

"WOMAN IN BLACK" TERRIBLES FOLKS BUT RADNOR WAY

Residents of Ithan Tell of Spiritual Manifestation That Makes Night Strolls Perilous Undertakings.

"A tall woman dressed in black, wearing a broad hat that shades her face and a man's overcoat of a light hue," has had the inhabitants of Ithan, between Villanova and Radnor, all stirred up for the last 10 days.

The woman did not speak. Jim says he took one long breath and fled for home. The next night he told the tale in Postmaster William H. Cornog's store, where Radnor road and the old Lancaster pike cross.

Enter Samuel Miller, who lives on top of the hill at Ithan. He came along with the woman. Then Mullen decided that he had seen a spiritual manifestation and left the neighborhood.

Monday a passerby at Cornog's store seemed to remark that a woman inmate of the hospital at Yorkstown had escaped a few days before. She was harmless, he had heard.

The head gardener of the Hoffman estate had concluded a preliminary shudder, but had not had time to reply when right out of nowhere, in the road before them, appeared the woman. Sam Miller says he had voice enough left to say to the woman:

"Good evening, Mame." There was no reply. The two friends differ as to what followed. Jess White says he saw the woman. Mr. Miller says positively that he did not run. "But you went to the postoffice as soon as I did," Jess retorts.

Last Saturday, on the Radnor road, where the houses are wide apart and one notices all who pass, there was seen a strangely veiled woman dressed in black. She did not have the man's overcoat. Miss Todd, who lives on Radnor road, in sight of St. David's, allowed her maid to give some food to the woman. A woman in black was seen last Friday at Villanova and received help at several households, but she seemed to be poor rather than mysterious.

SUFFRAGISTS VAINLY TRY TO DECORATE LINCOLN STATUE

SUFFRAGISTS DISAPPOINTED

Park Guards Forbid Placing of Wreath on Lincoln Statue. Disappointment filled the hearts of 10 women suffragists of the 6th Legislative District who went to Fairmount Park today to place a wreath on the monument of Abraham Lincoln, near the Green street entrance of the park.

On the wreath intended for the monument was this inscription: "To the well-beloved memory of a great suffragist, I believe in all sharing the privileges of government who bear its burdens, not excluding women."

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Taylor to accept even \$5,000,000 at the present time came as a blow to the opposition forces. The only condition attached to Director Taylor's proposal to accept \$5,000,000 instead of \$3,000,000 was that the pending constitutional amendment be passed as it now stands instead of being further amended, as proposed by Senator McCulloch's Finance Committee.

With a special election in April the work on the subway and elevated lines can be actually begun July 1, as has been advocated by the Board for months. The \$5,000,000 will be ample to continue the work to the end of this year.

The successful passage of the constitutional amendment increasing the city's borrowing capacity by 3 per cent. for transit and port development can place that question before the people at the November election.

"I don't lub dat woman nohow." Edward Nelson glared defiantly at Bessie McKee, in the 18th and Oxford streets station. Bessie became indignant. "But you did," she shouted, "one time."

"Any law against sleeping?" asked the man. "No, but you better come to the station house," said the turkey. "I'm warmer."

VICE PRESIDENT BREAKS TIE; SHIP BILL DISPLACED

His Vote Ends Sharp Parliamentary Battle in Senate—Closure Now the Issue.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—After a sharp parliamentary struggle this afternoon and a desperate attempt, led by Senator Reed, to force a closure rule which would compel a vote on the ship purchase bill, the Senate displaced the ship purchase measure as the unfinished business, and proceeded to the question of adopting a closure rule.

The specific question now before the Senate, in effect, is whether to adopt the plan of Senator Reed, being February 19 as the date for voting on the ship purchase bill. Senator Norris has offered an amendment which raises the question of adopting a general rule on the subject of closure for limitation of debate.

The struggle precipitated by Senator Reed was one of the hottest parliamentary fights the Senate has seen for many months. He moved shortly before 2 o'clock to adopt his resolution fixing February 19 to vote on ship purchase before the Republican leaders had fairly awakened.

Reed then moved to amend the Gallinger motion to refer to the Rules Committee so as to provide for reference to the Finance Committee. He said the Rules Committee was opposed to any change in the present standing order.

After a short wrangle Senator Reed gained his point, and it was found that the motion to table had resulted in a vote of 46 to 46. It had been announced that the bill would be taken up.

The Vice President announced that the Gallinger motion to table was lost. Senator Reed then asked that the subsequent proceedings be expunged, and this was agreed to.

