AUSTRIAN RULER FAVORS GRANTING OF U. S. DEMANDS

Neutral Diplomat at The Hague Gets Report From Vienna

EMPEROR OPPOSES BREAK

THE HAGUE, Dec. 23.

"Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary has taken the step necessary to prevent a break in diplomatic relations between his country and the United States," says a message received from Vienna today by a neutral diplomat who has been afforded exceptional opportunities for communication with both the Austrian and German capitals.

"The aged Emperor has counseled Baron Burian, his Foreign Minister, to grant the demands of the United States," the message continues. "He wishes the world to understand that Austria is not at odds with America over the principle of humanity involved in the destruction of the Ancona, but that the issue is one of facts, and that the facts presented by the United States will be accepted by him."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

Ambassador Penfield at Vienna cabled the State Department today that he had delivered Secretary Lansing's second note on the Ancona case to the Austrian Foreign Office at 6 o'clock Tuesday night. He stated that he received the note during the afternoon and as quickly as he could have it decoded transmitted it to Foreign Minister Burian.

It is understood that Ambassador Penfield stated also that Austria has promised a speedy reply. It was stated on reliable authority that the Ambassador also indicated that there was a more hopeful feeling in Vienna that it would be possible to settle the questions at issue without any break in the diplomatic relations between the two countries.

BERLIN REFUSES DEMANDS OF U. S. IN FRYE CASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

A new hitch has arisen between the United States and Germany on submarine warfare. The State Department has received by mail from Ambassador Gerard Germany's reply to the latest American note on the sinking of the United States sailing ship William P. Frye, and in this communication the Foreign Office declines to guarantee that Americans on ships carrying contraband shall be placed in safety before the ships are destroyed.

The United States insisted that the poor means of safety offered by lifeboats could not be accepted by this Government as respecting the well-established principles of international law. While the Frye was sunk by the commerce destroyer Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which took all the Frye's crew aboard, the American protests served to apply the issue to submarine warfare as well as to the larger types of battle craft.

REALLY LOOKED LIKE BIRNAMWOOD FOREST

Squad of Cops, Each With a Christmas Tree, Startles the Natives

A procession of industrious cops, each with a tree on his back, caused many youngsters to think today that free trees were being distributed in West Philadelphia. But this happy suspicion was unfounded.

The excitement was caused by a Christmas tree dealer, who informed the police of the 61st and Thompson streets station that a load of Christmas trees, which were to have been delivered by a driver at 60th and Market streets, failed to arrive.

As trees are supposed to be scarce, and believing that the driver had spirited them away to sell them for fabulous prices for his own benefit, a squad of cops started on the hunt.

They discovered a trail of pine needles which led to 60th and Arch streets, where they found a little forest of trees lining the walls. Each cop shouldered a tree and carried it to a nearby yard, where they were held to await the owner.

It was all due to a misunderstanding on the part of the driver.

"FOXY GRANDPA" FOSTER, DAD OF BEACH BABIES, IS DEAD

Alex. Douglas, Former Minstrel, Succumbs in California

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Venice is a city of sorrow. All business will be suspended this afternoon while the first funeral that ever passed through the streets of the beach resort is held there. "Foxy Grandpa" is dead. The lovable old character of the beach, who has been called by the name of Alexander Douglas for years, died of senility, aged 80 years. He was the foster father of a thousand or more beach babies. Annually he held "birthday parties" at the Auditorium for the children. The city trustees will attend the funeral in a body.

Douglas, who was for years a minstrel with Christy, Carncross, Dixey, Horney and Haverly, left a widow and daughter at Grand Rapids, Mich.

TWO TONS OF PRESENTS

Policemen Will Be Santa Claus to School Children

More than 1000 public school children are expected to flock to the 10th and Master streets police station on Christmas day to share in more than two tons of presents. There'll be a tree reaching all the way to the ceiling and lighted with electric lights. Lieutenant George W. Fritz issued the invitations to the children and his motorcycle squad contributed to the large fund raised for the purpose.

