN HONOR OF WASHINGTON oyster is retained in this manner of cooking. The oysters can, instead, be opened into a hot dish and seasoned with butter, salt, pepper and lemon juice. Serve immediately.

In Virginia it is a favorite way of cooking the oysters, where there is an open fireplace, to place them in their shells on the coals, where they roast quickly, and are then eaten immediately from the shell,

Virginia Fruit Cake-One cupful each of sugar, molasses and butter, one-half cupful of cream, three cupfuls flour, three eggs, yolks and whites beaten separately, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful each of allspice and cloves, one-half small nutmeg grated, eight ounces of raisins seeded and cut, five ounces of currants and three ounces of citron, one-half teaspoonful of soda. Mix in order named; dissolve soda in two teaspoonfuls of water and add it last. Bake in slow oven. An excellent recipe.

Virginia Fried Chicken - After browning the chicken it should be allowed to cook gently an hour on the to the zest of the occasion. Although flavor and juiciness not found else-Washington spent his birthday in not every household can boast of old where. An old Virginia cook will tell sexton of the parish. The instruc- 1777 at his headquarters at Morris- china and silver plate, it may enter you this is owing, first, to the age of tion doled out to him was of the town, N. J., and that in 1779 at his into the spirit of the celebration by the fowl (it must be young); second,



-Youth's Companion.

not disappointed. war Washington received his first Washington ate his birthday cake a house-plant in bloom (if a vase of at once. baptism of fire, and is said to have that year with the satisfaction of a flowers cannot be had) for the cen-Register.

WASHINGTON'S LIFE.

In seventeen hundred thirty-two George Washington was born; Truth, goodness, skill and glory high His whole life did adorn.

1775. In seventeen hundred seventy-five The chief command he took Of all the army in the State, Who ne'er his flag forsook.

1783. In seventeen hundred eighty-three Retired to private life; He saw his much-loved country free From battle and from strife.

In seventeen hundred eighty-nine, The country, with one voice, Proclaimed him President, to shine, Blessed by the people's choice.

In seventeen hundred ninety-nine
The nation's tears were shed,
To see the patriot life resign
And sleep among the dead.

As "first in war, and first in peace,"
As patriot, father, friend,
He blessed till time shall cease,
And earthly life shall end.

man who had accomplished a great tre of the table? for most flower lov- sweet potatoes and boil half an hour work. He had passed the half-cen- ers can command these in late winter then peel and cut in slices a quarter tury mark, and was the greatest man from their own windows. Conceal of an inch thick; drop them in boiling of his century, "first in war, first in the pot with green crepe paper tied fat and fry a light brown on both peace, and first in the hearts of his in place by narrow green ribbon. A sides. Take out with a fork and sift

countrymen."-From the Christian suitable decoration for place cards is very lightly with fine salt, then thicka spray of cherry blossoms painted by with powdered sugar. Pile pyraacross the top corner, or the blossom mid-wise on a hot dish and serve immade in tissue paper and gummed mediately. If they are preferred dry to the card would be dainty in effect. and mealy bake one hour; fifteen Or the cards may simply contain the minutes longer will make them moist trestle at the end of a sharp curve. quotation, "First in war, first in and sweet. peace and first in the hearts of his | Cherry Ice Cream-Make a quart juicy apples: pare and core whole: mainder: fill the centre with a cupful

Oysters Roasted in the Shell-Wash the shells clean and wipe dry. Place in a baking pan and put into a hot oven for about twenty minutes. Serve on hot dishes the moment they are taken from the oven. Though this is not an elegant dish, many people enjoy it, as the best flavor of the

