

Legion Convention Plans Announced.

Arrangements have been completed for a great program of entertainment for the eighth annual national convention of the American Legion at Philadelphia on October 11 to 15, under the direction of the general committee on arrangements.

Among the things planned for the great gathering of thousands of Legion and Auxiliary members from all over the United States and several foreign lands, are:

A Legion ball in the Sesqui-centennial auditorium, a military circus, the first world's baseball series for boys, fireworks displays, drum and band contests, with the best musical organizations in the Legion competing, the Legion parade, and a world's fair with millions of dollars' worth of displays and exhibits.

Music for the ball in the auditorium accommodating 20,000 persons will be furnished by two orchestras, a band and the \$150,000 exposition organ. Special efforts are being made to provide the sort of dances Legionnaires in various sections of the country enjoy. Suggestions may be sent to the American Legion Ball Committee, 301 City Center Building, Philadelphia.

Two thousand picked men will go through their trick military stunts for the pleasure of the convention throngs. Huge lights will shed a noontide brilliance on the scene.

Lighting will be one of the most spectacular features of this year's convention arrangements. At the convention grounds there will be a light with a candle power of 6,300,000,000 said to be the most powerful ever contrived by man. Fourteen super-power searchlights will provide the concentration. At the entrance to the Sesqui grounds will be a giant replica of the Liberty bell with 25,000 lights of 100 watts each, concentrated upon it. The bell, weighing 42 tons, is suspended from supports 70 feet high.

For the first time the Legion's All-American junior world series will be played at the convention. Four teams, representing four legions into which the country has been divided, will play in the municipal stadium. These games are the culmination of a nation-wide sequence of contests in which champions have been chosen to represent their cities, their districts, their States and their regions.

Arrangements for the convention have been in charge of National Vice Commander Vincent A. Carroll, of Philadelphia, who is chairman of the convention committee. E. E. Hollenback and H. Harrison Smith are vice chairmen.

Edward J. Meehan, lieutenant colonel in reserve, is executive secretary of the convention committee. Upon him devolves a very large part of the practical details of staging the convention.

Colonel Meehan, who holds the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre for his World War services, is a native Philadelphian. He served with the One Hundred Ninth infantry in the Twenty-eighth division overseas. He wears two wound stripes from that service.

When the Paris caucus set in motion the activity which resulted in the formation of the American Legion, Colonel Meehan was present as a representative of his division. Returning to Philadelphia, he affiliated with one of the first posts organized.

Garlic Cackle in Pennsylvania Wheat.

One-half of the wheat grown in Pennsylvania is shipped out of the State, but to meet the consumption, three times as much is imported as is exported. Much of the wheat produced in this State is garlicky and, as 90 per cent. of the mills are not equipped to mill garlicky wheat, it must find a market elsewhere. Eighty per cent. of the cars of Pennsylvania wheat on the Baltimore market so far this year graded garlicky. The discount on garlicky wheat ranges from 7 to 10 cents a bushel and the presence of only one bulblet in a sample of two quarts of grain is all that is necessary to permit it being graded as such.

More mills in Pennsylvania are being equipped to remove cackle from wheat but its presence seriously affects the grade. The discount ranges from 3 cents on wheat containing 1 to 2 per cent. of cackle to 11 cents on that containing 3 to 5 per cent. The presence of 5 per cent. of cackle in flour reduces the volume of the bread loaf one-half, and gives it a very dark color and a bad odor and flavor. Farmers should exercise every precaution in the selection of seed wheat this fall to prevent the contamination of next year's crop, for so doing may mean not only larger production but also a difference of from 10 to 12 cents in the price they receive. Seed wheat can and should be absolutely free from all other seeds. The germination test should be very high. Quality—not price—should be the deciding factor.

Sixty-Passenger Plane Soon to be Used Over Atlantic.

Germany is building a 60-passenger airplane which she expects to place in regular trans-Atlantic service within twelve months, Maj. Lester D. Gardner, director of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America, said on his return from abroad.

Russia, he said, expects to begin airplane service between Moscow and Peking, China, within a fortnight. An air route already is established between Berlin and Moscow. If plans for the new routes materialize, New Yorkers will be able to travel all the way to Peking by airplane, he said.

Major Gardner predicted that Russia will assume leadership in aeronautics as soon as she attains economic stabilization.—Exchange.

Language Purist Had Something to Learn

"It looks like rain."
"Eh! What does?"
"The weather."

"The weather, my dear sir, is a condition. Rain is water in the act of falling from the clouds. It is impossible that they should look alike."
"What I meant was that the sky looked like rain."

"Equally impossible. The sky is the blue vault above us—the seeming arch or dome that we mistakenly call the heavens. It does not resemble falling water in the least."

"Well, then, if you're so blamed particular, it looks as if it would rain."

"As if what would rain?"