The children of four schools in the neighborhood have been invited. There will be 4000 boxes of candy, fruit for every one and a huge pile of toys. A concert will be given before the gifts are distributed. Lieutenant Fritz will play the role of Santa Claus.

Besides all this munificence the motorcycle squad has agranged to send 4000 boxes of cndy to the Children's Homeopathic Hospital, the Home for Crippled Orphans, the Western Home for Poor Children and the Masonic Home.

Dickens Fellowship Party

Many of the lovers of Charles Dickens' novels enjoyed a Christmas entertainment in the Hotel Walton last night. It was the annual character costume party of the Philadelphia Branch of the Dickens Fellowship, and the Bardwell-Pickwick trial was presented, with Judge Patterson presiding as Justice Stareleigh. For several years the annual fellowship party has been of much interest to all those who delight to live in old Londontown with that writer who best knew her people.

FIFTY-TWO WORDS BIND ALLIES NOT TO MAKE SEPARATE PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Fifty-two words comprise the most powerful international pact in the history of the world. This pact is the Declaration of London, binding England, France, Russia, Japan and Italy into a quintuple alliance. By the terms of the pact not one of the powers can conclude a separate peace.

The text of the covenant follows:

The British, French, Italian, Japanese and Russian Governments mutually agree not to conclude peace separately during the present war. The five Governments agree that when terms of peace come to be discussed no one of the Allies will demand conditions of peace without the previous agreement of each of the other Allies.

It is signed by the following representatives of the powers: England, Sir Edward Grey; France, Paul Cambon; Italy, Marquis Imperiali; Japan, K. Inouye; Russia, Comte Benckendorff.

BRITAIN MAY FORCE BACHELORS INTO ARMY

Conscription Again Looms Up as Vexed Question at Cabinet Meeting

LONDON, Dec. 23.

Conscription still looms the big issue before the British Government. The Cabinet met again today to consider various phase of Lord Derby's report on recruiting that had to be laid aside at yesterday's session.

A modified form of conscription may ultimately be decided upon to force into the army the unmarried men who have thus far failed to enlist for the defense of the country. Lord Derby's report is said to show that the number of unmarried men who have avoided military service is much larger than had generally been supposed.

In reaching a final decision as to what action shall be taken to raise the army that Great Britain recognizes is necessary to win, the Government is also confronted with the problem of maintaining industry at home, particularly the manufacture of ammunition and the providing of food sufficient for the support of the population.

The present aim of the Cabinet is to raise the army to the necessary size and at the same time protect the economic life of the nation. Even the greatest optimists see no prospects of immediate peace. In a war of exhaustion the country that has best protected its economic strength will win.

ARMED BRITISH FORCE COMPELS DUTCH LINER TO SURRENDER MAILS

Thirty-seven Sacks Destined for U. S. Seized by Boarding Party at Falmouth

ALL PROTESTS ARE VAIN

S. S. ROTTERDAM, AT SEA (via wireless to Siasconset, Mass.), Dec. 23.—It was with an armed guard, under threat to hold the vessel indefinitely, and despite the captain's protests, that the British Government last week removed mail bound for the United States from a neutral ship, and coming from a neutral port.

This happened while the Holland-America liner Rotterdam was in the Harbor of Falmouth, about to start for New York. British officers came aboard the steamship and questioned Captain Baron, commodore of the Holland-America Line, as to what mail he carried.

The list was shown, and the British demanded the right to take off all mail that could be found aboard coming from Constantinople, Sofia and Berlin. No other mail was wanted, the boarding officers declared.

ARMED MEN OPEN MAILROOM.

The officers said they wanted to censor the mail and would return it to the steamship, or, in the event that the task of reading it was not completed in time, the censored mail would be forwarded to the United States on another steamship.

Armed sailors and soldiers next appeared aboard the Rotterdam, and over the strenuous but unsuccessful protest of Captain Baron the mailroom was opened.