By this time 2 o'clock had arrived, and Fletcher asked to lay aside temporarily the unfinished business. This was objected to. Reed then wanted to extend the matter to table, to make up for the time lost through the error in the wrong announcement of the rollcall.

Senator Reed was undecided for a few moments, but finally moved to take up the question relating to the rules and ordering a vote on February 19. His motion finally prevailed, 47 to 47, which was broken by the affirmative vote of Vice President Marshall.

This brought before the Senate once more the question of adopting the Reed amendment to the Gallinger motion to instruct the Rules Committee to report forthwith the bill on the date to vote on the ship purchase. Lodge raised the point that the question was debatable and gained his point.

INDEPENDENCE HALL INSPIRED FAMOUS LINCOLN ADDRESS

Words of Patriotism Uttered by Emancipator in Philadelphia 54 Years Ago Still Recalled.

He wasn't born here, nor did he ever live here—the great man, the 16th anniversary of whose birth is celebrated today—and yet to Pennsylvania belongs the enviable distinction of having been the place where two of the greatest speeches of one of the greatest of all speechmakers, Abraham Lincoln, were made.

The one was, of course, at Gettysburg, but the other was made right here in Philadelphia, when, passing through from Buffalo to Washington on his way to be inaugurated, he was invited to stop off on Washington's Birthday in 1861 to raise the new flag over Independence Hall, with its 34 stars, the 34th representing the newly admitted State, Kansas.

Many Philadelphians who were little girls and boys then had the occasion impressed upon their minds with never-to-be-forgotten vividness, which will make them carry the memory of it to their graves.

Returned to a feverish pitch of excitement by the heralded coming of the man of the hour, the citizens of this town got out of their beds long before the sun had risen over the Delaware and hurried forth to seek advantageous positions to watch the passing of the President-elect.

Lincoln had been scheduled to be present at the opening exercises of the fair, but because of affairs of state was unable to get away from Washington and deputized Bishop Simpson to act as his representative. Later on in the summer he came, and it was on this occasion that he was the guest of honor at a luncheon at the Union League, which was then only two years old.

Surrounded by many tokens and mementoes of the war and of Lincoln at his home, 134 Chestnut street, Captain Meigs talks interestingly of the man who was responsible for the political conversion of his father, Dr. Charles D. Meigs, who, before the coming of the President to this city, had always been a violent opponent of Lincoln's principles.

"The Union League," said Captain Meigs, "occupied the spacious Kuhn mansion then, which was on Chestnut street between 11th and 12th, where Katharine Theatre now stands."

After the invitation to the reception and luncheon had been issued and accepted, the officers of the League appointed a delegation of its members to go to Independence Hall and accompany Lincoln back to the club.

Lincoln stood up a foot 4 inches high, and loudly endured the storm of words of the orator, who took nearly 30 minutes to tell the guest he was welcome. Finally he ceased, and Lincoln said: "Well, Mr. Dougherty, I presume some use, a copy of the Constitution and other papers."

Members of Congress who were present when Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg speech spoke at the Capitol today. The occasion was especially observed in the negro schools and churches, where the anniversary of the race was lauded in speech and song.

"Transit Tax Plan Valid"—Johnson

Continued from Page One though the determination of it is not essential, in view of the undoubted borrowing capacity of the city, based upon the valuation of real property alone.

"It is simply impossible, after reading the report, intelligently, to believe that the Chief Justice was uttering a dictum and was not expressing the opinion of the court—the unanimous opinion, because of the dissent of Justice Eakin was upon an entirely different point."

"I think it may be taken as finally settled that the assessed valuation of personal property does form part of the basis of the city's borrowing capacity, and that the city is coterritorial with the county."

"The provisions of said act of June 17, 1913 (P. L. 507) are effective to increase the borrowing capacity of the city of Philadelphia by 7 per centum of the last assessed valuation of personal property preceding the date of the loan."

"The political plans to block all progress on the transit plans were swept aside at every turn yesterday through the answers and arguments of Director Taylor and Director Norris. It is the general belief today that there is now little danger that the obstructionists may resort to new underground tactics to continue the period of inaction and delay."

ROBIN HERALDS SPRING

A robin and a butterfly have announced the coming of spring. The robin made the announcement in Altoona, where the P. R. R. car shops are, and its harmonious notes were welcome to the men who sling the sledges in the arctic courser of industry.