headquarters at New Windsor. Sev- other means. Horace Greeley writes contrary to all rules, as little time eral of these anniversaries must have in his "Visit to Mount Vernon" in as possible must elapse from the mobeen rather sad and depressing to 1841, of the "garden rich in rare and ment when the chicken finds itself him; for the war was progressing valuable plants; among them are headless until it is snugly packed in slowly, and the outlook was gloomy many planted by the hand of the the frying pan; and, thirdly, the manfor American independence. But Father of His Country. Peaches, ner of cooking. To serve the chicken Washington never despaired, and pears, lemons, oranges are thickly spread the tartare (or cream) sauce ever looked forward to the dawning surrounded by the aloe, myrtle, rose, in the centre of a cold platter, arof a brighter day. In the end he was geranium, etc., as well as by plants range the pieces of chicken on this whose unfamiliar names escape me," and garnish with a border of pickled tally, when a Michigan Central pas-On February 20, 1783, the pre- So what more appropriate than to bests. To recall the cherry tree story, senger train, running 25 miles an liminary treaty of peace with Great "blend (its) fragrance with the with its moral, cut the bests into the hour, crashed into and telescoped a Britain was signed, and General memory of Washington" by selecting form of diminutive hatchets. Serve New York Central yard engine at

of plain vanilla ice cream; reserve Old-Fashioned Baked Apples-Six half a pint; line a mold with the reuse a large corer. Place side by side of canned cherries drained dry from in baking pan and fill centres with their syrup, stoned and sweetened brown sugar; squeeze into each a more if needed; cover with the refew drops of lemon juice, and stick served ice cream; pack in the usual in each a long piece of lemon rind way for half an hour, or just long there before the engine struck it. evenly cut; put enough water in the enough to chill but not to freeze the bottom of the pan to prevent the ap- fruit. Frost the pound cake and ples from burning and bake gently decorate the top with candied cheruntil done. Baste with the water ries, imitating a bunch of the fruit, and keep a cover over the pan while in the centre, with green frosting for leaves.



While At Work Miners Quickly Furious Gale Strews Corpses Entombed

HEROIC RESCRE WORK BEGUN

Breaking Dam Sends Flood of Mud Upon Miners Engaged in Mid-Valley Colliery, Near Mount Carmel, Pa.

Pottsville, Pa., Special.-Twentyeight miners were imprisoned in the Mid-Valley Colliery near Mount Carmel Monday morning by the breaking of a dam of water which had formed in a drift which caused a rush of mud into a gangway where the men and devastation. were at work. All day long a party of rescuers endeavored to reach the entombed men and shortly after 6 o'clock they were given encouragement by sounds of digging from the inside. Later a shot was also heard, indicating that the men were at work to effect their own rescue and also giving assurance that the air is good.

Among the men entombed are a number of experienced miners and it is believed that it will be possible to effect the rescue of all the men unless some of them should have met death mad when the dam broke.

Behind a Sea of Mud.

Seven of the number are Americans. The men have been employed in No. 4 drift of the east side gangway driving a heading to the surface. The heavy rains and thaw of the last few days had caused a great dam of water to accumulate in No. 29 breast of No. 4 drift and the pressure became so heavy that it finally broke through and a great sea known that the tornado swept every- ing ruin and disaster in its path, the of mud flowed into the Gangway thing clean for a distance of five annual flood of the rivers and small where the men were at work. It miles. Three miles from town the streams of this section holds Pittsfilled it for a distance of about 350 | wind demolished the home of Irwin | burg in its grasp. At 10 o'clock the feet and it will be necessary to dig Franklin, severely injuring Franklin water had reached a stage of 26 feet through this great barrier of mud to get at the workmen from this direc- tornado tore a path through Tyler The weather bureau predicts 30 feet tion. Three different rescuing par. 100 feet wide. Buildings, telephone ties have been put to work in an en- and electric light poles were laid flat deaver to release the entombed men. in the storm's path while great dam-One force is digging away the great age was done in other parts of the bank of mud which fills the gang | zity. way. Another gang is engaged in driving a heading from an adjoining gangway, while a third force has been put to work at the point where the entombed men were to have driven the heading to the surface from the gangway in which they are now imprisoned. It is believed that the last named gang will be the first to reach the entombed men and it is of the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad hoped to be able to get them out or were blown away. Whether or not give them food and drink by there were any fatalities cannot be Tuesday morning.

Work of Rescue,

The work of rescue is under the direction of Mine Inspector James A. O'Donnell, of the fourteenth district, assisted by Inspector B. I. Evans, of the fifteenth district. O'Donnell has a force of 100 men working under him and they are taking turns in regular relays of two hours' work and four hours' rest.

