

cities having occurred within 100 miles of this place. While the destruction was considerable at the capital city of Santiago, seven-tenths of the city to the south, that city suffered far less than Valparaiso.

The greatest force of the shock here seemed to center around the commercial district where the banks are situated. Most of the buildings there were either demolished or badly damaged. Practically the whole of the eastern two-thirds of the city also is destroyed. All the houses are ruins.

Notable Buildings Destroyed. Among the notable buildings destroyed are the Naval Club, the September Club, the Victoria and National Theaters, the Merced Church, the convent of the French Nuns, the English, German and American Hospitals, the San Agustín and San Juan Hospitals, the Grand Hotel, the custom house, and the building for government deposits.

It is proposed to ask the Chilean government for the loan of \$100,000 to aid in rebuilding the city, and it is regarded as certain that the loan will be made. The banks will reopen for business today for a couple of hours.

The fact that President-elect Mott is expected here today or tomorrow has done much to help the spirits of the people. It is a notable fact that since they recovered from the first shock there has been exhibited the most gratifying optimism among all classes.

National Red Cross Will Make Appeals For Quake Sufferers. Charles L. Magee, secretary of the National Red Cross Association, is sending out telegrams today to the presidents of the twenty-seven local State organizations, urging them to issue appeals in their respective districts for subscriptions to aid the sufferers from the earthquake in Valparaiso, Chile.

Charge d'Affaires Vega, of the Chilean legation, was a caller at the State Department this morning. He said that from information he had received, from his knowledge of the country, and from the publications made, he is inclined to believe that the reports of damage were greatly exaggerated. This, he thinks, is particularly likely to prove true with respect to the reports of the destruction of entire towns and villages outside of Valparaiso and Santiago. He notices that some of those which are reported destroyed and which he therefore, thinks that the latter stories are probably not true.

CRY OF "MURDER" CAUSED EXCITEMENT. Colored Man Suddenly Stricken With Fit Attracts Large Crowd.

"Murder!" yelled somebody who saw a colored man fall in a fit at the corner of Thirteenth and E streets northwest, this afternoon about 1 o'clock. A large crowd quickly came to the scene, and when the man passed there was a report resembling the bombardment of Port Arthur. The sick man, whom the crowd almost smothered, was carried away to the hospital in the police wagon.

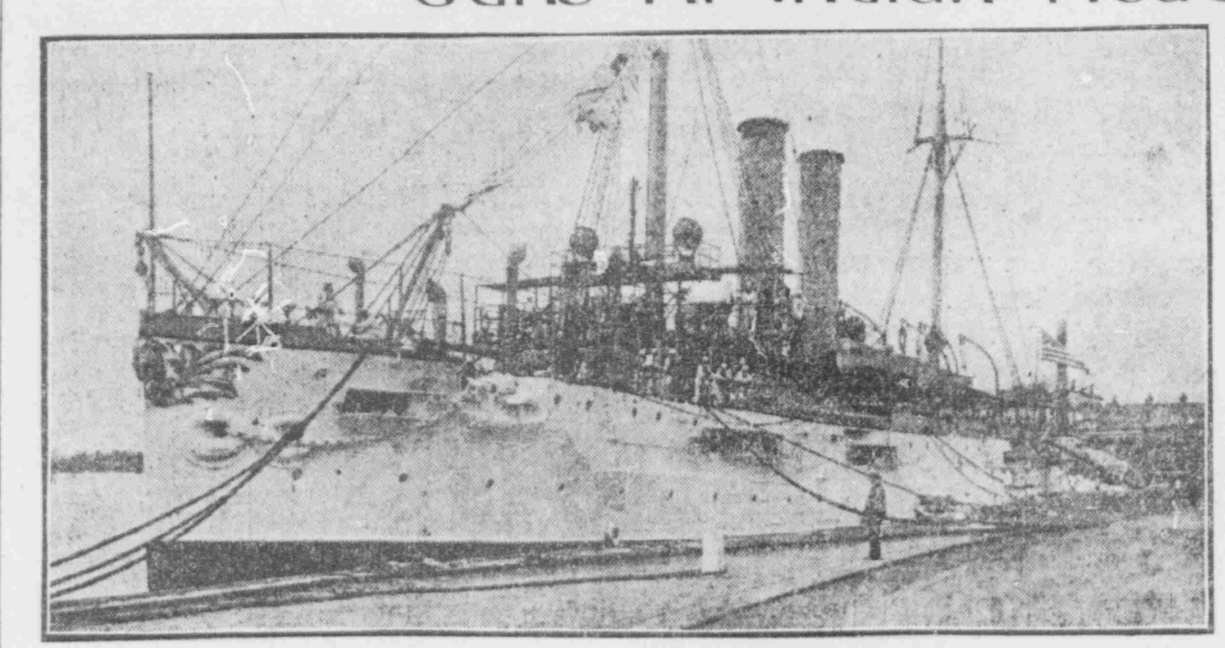
FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN TOTALLY DESTROYS HOME. Fire today completely destroyed the house at 13 Sheriff road, Deanwood, occupied by John Robinson, colored, an employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and owned by Mrs. Arms, of this city.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Albert Anthony and Carrie L. Brooks, William Johnson and Francis Thornton, both of Baltimore.