And the sympathetic note ran all the way to Newton, N. J., where the butterfly was discovered. The butterfly was caught by Francis Rowett, 223 Spring street. It is significant, too, that the butterfly should select such a street in such a pretty place as Newton.

PROHIBITION IN IOWA

Senate Passes Constitutional Amendment by Large Majority. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 12.—By a vote of 70 to 20 the Senate today passed the constitutional prohibition amendment and sent it to the House, where it is expected to pass by an equally big majority.

An uncontrollable thirst has brought unhappiness to William Tongue. When he wants a drink he can overcome almost all obstacles to get it. As a rule, he doesn't have the money, and for this he blames the world in general.

"I refuse to commit suicide and I refuse to starve to death." This startling announcement was made by a ragged man at Belgrade and Clearfield streets. He shouted at several policemen who passed him. When no one paid any attention to him he became desperate and followed a cop for half a block.

CITY OBSERVES LINCOLN ANNIVERSARY

Continued from Page One but 23 stars in the flag, to 48 today. He said the nation then had a population of 31,500,000, compared to 100,000,000 at the present time.

"Hilly" Sunday will preach a special sermon today at G. A. R. hall at the tabernacle. Five thousand seats have been reserved for the veterans.

Lincoln Banquet at Y. M. C. A. A banquet in honor of Lincoln's birthday will be given tonight at the West Branch Y. M. C. A. 522 and Sansom streets.

Lincoln as "Perfect Building" "Abraham Lincoln as the Embodiment of a Perfect Building" was the subject of the Rev. Samuel Johnson's address before the Business Science Club at their luncheon, held this afternoon at the Bellevue-Stratford.

Captain Joseph Taggart, 84 years old, a veteran officer of the Civil War, who retired several years ago as a drygoods merchant, died today at his home, 732 Vernon road, Bunting, following a long illness. He fought with Company G, Pennsylvania Reserves, as second lieutenant, and at the close of the war was made captain. He leaves a son and a daughter. He was a member of the G. A. R., Post 181.

CAPTAIN MEIGS RECALLS TWO VISITS OF LINCOLN

Captain S. Emlen Meigs, one of Philadelphia's most ardent admirers of Lincoln, remembers distinctly the visit which he as President made here at the time of the big Sanitary Fair held in Logan Square in 1864.

Lincoln had been scheduled to be present at the opening exercises of the fair, but because of affairs of state was unable to get away from Washington and deputized Bishop Simpson to act as his representative.

"Dougherty," continued the Captain, smiling in the picture, "must have made a 'draw back' about 10 feet and said, 'No, Mr. President, not a political assemblage, merely a loyal one.'"

"The old gentleman," said the Captain, his son smiling at the recollection, "was always very kind to me. He thought, with many others that Lincoln was raising the country. However, knowing that he was to pass by his house on the way to Independence Hall, he stationed himself at his window to have a look at the 'monster.'"

"In a barouche, drawn by four horses, he saw Lincoln, bowing to the right and the left of him, acknowledging the salutes of the citizens lined on either side of the street with such dignity and impressiveness that when the President had passed my father turned to my mother and said with moistened eyes:

"And he was a Lincoln enthusiast ever after that," said Captain Meigs, "just as thousands of others were, converted simply by looking at the face of the man."

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—For eastern Pennsylvania—Local rains this afternoon or tonight; colder in north portion tonight; Saturday unsettled; fresh west winds.

Table with columns: Station, Temp., Wind, Clouds. Lists weather forecasts for various locations including Philadelphia, Allentown, and others.

Flood of Dollars for the Poor

Continued from Page One tribute for the relief of the unemployed will not be forthcoming. But the response must be steady and continue throughout the day.

Between 8 and 11:30 o'clock this morning \$15,000 were collected. A few minutes after 9 the postman had come in with more than 250 letters. Not before noon, at least, will the amount of the day's letters be known.

A large number of society men and women and a number of women from the Wanamaker store who are giving up their day of rest to assist in the work are on hand at the headquarters of the Emergency Aid Committee, helping in the work.

Members of business organizations, civic bodies and all other leaders in the fight for real rapid transit for Philadelphia were jubilant today over the transit victory at the hearing before the Senatorial Committee on Municipal Affairs yesterday. Philadelphia, it was remarked, was now pledged to a definite program of transit development.

NIGHT FIRE CAUSES ALARM

Blaze in Basement of Widener Building Excites Relief Workers. Smoke pouring from the basement of the Widener Building, now in the course of construction, this afternoon caused excitement among relief workers.