The noise of men working with picks inside gave the rescuers great encouragement and it is believed that the majority of the men entombed are alive, although it is scarcely possible that all of them were fortunate enough to have escaped the great rush of mud when the dam broke.

Great crowds of people have gatehered around the mouth of the slope and have announced their intention of remaining during the entire night. They include the families of entombed men.

Michigan Central Train Wrecked.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special.-Five persons were injured, one probably ia-Black Rock. James Barry, of Bufwho sustained a fractured skull, and internal injuries, probably will die.

Attempt to Wreck Train Frustrated.

Americus, Ga., Special.-An attempt was made here to wreck the northbound Central train. A crosstie was placed in Muckalce creek The train had slowed down and the engine struck the tie at reduced speed, without being derailed. The chief of police went with a posse to the scene and arrested John Hodges, a discharged section hand. Hod ges denied placing the tie but is said to have admitted he knew it was

News of the Day.

The 20,000-mile automobile endurance test from New York to Paris was begun Wednesday.

A national boom for Judge Gray, of Delaware was launched by Scranton (Pa.) Democrats.

Contractor Sanderson and three lise in the creeks and washed away others accused in the Pennsylvania several bridges. Roads have become

in its Wake

WIDE-SPREAD PROPERTY LOSS

Dozen or More Dead, Scores Injured and Great Property Damage-Sweeps Clean an Area of Pive Miles

Tyler, Tex., Special.-Tyler was swept by the most disastrous tornado in its history before daylight Friday. Coming from the southwest, the storm | York merchants. On Monday last, swept over the main residence quar- the New York Merchants' Associater of the city, leaving a trail of death tion's first registration day for the

Francis, agent of The Daily News, date, inscribed their names at assoand his wife and baby and a negro, ciation headquarters. The second Mose Lee, 80 years of age.

yards from his wrecked home. The the out-of-town buyers were overbody of his child was found in the run. "The buyers and out-of-town street. Mrs. Francis was in the merchants," says The Times' story, wreckage of the building.

and his wife and four children. One brighter than it had ever been beof the children may die. The Frank- fore. Many who went to the theater their home.

Tyler may reach a dozen and the some of the country's great indusby being smothered in the rush of number of injured will probably ag- tries are in a very unsatisfactory congregate two-score when reports of the line for the time being, the facts casualities are all received. Twelve buildings were wrecked in

the confusion it is difficult to compile | ent or prospective. Prosperity has an accurate list of the casualities. Wires are down in all directions from Tyler, but reports from farmers | dead yet.-Charlotte, N. C., Observer are that farm houses all around Tr. of Feb. 16.

ler were blown down. It is impossible to ascertain the loss of life in the rural regions, but it is and his wife and four children. The

Hattisburg, Miss., Special .- A tornado passed over Jones county north | feet on the high water. At the of here Friday and the town of Mossville, of several hundred inhabitants, is reported to have been blown away. At least two are dead and several

injured. town of Service on the Laurel branch

Advices from Pallas state that the tornado swept Tyler, Smith county, Texas, killing four persons and doing considerable damage.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—Severe wind and rain storms visited the South and Southwest causing loss of life and much damage to property. In Smith county, Texas, several people were killed by a tornado, including C. A. Francis and wife; Mrs. W. Francis and child, and a negro named Mose Lee. Much damage was wrought by the storm, small buildings

and outhouses especially suffering. Many points in Mississippi report damage by heavy winds and an unusualy downpour of rain. At Mossville, near Laurel, several lives are

reported lost. At Jackson, the heaviest rain experienced in years fell. It was accompanied by terrific wind and light-

Three Towns Demolished.

Meridian, Miss., Special.-Three small Mississippi towns were practically demolished by a tornado Friday. Reports of the number killed range from 6 to 10 with the smaller number probably correct.