A thousand or more mail bags had to be moved before the right ones were located. The searchers found 39 bags with mail from Berlin, Constantinople and Sofia, and all were taken out and hoisted into the British Government launch waiting alongside.

SANDOW SHOT AS SPY BY BRITISH, SAYS FRIEND

Strongest Man in World Put to Death Last June

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Eugene Sandow, renowned athlete, reputed to be the strongest man in the world, has been executed in London Tower after facing a military court on the charge of being a German spy, according to Mrs. M. A. Harper, head of the Harper Institute of London, who is a visitor here.

"There can be no doubt that Sandow was shot," said Mrs. Harper. "I know all the leading physical culturists of London, many of them close friends of the athlete, and despite the silence of the authorities and censorship we have obtained indisputable evidence of the execution last June."

Sandow formerly conducted a great physical culture establishment in London. When rumors that he was a sympathizer with the Germans began to spread he suddenly dropped from sight.

NIGHT CURTIS CLUB DINES

Executives Are Guests at Midnight Banquet

The Night Curtis Club, an organization connected with the Curtis Publishing Company, held its annual Christmas dinner during the wee small hours of the morning today. Fifty guests sat down to a real old fashioned Christmas dinner served in the Curtis Building shortly after midnight. The guests of honor were Cyrus H. K. Curtis, president of the company; J. B. Williams, general manager, and the day executives of the plant.

The membership of the Night Curtis Club comprises the night executives. Interesting short talks were made by the guests. Each man who participated in the banquet received a Christmas gift.

Some of the officials present were Harry Strawn, assistant superintendent; Harry Wigo, manager of magazine press; E. M. Huhn, Jr., manager business office; William Kirby Holmes, superintendent of engraving department, and Robert C. Clothier, manager of welfare, health and employment department.

Useful Christmas Gifts
Umbrellas, $1 to $25.
Walking Sticks, 50c to $15.
Parasols, $1 to $10.
Children's Umbrellas, Parasols and Canes, 25c to $3.50.
Everything in Lamp, Candle and Electric Shades, at most reasonable prices.
Harman's, 115 S. 13th St.

FORESTERS COURTS GIVE XMAS CHEER

Local Courts Provide Yuletide Gifts for Widows and Orphans of Members

Christmas cheer committees that help "brighten the corners where you are," everywhere are alert in the courts of the F. of A. in Philadelphia. Gifts for the children, clothes for the orphans, donations to the dependents, and substantial goods for the widows, will be distributed Christmas Eve by all of the 160 local courts. The work is carried out in an informal but systematized manner. The recipients are made to feel they are not beneficiaries of charity, but friends getting Yuleide token from friends—little remembrances for old times sake. The uniformity of the plan of action can be found alike in all sections of the city, such as done by Courts Hamilton No. 90, West Philadelphia; Energetic No. 107, South Philadelphia; Prosperity No. 176, North Philadelphia; Northeast No. 310, Northeast Philadelphia, and John Paul Jones No. 319, Northwest Philadelphia, and so in like manner in the suburban sections.

The Deputy Grand Chief Rangers' Association, of Philadelphia, held its quarterly meeting December 15, in the Parkway building, Broad and Cherry streets. The officers present were: Chairman, M. J. Clancy, Court Corinthian, No. 197; vice chairman, D. J. Powers, Court Hayeford, No. 202; secretary, L. C. Strometz, 1724 Snyder avenue, Pathfinder, No. 209; treasurer, Dr. Wade Sweatman, Court Wayne, No. 178. Ways and means for the welfare and extension of the order were proposed and adopted, and the 160 deputies pledged their co-operation to put the plans in effect in the 160 courts and to submit to the 32,000 members in this city to conform to the sage methods pronounced.

A concerted plan for uniformity of routine procedure was discussed and agreed upon.

