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GREAT GATHERING OF STATE MASONS BEGINS MONDAY

Exemplification of Work and Conferring of Degrees to Occupy Two Days. Festivities to Be Cut Short

Local Masons have completed arrangements for the anniversary reception of the Scottish Rite bodies, grand consistory of Louisiana, which will be held in this city four days commencing Monday. A large attendance of out-of-town Masons is expected, and of the sixty candidates who are to be inducted through the various degrees, from the fourth to the thirty-second, about half will be from outside the city.

On account of war-time conditions the annual banquet, which has been a feature of the reunions, has been abandoned this year. However, a dinner will be held at the Scottish Rite cathedral on the four days for the presence of the candidates, terms of which are as follows: Monday, 9:00 A. M.—Fourth degree, secret master, direction A. G. Weatherford. 9:45 A. M.—Fifth degree, perfect master, direction Phil G. Hicks. 10:45 A. M.—Sixth degree, intimate secretary, direction D. Eitinger. 11:45 A. M.—Seventh degree, pro-vost and judge, direction H. A. Swasey.

Lunch 12:30 noon. 1:30 P. M.—Eighth degree, intend-ent of the building, direction J. I. Richard. 2:30 P. M.—Ninth degree, elu of the nine, direction E. H. Walsdorf. 3:15 P. M.—Tenth degree, elu of the fifteen, direction A. L. Levin. 4:00 P. M.—Eleventh degree, elu of the twelve, direction D. W. Gundy. 4:45 P. M.—Twelfth degree, master architect, direction Julius Goldman. 5:30 P. M.—Thirteenth degree, royal arch of Solomon, direction Will Moss. At 5:15 P. M.—Fourteenth degree, perfect elu, direction John S. Thibaut. Dinner 6:30 p. m.

The above degrees under the direct of Albert Pike lodge of Perfection No. 1, Frank E. Lamothe, venerable master; S. G. Gainsburgh, se-

nior warden; Josiah G. Gross, junior warden. 7:30 P. M.—Fifteenth degree, knight of the east, direction Joseph Sinai. 8:45 P. M.—Sixteenth degree, prince of Jerusalem, direction H. Waszkowski. 10:00 P. M.—Seventeenth degree, knight of the west and east, direction Charles F. Buck, sovereign grand inspector-general. Tuesday, May 29. 8:00 A. M.—Eighteenth degree, Knight Rose Croix, direction Claude Corey. The above degrees conferred by Pelican Chapter No. 11, Knights Rose Croix; Sir Knight S. G. Gainsburgh, wise master; Sir Knight Will Moss, senior warden; Sir Knight Anthony Russo, junior warden. 11:00 A. M.—Nineteenth degree, perfect, direction Frank J. Herman. 11:45 A. M.—Twentieth degree, perfect, direction Frank J. Herman.

Lunch 12:30 noon. 1:30 P. M.—Twenty-first degree, perfect, direction Frank J. Herman. (Continued on Page Two).

MESSENGER BOYS STAGE A STRIKE

Socialists, strikers and labor agitators of Europe have nothing on New Orleans. Western Union messenger boys saved the day last night by calmly making known their demands to their employer, and then when they were refused a strike was ordered immediately. It was a genuine "honest to heaven" strike just like the grown folks have. The lads did not overlook a single item to make the strike complete. Violent scenes were enacted and as a result more than one lad who faced the fury of the mob and attempted to break the strike last night, today has his head bound up or wears a black eye.

To show how complete the strike was, half of the strikers did not know what they were striking about. "Those guys don't know what they are striking for," said one of the messengers. "They are getting two cents a message now and some of them want four cents. Others say the rules of delivering messages are too strict. Some one said 'strike' and they all struck. I cleaned up about four dollars delivering messages while those other guys were trying to find out why they were striking."

After the lads had been out for about three hours, they were rounded up, given a lecture and promised that headquarters would be written to and efforts made to give them more money for their work. The strike then was declared off, and the A. D. T.'s began to go about the city delivering messages.

ATTY. GEN. HARRISON DEAD

By International News Service. Indianapolis, Ind., May 25.—William Henry Harrison Miller, former attorney general of the United States, died this afternoon, aged 77.

FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

By International News Service. Dallas, May 25.—Before its final adjournment this afternoon the Presbyterian assembly endorsed equal suffrage.

ELOPED WITH TWO WOMEN AT ONCE

LOTHARIO RECORD SMASHED BY P. C. BOILEAU

ONE CAUSED HIS ARREST HERE

When He Deposited Her Money in His Own Name and Tried to Withdraw it From Bank

P. C. Boileau's career as a gay Beau Brummel was temporarily checked yesterday afternoon when he was arrested by Detectives Stubbs and Behrman on complaint of one of two married women whom he stole away from their husbands in Macon, Ga., and brought to New Orleans. Mrs. Ike Bashenski, complainant, and who posed as his sister, charges he tried to do her out of \$4,266. The other woman is Mrs. E. P. Gerber, who police say, he passed off as his wife.