Mossville, Service and Soso are the towns destroyed. They are all in Jones county and all are very small, lina, for whose arrest \$1,000 reward dwellings. The toronado struck them about noon and in most instances is reported to have carried buildings in its path completely off the lots on which they stood. Nearby fields were covered with wreckage and the branches of several trees were liter-

ed with small household articles. L. S. Norrison, a resident of Mossville, who came here after the storm, said that he was out of doors during the blow and was compelled to grasp a wire fence to keep from being blown away. He said the dead at Mossville were Alex Windham and wife, negroes. Near the town he said four white persons had been killed, a man and his wife and their two children whose names he did not learn. The seriously injured at Mossville are J. W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell and Minnie Camp-

Near Service one child of Ike Holloway is reported dead and also an

unknown negro. The tornado was accompanied by a torrent of rain which caused a sudden Capitol graft case will shift the impassable in the cyclone district and coln would pursue the same course as blame on Architect Huston as their | telegraph and telephone wires were | McKinley and Roosevelt if alive to not working.

Late Netus In Brief & MINOR MATTERS OF INTERES!

***************** Prosperity's Live Corpse.

Unless some apparently trustworthy indications are misleading be-Tornado Cuts Path a Hundred Feet | youd belief retail trade in the coun-Wide Through the Town and try at large for the approaching spring will measure well up to the high average of recent years. From the New York Times we learn that over 3,000 out-of-town merchants and other buyers, chiefly from the West, have poured into the metropolis, surprising and delighting New spring trade, 419 buyers, or the next The known dead in Tyler are C. A. largest number on record for such a day's registration left no record un-Francis' body was found a hundred broken. All the hotels that eater to "swarmed about the hotel corridors Six seriously injured persons are last night, telling their New York reported. They are Irwin Franklin friends that the business outlook was lins were caught in the wreckage of in the evening spent intermission time presdicting a great era of pros-It is feared that the death list in perity for the country." Though just narrated certainly do not indicate general hard times, either presreceived some hard and temporarily erippling blows, but it is far from

Pittsburg Flood-Swept.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.-Spreadand was rising a half foot an hour. and possibly a foot higher when the crest of the flood arrives. While the weather conditions are much colder and snow flurries are experienced at intervals the changed conditions will have absolutely no efheadwaters the rivers continue to rise and scores of cities and towns in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia are partially inundated. In the Pittsburg district The town of Noso, as well as the alone the damage, it is expected, will amount to several million dollars.

T. K. Bruner Doad.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.-Hon. T. K. Bruner, who for 21 years has served the State as Secretary of Agriculture, died here Sunday morning The entire State will mourn his loss He was 52 years of age and was torn in Salisbury, the son of J. J. Bruner, his mother's maiden name being Kincaid, and she being also v native of the good County of Rowan His father was for many years editor and publisher of The Carolina Waterman, of Salisbury, a power in the newspaper world of its day, and T K. Bruner was for some time associated with him on that paper. He was devoted to the study of mineralogy and became an expert.

Yellow Fever at Galveston. Galveston, Tex., Special .- On the steamer Crispin, which arrived in the roads from Para, Brazil, three miles out from Galveston, Sunday there were two cases of yellow fever The two men affected are Third Engineer Davis and Third Offices Pritchard.

By Wire and Cable.

The B. & O. Railway will test the nine-hour law, orders to that effect having been issued.

Jim Smith, the notorious moonshiner, of Surry county, North Carohas been jailed at Winston-Salem.

Cashier Locked in Vault. Hickory, N. C. Special.-What was equal to a Western scene was the bold robbery of the bank at Granite Falls, a town of several hundred inhabitants, on the C. & N. W. Railway, about six railes from Hickory at 6 o'clock Saturday night, wher Cashier W. G. Whisnant was held up at the point of guns by three masked bandits, who took from the cashier's desk \$2,700, after which locking him in the vault and making good their escape. So far it is not known from whence they came or whither they went, but they were

evidently professionals. News Notes.

The South Carolina legislature has nereased the State tax levy one mili The Georgia, Southern & Flogid: Railway has announced a cut of 16

per cent. in the salary of employes. Secretary Taft, in a speech at Grand Rapids, Mich., declared Lin-