Examples of up-to-date court methods were outlined and urged for emulation. A tentative plan to aid the weaker courts was submitted, and will be perfected in detail. A systematic and schedule of high-class social functions was carefully considered and favorably acted upon. The advantages of the Forestic Press was given prominence and its support urged, especially by the local F. of A. Journal, as a high tribute of commendation was given the EVENING LEDGER for its weekly column of reliable news of the order. The G. C. R., I. T. Wright; G. S., R. Comber, and G. T., R. V. Farley, made pertinent remarks, supplemented by many of the deputies. Words of felicitation were given by the following past grand chief rangers: Brothers T. Brooks, C. M. Bacon, J. H. Kirk, C. P. Bradley, I. Guerin, J. J. McCann, H. W. Mace, J. P. Donohue, M. J. Seymour, A. F. Strank and John Robinson. A pleasant social closed the convocation, and good results should follow the deliberations.

At a meeting of the F. of A. Legal Aid Committee, December 18, the following resolution was adopted and promulgated: "Whereas, The EVENING LEDGER has generously donated its valuable news columns to fraternal society items of interest, and the Foresters of America has been afforded therein the opportunity of publicity, not possible of availment through any channel of equal proportion or prominence in the community.

"And, whereas, this service as accorded our order has been given erratic, and entails considerable expense upon the management of this wide-awake afternoon daily, therefore

"Resolved, That as an appreciation and a tangible attestation of our acknowledgment of the gratuitous service thus rendered the order, that we appeal to the 32,000 Foresters in Philadelphia to show reciprocity in like generosity in goodwill to deserving subscribers and diligent readers of the EVENING LEDGER, and we feel that to but allude to that course is to have a cheerful compliance with the request embodied in these suggestions, of rendering honor to whom honor is due, and of doing a good turn for those who have done good for our noble order. John H. Kirk, P. G. C. R., chairman; Charles P. Bradley, P. G. C. R., keeper of records."

The weekly session of Court Southwark, No. 61, Tuesday evening attracted a large gathering of members and visitors to its hall, at 6th and Wolf streets. An enjoyable and varied program was presented by Brother Hannar, chairman of the "Get Busy" Entertainment Committee.

"Friar Tuck" Brother Millman gave an interesting personal narrative of the court's 29 years' history, he being a charter member.

Brother Buck, of the "Cheer Up" Corps, and Brother McConor, of the "Brighten Up" Reserves, gave a splendid exhibition of a competitive drill by their respective teams. Brothers Davis and Carlson sang a duet, composed by Brother McCormick and set to music by Brother Doctor McGowan. A verbal travelogue, traversing four unfrequented paths in the forest, was conducted by P. G. C. R. of Pennsylvania C. P. Bradley.

In addition to the monthly socials and a quarterly reception for the ladies, the big event of each year is the public rally, to be given on January 28, and Brother Millhan and his able assistants are working energetically for its success. Brother Millhan made an earnest plea for new recruits in his comments on the essay sent in by Brother M. Hughes upon the topic, "Your Neighbor and You."

Tuesday evening next the Holly Tree Social will be an interesting event, certain to crowd the hall with members and visitors.

Friday last Court Pontiac, No. 144, which meets at 1208 South 23d street, had a new and comprehensive plan for membership gain outlined to its members.

It will be put into effect along with the other systems now in operation. It is termed the "get acquainted with the people" plan and was suggested by P. G. C. R. Bradley, who outlined it in a conference.

The territory from which the court expects its increase is divided into districts. Each district is in charge of a captain and a lieutenant and a volunteer corps of trained members. The name of every eligible man in the district is entered on a card system by Brother Gilbert Fahy, secretary.

Forestry literature is first sent the prospective candidate; then he is visited by the volunteers separately, the lieutenant, after reports received, calls upon him. A personal letter is then sent him by the captain, followed by a personal visit and an application blank presented to him.

He is invited to a public rally and social at the court. Thus he is instructed, personally solicited, made acquainted with the membership and finally initiated into the court. The work has but one set of instructions for the workers: "Get around and see the prospective applicant in person."