DEATH RECORD. Charles Schneider, 55 years, 1367 Florida avenue northeast.

HOW A ROMANCE DIED. Once on a time—not so long ago—in a certain city which need not be named, there dwelt a certain employee of a well-known transportation agency, who had sought an exceedingly beautiful young woman to become the life-partner of his life and sorrows.

# Middies Go Inspecting Guns At Indian Head



The Cruiser Des Moines, Now at Local Navy Yard.

Cruisers Will Weigh Anchor This Evening, Sailing For Norfolk.

Middishmen for the cruisers Florida and Des Moines went to Indian Head this morning to inspect the proving grounds and see how the big guns of the navy are tested. All of them were greatly interested in the various branches of work, and were delighted at having an opportunity of visiting this place which is of such great interest to naval officers.

This evening the two cruisers will leave the Potomac and prepare for the naval pageant at Oyster Bay. The Des Moines will go to Norfolk for trimmings, while the Florida will continue on to New York.

Late yesterday evening the monitor Arkansas dropped anchor at the local navy yard, where it will remain for two days. The officers and men aboard immediately came ashore and were busy sight-seeing this morning.

Before leaving Washington the cruisers and monitors will be cleaned up and put in order because of the rigid inspection, which will be made before they see President Roosevelt.

BELL GETS BACK READY FOR WORK. (Continued from First Page.)

pleased me greatly and I consider the association is now on a firm and solid foundation. I want to state that I wish to formulate a specific and definite plan of campaign—and then go ahead. It is very evident that the movement has a general support from the whole public that has never been accorded any other movement within my recollection. We should take full advantage of this enthusiasm.

Mr. Bell's optimism merely reflects the views of every officer and member of the association. They are all ready to go to work in earnest. Many have been invited to the city, on the ground that he must be responsible, in large measure, for the success of the movement, and that he should therefore have an active part in the selection of committees and the adoption of plans of campaign.

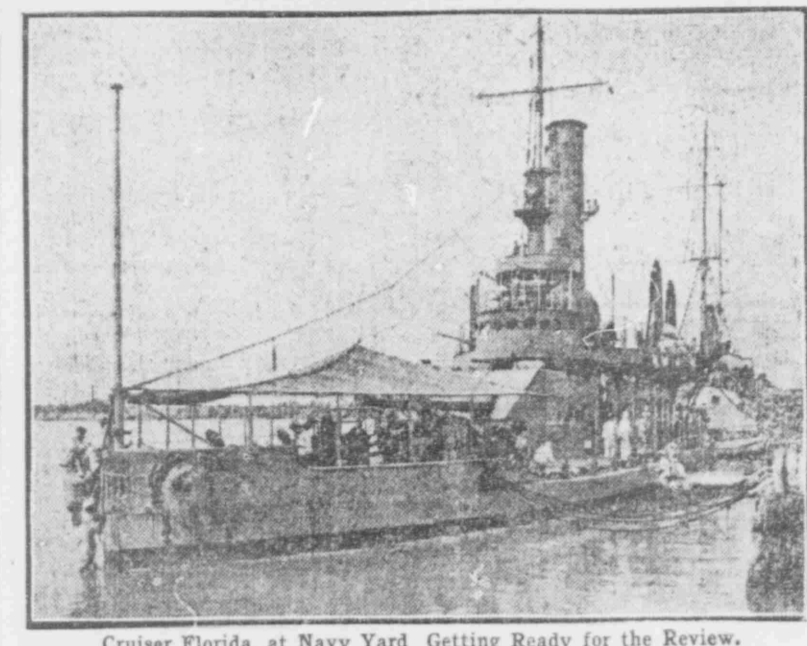
Public School System In the Development Of Greater Washington. To the Editor of The Washington Times:

The Times has pursued a sensible course in advocating, as a means, at least one of the means, of developing the Greater Washington, the establishing and fostering of a system of manufactures within the District. In your issue of April 1 last you published from my pen a brief communication on this subject. The closing sentence was provided that manufacturing plants, if conditions have not changed, the reasons then assigned exist with equal if not increased cogency today. The Times is doing a great work in keeping this necessity constantly before the public.

Another step toward the attainment of the Greater Washington is the development and exaltation of the public school system. From present indications the Board of Education and the new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Chancellor, are heartily engaged in the solution of this important problem. It is sincerely hoped that their efforts will be abundantly successful and will receive the hearty co-operation of all classes of people within the District. The watchword ought to be: Let the schools of Washington be equal to it, not the best in the nation.

In the accomplishment of this desirable purpose to the Central High School, Washington two chapters, one on its schools and colleges and one on its churches. The investigation therefore brought me in contact with some strange but interesting characters in the early struggles to develop an educational system within the District. A complete portrayal of these struggles and characters would make a large volume of intense interest to the present generation.

To one of these pioneer educational workers and reformers, John McLeod, I wish to call brief attention. He is doubtless within the memory of many of the citizens of the District other than members of the Oldest Inhabitants' Association.



Cruiser Florida, at Navy Yard Getting Ready for the Review.

# Principal of Western Is Safe; Swartzell Goes; New Head for M Street

Changes Expected in Executive and Teaching Staffs of High Schools. School Board in Meeting. Superintendent Chancellor Will Submit His Recommendations and Full Corps of Teachers Will Be Appointed.

According to the best authority there will be changes in the personnel of the high schools staff that will cause considerable commotion among the rank and file of the teachers.

Miss E. H. Westcott, principal of the Western High School, it is understood, will be retained, while M. F. F. Swartzell, principal of the Eastern High School, will not be chosen again as the head of that institution. This selection

of a principal for the M Street High School is yet under consideration, but it is understood that Anna J. Cooper will not be reappointed to that position.

There will be numerous changes made in the list of teachers submitted for consideration. Superintendent Chancellor has not been compelled to formulate his list principally from the school records. Dr. Chancellor expects discussion, as he has not been connected with the schools for a sufficient length of time to be thoroughly familiar with the instructors.

NO MORE PRIVATE CARS FOR HIM. Ignace Paderewski has made with his managers the condition that he shall not travel in a private car the next time he returns to this country. He will trust to the ordinary trains in going from place to place for the first time since he came here to pay. The attributes of a private car, which he had in the New York Sun, to the close cognomen of his private car, from which he hurried to the concert hall, returning immediately the concert was over.

ONE OF HIS EXPENSIVE TASTES. "I really don't think I can let my daughter marry you, young man." "But why not, sir? We love each other most truly." "Yes, I know, but the fact is you have very expensive tastes."

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# SYSTEM OF SUPPLY IS FAIRLY CRIMINAL, SAYS GEN. CARTER

Denounces Methods of Quartermaster's Department.

"In my opinion the extreme centralization existing in the administration of the Quartermaster's Department is unwise in peace and would be criminal in war, were it not for the certainty that the whole peace fabric will be demolished when serious field operations may be handicapped by the system."

This sweeping statement is made in the annual report of Brig. Gen. William H. Carter, commanding the Department of the Lakes, made yesterday to the Department today. General Carter devotes much space to a plea for change in the Quartermaster's Department, contending that the enforcement of the present law and system will tend to extravagance.

In appealing for decentralization in this particular department, General Carter says:

"The quartermaster's department comprises the great branches of transportation, clothing and public and blue slips for emergency orders, an apparently perfect system of keeping accounts and checking up the annual appropriations has been secured. The increase of paper work in the War Department, at the several headquarters, and in the army at large, and the loss of prestige of quartermasters with corresponding loss of efficiency, are the first results of the new system."