"The weather, of course."

"The weather, as I said before, being a condition, cannot rain."

"The clouds then, hang you!"

"Ah, here it comes. And I have wasted so much time in talking to you that I shall get wet to the skin before I can reach my street car."

"I may not know so much about rain as you do, but I've got sense enough to prepare for it and you haven't," said the other as he raised his umbrella and walked off in a huff.—Boston Transcript.

Ideal Lunch Company Winnowed Down to Two

Stephen Leacock, in his book, "Winnowed Wisdom," indulges in these philosophical remarks: "A hundred men is too many. A group of fifty would be better. As a matter of fact, a more compact luncheon of, say, twenty would be better still. Twenty men around a table can all converse, they can feel themselves in actual personal contact with one another. With twenty men, or say, fifteen men, you feel you are among a group of friends. In fact, I am not sure but that ten or eight would be a cozier crowd still. You get eight or six men together and you really exchange ideas. You get a real mental friction with six men that you can't get with a larger number. And moreover with six, or four, men sitting down like this day after day you get to know one another and in point of service and comfort there is no comparison. You can have a luncheon served for four, or three, men that is really worth eating. As a matter of fact, if it comes to that, two is a better number still. Indeed the more I think of it the better I like two—myself and a darned good waiter."

"Kicking" Habit Strong

The tendency to kick on the part of a few suggests the chronic kicker and not the philosopher. This chronic kicking can be better illustrated by a little story. A man was led to the electric chair. Before he was seated he was asked: "Is there anything you would like to say before the death sentence is carried out?"

"Yes, there is," he answered with that surliness that comes from chronic kicking. "The man I killed for kicking my dog for biting him ought to be shot. My lawyer was a crook—and it took three appeals and two reprieves to break me. When I came here I thought I would get decent treatment, but you gave me a bed with bum springs, and the food has been fierce, and," pointing to the electric chair, "I'll bet that d—n thing don't work."—Exchange.

Heredity

"Be careful, precious," said the fond mother to her three-year-old daughter. "Remember that is mamma's best diamond pendant, and that you're to take it straight to the safe deposit company. And just a moment, darling! Here is mamma's new pearl necklace. Take that, too. And be sure to hold them both tight in your little paddy, and to hit any one who tries to take them from you with this little toy sword of your brother's."

It was but the influence of heredity asserting itself. She came, that mother, of an old family of bankers, shrewd men of business who entrusted payroll cash and negotiable securities to unarmed office boys and rheumatic watchmen.—Kansas City Times.

Echoes of the Truth

Golf is a game of skill and patience. At the same time it is also a great strain on veracity.

Four men were playing a match the other day on a course in which the ninth hole lay over a deep ravine.

Three of them went to the ravine, but by a stroke of fortune the fourth cleared it and found himself almost on the green.

The others inspected their respective lies, and two of them decided to give up the hole. The third said he would go down and play out, and he did.

"How many strokes?" queried the others when he reappeared.

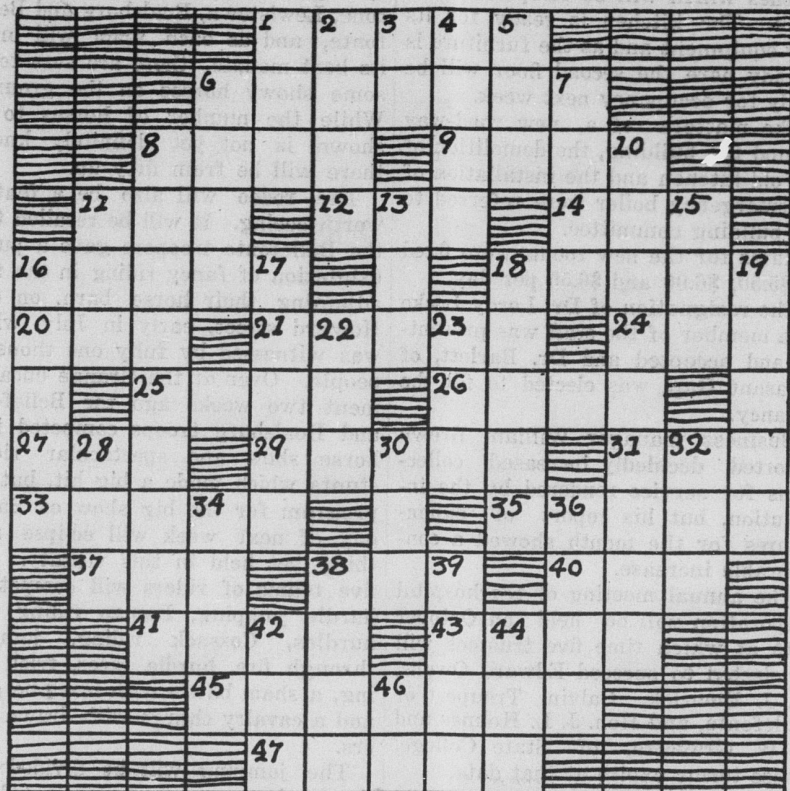
"Three," he answered shortly. "The others you heard were echoes."