It is a simple plan that should be widened out so as to include the whole city. With the solid battalions of earnest workers and with 160 courts as centres of operation, the results would be gratifying to all, as it is pleasing to Pontiac, in its effects. No. 144 has built up to its present standing because it does things right. It never gets into a rut. A novel schedule of events will close the 1915 achievements at the quarter night social December 30.

Court Americus, No. 37, held its annual turkey chase Friday evening at 21st and South streets.

It was a grand success. The proceeds will be devoted to social entertainments for the members and their families. This court has given two grand chief rangers, Brothers Runsie and Mayberry, and a grand secretary, Brother Cashmore, to the order in Pennsylvania.

This court has amassed a treasury of some $4000, and the 354 members are all boosters for a large increase in 1916. Its socials are up-to-date and draw large audiences.

Brothers Hollingsworth, Boyd, Boyle, Barclay, Thompson and members of like calibre are constantly at work laboring to advance the interests of the court.

The Ways and Means Committee of Court Phil Sheridan, No. 141, under whose auspices a vigorous membership campaign is being conducted, seems confident of securing one of the prizes offered for securing new members. The attendance is increasing at the weekly meetings, showing a sustained interest, and a pinochle tournament to be started promises to further stimulate interest.

At the last session of Court Peace, No. 337, in Greble Post Hall, 721 Wharton street, the members held a "preparedness" campfire. The old veterans of Greble Post, No. 10, G. A. R., as honored guests, joined in the good will social activities. Brothers Cox, Preole, Metcalf, Maloney and their energetic co-workers made the occasion a memorable one. There were in attendance members from Courts Liberty, No. 94; Brotherly Love, No. 10; Independence, No. 131; Justice, No. 129; Chosen Friends, No. 186; Friendship, No. 96; Fidelity, No. 104; Olive Branch, No. 205; Freedom, No. 229; Perseverance, No. 137; Victorious, No. 351; St. Albans, No. 182, and other local bodies.

An address, "Concord, Without Which Liberty Is in Vain, Unity a Lie, and Benevolence Impossible," was delivered by a member of the Grand Court of Pennsylvania. A program of specialties enhanced the enjoyment, after which refreshments were served. A new era of activity will start with the first meeting of 1916, January 4, and the court expects to make a substantial gain in membership.

The Entertainment Committee of Court John Paul Jones, No. 319, under the leadership of Past Chief Ranger Max Lalb, provided the members of the court Friday evening with an enjoyable and novel entertainment which attracted a good attendance of visitors and members. The Banquet Committee is arranging for the tenth annual banquet for court members, which will be given Tuesday evening, January 18.

ODD FELLOWS

Special Exercises Arranged for Xmas Day at Local Fraternal Homes

At all of the homes under the direction of the fraternity in this city, the Old Men's Home, 17th and Tioga street; the Rebekah Home, 17th and Allegheny avenue, and the Home for Orphans, in Germantown, Xmas day will be observed and an effort made to enhance the pleasure of the residents by special holiday features.

Special Xmas dinners will be served, a tree and toys provided for the delight of the little ones, and in every way those under the care of the followers of "The Triple Links" will be made to feel that Odd Fellowship is the truest exemplification of the purest form of real brotherhood and the highest ideals and conceptions of fraternity.

The annual services of Energetic Lodge, No. 47, were held Sunday afternoon in the Odd Fellows' Home, 17th and Tioga streets, and attracted a large attendance of members and their friends. The sermon was preached by the Rev. George Worrell, pastor of the Reformed Episcopal Church of the Intercession. Music was supplied by the choir of the church, consisting of Miss Elizabeth Shelhaus, Miss Blanche Phillips, William Johnson, H. Sykes and Mrs. John Welch, accompanist. President Thomas Sipps spoke briefly.