Law Needs Amendment. "Whether the existing system is the best that can be devised under the new law is a matter under the determination of the War Department. If it is so adjudged then for the sake of army efficiency as well as for the protection of a bureau whose manifold disbursements are scattered from Alaska to Florida and Maine to Texas, the Philippines, Porto Rico and Hawaii, the law should be amended."

"Its enforcement, through the new system, in my opinion, means loss of military efficiency and in the end will tend to estimates largely in excess of actual needs to avoid the danger of a deficiency and the infliction of the severe penalty prescribed by the act."

Promotion by Selection. "During the past year my attention has been frequently attracted by what may be termed a serious spirit of unrest amongst officers, brought on mainly by the public discussions of proposed measures for elimination and promotion by selection. However desirable may be the measures designed to bring about the selection of the best qualified for promotion for those believed to be unfit for further command, the army is certainly against their enactment."

"The impression has been forced upon me that the officers of the army, and particularly those of the line, while recognizing the desirability of providing promotion for exceptionally meritorious men, are unwilling to trust their careers to boards of officers who, of necessity, must base their conclusions upon personal acquaintance with the merits of the candidates, and are not regarded as accurate indexes of either character or qualification."

SOLDIERS' HOME DAMAGED TO EXTENT OF \$60,000. NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 21.—Damage to the extent of \$60,000 was done by fire which started in the kitchen of the Soldiers' Home at Newport News early this morning.

# TESTS AND TRIALS OF TORPEDO BOATS

Board Will Meet Thursday at Navy Department to Prepare Program.

The board appointed yesterday afternoon by the Navy Department to prescribe and supervise tests of submarine and surface torpedo boats to be tested under the provision of the Naval Appropriation act, approved June 29, 1905, will meet at the Navy Department Thursday next, and proceed as expeditiously as practicable with the preparation of a program of tests and trials, either competitive or comparative, or both, of the kinds of boats mentioned.

The program, which will be submitted to the Navy Department for its approval, will contemplate a determination of comparative utility and efficiency with reference to general construction, equipment, machinery, seaworthiness, habitability, and adaptability for offense and defense mining and countermining, and will reference to such other features or purposes of reasonable requirements for submarine warfare as the board may see proper to suggest.

The board is Capt. Adolph Marx, U. S. N., as president, and Naval constructor D. W. Taylor, Lieutenant Commanders C. W. Dyon and Cleland Davis, and Lieut. John W. Timmons, U. S. N., as members, and Ensign Frank H. Sadler, U. S. N., as recorder.

# PHONE CALL BALKS BOLD BRUTAL BURGLAR

Masked Colored Thief Assaults Young Woman at Her Home in Daylight.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Attacked in her apartment, at 235 West 11th street, by a masked colored man, Miss Elizabeth Solomon was saved from robbery or injury by the opportune ringing of her telephone bell, when frightened away the intruder. He was pursued into Central Park, but escaped, and has not been captured by the police.

Miss Solomon is a daughter of the late John Solomon, an Irish inventor and iron manufacturer, who came to this country many years ago and accumulated a large fortune, and lived in the 11th street apartment in the fourth floor, with her sister Catherine, fifty years old, until last May, when the latter became blind and it was necessary to place her in a sanitarium. Miss Solomon, living there alone since then, was cleaning her diamond rings and earrings a few days ago, when the bell at the front door of her apartment sounded. She left the jewels on the washstand to answer the bell.

Opening the door a tall colored man, who wore a brown mask, immediately attacked her. At the same moment Miss Solomon's telephone bell rang close beside the man who was choking her. He fled.

# WOODCHUCK IN HOLE WOUNDS A HUNTER

Connecticut Man Pushed Stock of Gun Into Hiding Place of Game.

WATERBURY, Conn., Aug. 21.—George Adams, of this city, was shot by a woodchuck and is in a critical condition. Adams chased a large woodchuck into its hole and then rushed the stock of his gun into the hole in an effort to dislodge the animal. The woodchuck in its struggles to get out pulled the trigger of the gun and the contents of the gun lodged in Adams' left side. Physicians probed for the bullet, but have been unable to find it.

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