America's First Play

The American theater established itself as an independent institution in 1787 when a play by an American, born and bred in the colonies, was put on the stage of the John Street theater in New York. This, the first native comedy ever put professionally before the footlights of the new world, was "The Contrast." The author, Royall C. Tyler, found his inspiration, so the historians of drama tell us—and it is pretty obvious anyway—in a view of Richard Brinsley Sheridan's "School for Scandal," given at the same John Street theater.—Donald Freeman, in Vanity Fair.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 6.



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- Horizontal.**
- 1—A gem carved in relief
 - 6—Not a full-blood negro
 - 8—Light tappings of the foot
 - 9—Roman outer garment
 - 11—To allow
 - 12—Girl's name
 - 14—Suffix to form feminine nouns
 - 16—Intelligence
 - 18—Mexican dollars
 - 20—Prefix meaning three
 - 21—Garments of state
 - 24—A tribe of Indians
 - 25—Loyal; not false
 - 26—The home of a wild beast
 - 27—To strive for superiority
 - 29—A nugget of virgin metal
 - 31—Fellow of the American academy (abbr.)
 - 33—Boy's name (German) commonly used in this country
 - 35—Skin disease of domestic animals
 - 37—Prefix meaning without
 - 38—A beverage
 - 40—Minor army officer (abbr.)
 - 41—Grievous (obs.)
 - 43—Used for shade and wood
 - 45—Esteem
 - 47—Short jackets, once popular
- Vertical.**
- 1—To divide into parts
 - 2—Likewise
 - 3—A university degree
 - 4—Girl's name
 - 5—Tribe of Indians
 - 6—Entanglements
 - 7—Architectural term
 - 8—Contribution
 - 10—Self-confidence
 - 11—Gaelic god
 - 13—To let fall heavily
 - 15—A drunken person
 - 16—Heat producing appliance
 - 17—To burst forth
 - 18—A song of praise
 - 19—To grasp
 - 22—Poetical contraction of over
 - 23—A measure for cloth
 - 28—Anger
 - 30—Frozen water
 - 32—Since or gone by
 - 34—To move vigorously
 - 36—The herb dill
 - 42—Sheltered
 - 44—Royal College of Surgeons (abbr.)
 - 46—Postoffice (abbr.)
- Solution will appear in next issue.

Seventeen-Year Locusts Due to Come in 1927.

Washington.—The question now before the scientific house is: Will the 17-year locusts appear on time? The scientific world is going to try to find out, for an investigation by the bureau of entomology is going to investigate the belief whether the 17-year locusts, scheduled to make their appearance this summer in Virginia, Georgia, Iowa and Missouri, has any existence in fact. Entomologists in these States have been asked to keep a sharp lookout for the insects and to report to Washington when and where they are discovered.

The 17-year locusts live underground all that time and then come out by millions. If you see this periodical cicada, let the American Nature association of Washington, D. C., know at once. The cicada is a forest insect and a very large part of its life is as an underground grublike form feeding upon the roots of forest trees. Toward the end of the period the full-grown grubs make their way to near the surface of the ground and under certain conditions construct peculiar above-ground chambers of pellets of soil. The large stout black insect is about 14 inches long, and has a wingspread of nearly 3 inches, the veins of the fore-wings and the eyes being red.

It is stated that in 1927 large numbers of 17-year locusts will emerge in certain sections of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Kansas.

This is based upon records back to 1724, and it is said the locusts which will suddenly come out by the thousands and literally cover the bark of trees and fill the air with their persistent clatter next year are the direct descendants of the first brood of locusts ever recorded in this country.

There are some 17-year locusts coming out somewhere in this country nearly every year, but those coming out one year belong to different broods from those coming out the next.

Millers May Study Penn State Course by Mail.

Practical millers and young men entering the milling industry who lack the time and the means to undertake a regular resident course in flour mill engineering at the Pennsylvania State College may now obtain instruction by correspondence through the Engineering Extension department of the College.

Professor J. Orvis Keller, head of the department, has announced that a practical and comprehensive course, written by Professor B. W. Dedrick, head of the milling department at State College and a national authority on milling problems, will be offered for the first time this fall in response to a continuous and urgent demand from all parts of the country.

Professor Dedrick's book, "Practical Milling," will be used as a text and arrangements have also been made to have the Penn State milling specialist give his personal attention to the lesson reports. The course will cover more than twenty different topics. Inquiries should be addressed to the Department of Engineering Extension, State College, Pa.

—Senator Reed of Missouri is a

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