The religious services at the Home for Orphans Sunday afternoon were held under the auspices of the lodges of the Fourteenth District, consisting of Mount Airy, No. 235; Walker, No. 209; Philomathean, No. 10, and Fox Chase, No. 135. The rector of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity, of Rockledge, the Rev. B. H. Argo, preached the sermon, while music was furnished by the children's orchestra and chorus at the home. President Charles B. D. Richardson and Robert Love gave brief addresses, telling of the work of the fraternity and home.

Kenderton Lodge, No. 266, of Tioga, had charge of the religious services at the Rebekah Home, 17th street and Allegheny avenue, Sunday afternoon. Albert Wammup presided, while Mrs. George Gaul, wife of the leader of Tioga Methodist Episcopal Church, delivered the principal address. Other speakers were Joseph S. Tomlinson and Mrs. Mary A. Engelman, president of the home. Solos were rendered by Miss Ethel Kerns and Miss Natilie Boyer, accompanied by Miss Ethel Johnson.

Ruth Montgomery Rebekah Lodge Saturday evening celebrated its 17th anniversary with a social and sociable in its rooms, 1209 North Hutchinson street. Brother Andrew H. Jefferis acted as toastmaster. Brother Ferns E. Griffith as a negro minstrel and the "Sailors' Hornpipe," danced by Brother Camille Adare, contributed to the evening's pleasure. January 1 a summer picnic for lodge members their families and friends will be given. Ladies will wear summer dresses and men overalls. The ladies will bring lunch. January 8, District President Ada Gersuch and suite will install the officers.

Thursday night Oxford Lodge, of Frankford, conferred the first degree on seven Mille candidates. The work was admirably performed and was thoroughly enjoyed by every one of the 250 members present.

Among the many visitors were M. G. Klinestaven, of Tionesta, No. 69, Tionesta, Pa.; P. S. Bracken, of Palladium, No. 346, Indiana, Pa.; S. O. Haich, of Forest, No. 148, Hyde Park, Mass.; W. P. Rodman, of Sleepy Hollow, No. 283, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Nicholas Mark, East Peoria, No. 668, East Peoria, Ill.; Miguel Martinez, Excelsior, No. 20, Milwaukee, Wis.; John Demito, Lafayette, No. 15, Montreal; O. S. Carhart, Accho, No. 124, Philipsburg, N. J.; Noble Grand Harry Stehnaus, of Tuscan; P. G. G. Turbottom, of Orphans' Rest, Darby; P. G. Harry Wright, assistant grand secretary of Kenderton; P. G. George S. Norcross, degree master of Oxford, and P. G. William D. Zipf, P. G. William Bently, District Grand Master Glenn Haines, P. G. I. H. Hauer and P. G. Bruce R. Lewis, of Oxford Lodge; Noble Grand Ernest Hargraves, of Oxford; G. F. Waltman, of Energetic; C. W. Fry, of Fox Chase; J. W. Parker, of Philadelphia National; T. G. Pliff and M. K. Kaltz, of Peace and Love, Jenkintown; M. H. Jensen, of Green Hill; H. M. Hampton, E. D. Hamilton and A. G. Hamilton, of George W. Childs Lodge; E. A. Hurtz, B. F. Price, E. W. Diepen, Clifford Nash, David S. Gross and Charles Maller, of Kearsarge Lodge.

Such a gathering of Odd Fellows bids fair to improve the order and boom the lodges interested in the work.

Tonight the second degree will be conferred in full form by Mille's own staff.

January 19 Mille will confer the second degree in Oxford Lodge.

At the recent meeting of the Board of Grand Officers dispensations were granted for the following new lodges:

Agnes Rebekah Lodge, No. 480, to be located at Brookport, County of Elk, with 29 petitioners; Ruth Klader Rebekah Lodge, No. 481, to be located at Brums, County of Luzerne, with 37 petitioners; Lady May Rebekah Lodge, No. 482, to be located at Bentley Creek, County of Bradford, with 29 petitioners, and Alberta Rebekah Lodge, No. 483, to be located at Avella, County of Washington, with 49 petitioners.