According to the detectives, Boileau is a hard-to-be-beaten ladies' man. Although he met Mrs. Bashenski and Mrs. Gerber only a few weeks ago, he apparently experienced little difficulty in twisting for him to put it as the detectives said, and, thus being deeply in love with him, agreed to travel with Boileau.

Mrs. Bashenski admits having paid the expenses of the trip. Her charge against Boileau is that while coming to New Orleans she gave him a draft, endorsed by her, for \$4,266 on a Macon bank. Mrs. Bashenski said she gave it to him for safekeeping. Day before yesterday, she alleges, Boileau deposited the draft in a local bank in his favor, and balance of the draft is told by the detectives who received their information at the bank.

Detective Stubbs says Boileau went to the bank yesterday and tried to draw \$4,000 on the draft, giving as an excuse that he had nine straight tips on race horses. The cashier, however, told him it was impossible to give the money until the draft was verified at Macon. Then Mrs. Bashenski learned of Boileau's alleged infidelity and his arrest followed.

Boileau was jailed from a family hotel where he was stopping with the women, being registered as man and wife and sister. He appeared to be little worried over his predicament, claiming that he did not mean to steal the money as it was his intention to replace it.

DANIELS DENIES RUMOR

By International News Service. Washington, May 25.—Secretary Daniels tonight denied the various rumors that an American warship had been sunk. Apparently the reports spread in a campaign by unknown persons and he hopes the press will refuse aid in "this campaign of a vicious rumor." He says if any ships are sunk full information will be given officially and quickly.

AMERICA MUST GO TO THE RESCUE

ALLIES IN DIRE STRAITS, DR. HILLIS DECLARES

URGES BUYING LIBERTY BONDS

Mr. Chamberlain Sets Forth Their Value of Investment to Athenaeum Audience of 700

A stirring plea to the people of New Orleans to come to the assistance of France and England, "the best friends America has had in one hundred years," was voiced last night at an Athenaeum meeting by Newell Dwight Hillis, a well-known Brooklyn divine. The meeting was held under the auspices of the New Orleans Clearing House committee, to further the campaign for the sale of the Liberty Loan issue, and was attended by close to 700 Orleanians. Dr. Hillis told his auditors that the Allies are on the verge of utter defeat; that Russia is practically out of the fight, Belgium is utterly crushed, France is bleeding white, and England in imminent peril of starvation because of the submarine campaign.

As showing the friendship England and France have toward this country, he cited the report that Germany had offered to withdraw her armies from Allied soil, and pay them an indemnity of some 20 billion dollars, if only the Allies would permit Germany to make war on the United States, and collect a huge indemnity here. "That great man, Lloyd George, rejected this proposition with scorn," declared Dr. Hillis. "In the past hundred years England and France have been the true friends of the United States, and now is the time for this country to reciprocate."

The speaker asserted that the submarine campaign against England has reached such serious proportions that recently an order was issued permitting the consumption of meat seven days in the week in order to conserve the flour supply, which was then scarcely sufficient to last two weeks. He cited the reports of shipping losses during April, which totalled 1,150,000 tons, and declared that the present reports that losses have decreased must not be taken in too optimistic a spirit.

Lawrence Chamberlain, a New York bond broker, addressed the audience on the desirability of buying Liberty bonds as an investment, as well as for patriotic purposes. P. H. Samuels, chairman of the Liberty bond committee of the New Orleans Clearing House association, was on the program for a short address, while Mayor Behrman introduced the speakers.

HOSPITAL LETS OUT 6 INTERNES

Six of the internes of the Charity Hospital have been dismissed because of continual gambling. Upon several occasions, superintendent Stafford had warned some of the young doctors to desist from gambling. No attention was paid to his warning and yesterday he took action and dismissed the six.

This means that those men who have come under the ban will not receive their hospital diplomas, unless they are reinstated. All of the men were serving their two-year term as internes, and their time would have expired in June.

CITIZEN'S LEAGUE OPERATOR IS CUT

TWO MEN ASSAULT EMILE GASSIE WITH KNIFE

ATTACKERS ESCAPE IN AUTO

Old "Gag" of Asking for Match Causes Man to Become Easy Victim for Assaulters

Emile Gassie, an operator of the Citizens' League, who has won considerable fame within the last few months, again was a victim of an attack last night. As a result he was taken to Charity Hospital suffering from five wounds, the result of being stabbed by two men. Gassie, who lives at 1310 Leonidas street, was walking out Plum street last night when he was stopped by two men. One of the men asked Gassie for a match. As Gassie started to comply with the request, one of the men pulled out a knife and slashed him three times in the head, once over the left eye, and once over the lip.

The two men then made escape in an automobile. Gassie was taken to the Charity Hospital and his injuries were pronounced not serious.

MILK ADVANCES ONE CENT MORE

The big distributors of milk in New Orleans this morning advanced the retail price of milk to six cents a pint, or twelve cents a quart, in accordance with the agreement reached last Monday when the milk strike of country producers was settled. The advance means an additional expense to the milk consumers of \$500 a day, figuring on an increase in the cost of 6,000 gallons of milk daily.

Ultimately it is expected that a similar price increase will be posted by the milk producers in the immediate vicinity of New Orleans who deliver their own milk. This milk in volume amounts to 9,000 gallons daily.