The success of the recent "Ladies' Night" entertainment, given by Arcturus Lodge, No. 35, has prompted the Entertainment Committee to arrange for a series of such entertainments to be given during the coming year.

Friday evening, January 7, the initiatory degree will be conferred upon a class of 10 candidates. The work will be performed by the well equipped degree team, after which the Marching Club will give an exhibition drill under the direction of Edward Wiggins.

SALEM COUNTY GRAND JURY RETURNS 38 INDICTMENTS

Several True Bills for Manslaughter in Record-Breaking List

SALEM, N. J., Dec. 23.—The Grand Jury in the Salem County Courts established a record for the county by returning 38 indictments out of 46 presented to them for investigation. Of the number, Anson Drake was indicted for manslaughter by causing the death of George Caesar, a negro boy. He entered a plea of guilty.

George Franklin Green was also indicted for manslaughter for causing the death of Frank Anderson, on the Elmer-Malaga State road, by knocking him under a heavily loaded gravel wagon. He pleaded not guilty.

Albert Teal, a negro, was also indicted for manslaughter for killing Anna Clark, an aged negro woman, by running into her with an automobile on the public highway. He pleaded not guilty.

There were a number of chicken stealing cases, and indictments against William Hawkins, a negro preacher; William Cunningham, Joseph Sasanelli, John Grimmer, Frank McNally, for attempting to break jail and for conspiring for a jail delivery.

Criminal business will be taken up Monday.

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PIPE SPECIALS
Comoys Standard London-made Briar, silver mounts—regularly $1.00—at 50c
Meerschaum Pipes, $4 to $6, now at $3
$8 to $6, now at $3
Mail and phone orders filled
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3d & Walnut Sts.

ORDER OF RED MEN WORK TRIBAL DEGREES

Chiefs and Wariors Trail to Camden Wigwam to Initiate Class of Palefaces

Itaska Council No. 27 trailed last week, despite the cold and snow, to Camden to adopt a class of palefaces for Saranac Council No. 79. Every council in South Jersey was represented. Past Great Sachem Joseph E. Nowrey, of New Jersey, commended Itaska's team for its excellent work. Past Great Pocahontas Elizabeth Mumford, Great Pocahontas Catherine Guthoff, Great Scout Mary Bridges, Great Junior Sagamore Dr. T. C. Beswick, of Pennsylvania, were also present with delegations from Itaska No. 27, Gawnese No. 72, Mingo No. 124, Cohocksink No. 150, Mandam No. 224, Delaware No. 143, Nauni No. 22 and Nattanus No. 97, of York. Over 300 members witnessed the work. The Past Chiefs' League was entertained by Past Chief Putz, and the members are looking forward to the entertainment to be given on New Year's eve in their tepee.

Sioux Hatmakers have been doing effective work lately and are building up a strong, substantial organization. At the last meeting three applicants for admission were introduced into the mysteries of rainmaking in a lively style. Deputy Chief Ahern, of Menno Association, accompanied by Wiseemen Daley and Corbin, installed the officers for the coming term. Deputy Ritzert made a stirring address, in which he urged the advantages of the mortuary plan, but the Sioux comrades did not take kindly to the proposition, preferring to confine themselves to the social features. The festive board maintained the reputation of Sioux, and received additional spice from the cherry remarks of Deputy "Happy" Kind, of Minnehaha, who was present in his accustomed good form. Pursuant to instructions the Auditing Committee met at the home of Comrade Con Miller last Sunday, and Auditors Parker, Griffith and Southern inspected the books of Secretary Walter Miller and Treasurer George Phillips, finding a substantial balance to the credit of the association, with a steadily growing membership. Upon the completion of their duties a collation was served by Mrs. Schneider, of the ladies' auxiliary.