As a result of the settlement of the milk strike the producers in that part of the state east of the Mississippi river and north of the lake will receive not quite two and a half cents additional per gallon for their milk. The consumers here pay eight cents additional, giving the milk distributing companies an added profit of five and a half cents a gallon, as a result of the strike, or more than \$300 a day.

A movement is to be inaugurated shortly to compel the big milk distributing companies in the city to guarantee the consumers bacteriologically pure milk, as well as milk that is mechanically clean. In order to do this it will be necessary for the companies to use test wagons for the distribution of milk in order to keep the temperature of the milk below the germ incubation point. In view of the added profits accruing to the distributing companies as a result of the strike settlement it is not thought that this would be a hardship on them.

WELL-DRESSED WOMAN STEALS THREE 'SPUDS'

By International News Service. Chicago, May 24.—Grocery stores, not jewelry shops, are the prey of the light-fingered now. A well-dressed woman, about forty, was arrested in a North Side grocery when she was seen to slip three large potatoes into her coat pockets.

GERMANS ARE INFORMED OF EVERY MOVE MADE BY NAVY

Startling Admission Made by Secretary Daniels---Leak to be Investigated. Berger Formally Turned Down

By International News Service. Washington, May 25.—A German spy system is in operation within the United States army and fleet. Not only are spies obtaining the information they want in this country, but they are able to get it to Berlin in time for the German submarines to menace the American warships and soldiers on the sea.

This was admitted at the Navy Department this afternoon. Secretary Daniels announced that word of the sailing of the American destroyer flotilla for Europe had been wired to Germany and that submarines had succeeded in mining the entrance to the harbor for which the American warships were bound.

That the spy system had extended into the heart of the navy establishment shocked the officials. A thorough investigation of the censorship established by the Navy Department is anticipated.

Only two methods are open for information to reach Germany—by wireless or by the cables—and both are under naval control. The effort to locate the source of the "leak" will cause a deep probe.

The conferees upon the espionage bill agreed today to accept a combination of the Thomas-Cummins and Hard amendments regarding newspaper censorship.

Senator Johnson, who is leading the opposition, characterizes the amendment as "vicious." The bill will probably come up in the House Monday. A hard fight is anticipated.

Victor Berger, the Socialist leader and former congressman, formally applied to Secretary Lansing for a passport to Stockholm to attend the Socialist convention and was refused.

Representative Meyer London accompanied Berger and announced that he would lay Secretary Lansing's refusal before the House. Berger was born in Austria-Hungary.

40 LIVES LOST IN KANSAS CYCLONE

By International News Service. Hutchinson, Kas., May 25.—Five are known to be dead, and the death toll is expected to reach twelve, following a cyclone that swept through the country twenty-five miles south of here this afternoon. The villages of Sedgewick and Andale were almost wiped out. Late tonight the death list at Andale was eleven dead and nine seriously injured.

Humboldt, Kan., May 25.—Twenty-eight were killed and sixty injured in a cyclone here today.

SAVAGE FIGHTING ON THE WEST FRONT

By International News Service. Paris, May 25.—The Germans entered the first line of French trenches north of the road of Ladis, it is officially announced by the war office. The French later recaptured the greater part of the trenches in a counter attack.

London, May 25.—Savage see-saw fighting has occurred in the past twenty-four hours on the west front. The French registered an important gain on a twelve-mile front southeast of Laon. The British prevented the Germans from regaining their lost positions.

CHIHUAHUA SAFE FOR AMERICANS

By International News Service. Washington, May 25.—Northern Mexico, especially the state of Chihuahua, is completely quieted, according to consular dispatches to the State Department. Many Americans are returning to look after their investments.

TEXAS SOCIALIST MAY FACE DEATH PENALTY

By International News Service. Dallas, Tex., May 25.—G. T. Bryant, alleged organizer of farmers and laborers associations, charged with a state-wide conspiracy to frustrate the selective draft was brought here from Abilene and lodged in jail. A second indictment charging treason will be asked and if returned the government will demand the death penalty. Federal agents continue to round-up anti-draft conspirators in west Texas. Many revolvers and rifles were confiscated.

HOUSE WHERE LINCOLN WED NEAR DESTRUCTION

Springfield, Ill., May 24.—Unless a rescuer is found or the state acts the most beautiful house where the romance of Abraham Lincoln and Nancy Hanks culminated is nearing destruction. The house has been sold to a Springfield real estate dealer and is to be moved from its present site to make room for the new state centennial building.

Whether it will descend to some other use than a habitation for human beings or will be torn down altogether has not been decided. The "Seymour house," as it is known in Springfield, is a little red brick structure. It sits well back from the street with an expanse of lawn in front and is equipped with a wide veranda. Its rooms not only saw the queer, awkward courtship of Lincoln brought to a conclusion, but at times resounded to the voice of Stephen A. Douglas, the "Little Giant" and Lincoln's rival. Through the Civil War it was a congregating place for officers of federal army and for leaders in Illinois politics and business. Some of the most famous historical figures Illinois has produced were glad to enjoy its hospitality.