Lakota Council No. 226, D. of P., adopted three palefaces on Friday, at Lenape, the ceremony being creditably performed by the efficient degree team of Penemah Council No. 78. Lakota Council, although only little more than one great sun old, has recently been making rapid strides toward being one of the foremost councils of this reservation. On the last sleep after the adoption work was concluded, refreshments were served and a few short speeches were made by prominent workers in the degree of Pocohontas. By a special dispensation from the Great Council, Lakota No. 226 will dispense with the usual meeting on next Friday's sleep and hold their regular meeting again on the sleep of the 31st sun at the eighth run.

The members of Montezuma Tribe, No. 21, are uniting their energies to boost this progressive tribal organization. An effort is being made to capture enough palefaces to bring the membership up to the 200 mark by April 1. Two teams have been formed to secure candidates, one under Captain O. Anston Erhart and the other under the leadership of Frederick W. Neff. The friendly rivalry already engendered has led to fruitful results, and promises a plentiful supply of candidates during the winter season.

The 20th anniversary of Minsola Tribe, No. 187, was celebrated in the wigwam, 2017 Lancaster avenue. A large audience enjoyed the excellent and varied program presented. Past Sachem Edward S. Dunn, the organizer and recognized father of the tribe, came from Norristown for the occasion, and filling the sachem's stump, pledged to bring three new palefaces to the tribe on the first night that Minsola degree team takes the floor for the adoption degree. Chief of Records R. D. Hoskins made a short address, complimenting the tribe on its success, financially, also stating that 85 brothers were enrolled in the Funeral Benefit Association, increasing the death benefit from $75 to $250. There were also short addresses by Chief of Records S. C. Williams, of Mohave, No. 400; P. S. H. J. Fisher, P. S. Charles H. Foley and others. Representative J. A. Wilder was absent, being confined to his home with a severe cold. Corn and venison were served plentifully to all.

Hiro Tribe, of this city, is setting an example, in membership gain, worthy of the emulation of sister tribes, in this reservation. Within the past few months 58 palefaces have been adopted and promises have been made by members, assuring 42 additional candidates in the near future.

Thursday night District Deputy Robert Hunter, assisted by the Companions of Wasecca, installed the officers of Penobscot Association of Haymakers.

Friday night Deputy Chief Haymaker James H. Wright, Jr., assisted by the Companions of Penobscot installed the officers of Wasecca. Six palefaces were initiated.

Friday night Deputy C. H. Joseph A. Keenan, assisted by the Companions of Itaska, installed the officers of that body. Itaska Association is a lively association, in a thriving financial condition and is one of the largest Haymakers' associations numerically in the State.

Wednesday night, State Vice Chief Haymaker James R. Pinkerton, assisted by the State officers, installed the officers of Yuba, and also helped in the initiation of three tramps and the reinstatement of three. Yuba Association is advancing rapidly and in the near future will pay death benefits.

The regular monthly meeting of the Dakota Association, composed of 14 tribes in the downtown section of Philadelphia, was held Friday evening in the wigwam of Wyoming Tribe, No. 3, Wharton street above 7th, with President Alexander Clark in the chair. Business of much importance was transacted. The degree master, George B. Stevens, made a strong appeal to the members to use their efforts in getting candidates for the degree teams. Much depends on this feature of the association and it would be well for representatives to urge the members of their respective tribes to take this matter up. The Marching Club Committee of this association announced that they had made all arrangements for the dance which will be held Monday, February 7, at New Auditorium Hall, 7th and Snyder avenue. The Marching Club will go to Mahanoy City next June to attend the annual convention, which will be held in that city.

Yuba Tribe celebrated its anniversary Wednesday evening. A large number of members and lady friends were in attendance. The musical numbers by Dan McGarrigle, Miss Dorie and Miss Lodge were exceptionally good. The address by the great sachem, Samuel H. Walker, was listened to with marked attention. Singing and dancing were indulged in; later refreshments were served. Yuba Tribe has been working hard to secure palefaces, and these social evenings promise to help the good work along.

Mateoca Tribe No. 376 had a large attendance on last Monday's sleep and much enthusiasm was manifested over the pinochle contests. Monday next, several pale-faces will be adopted.

The brothers are urged to enroll in the Improved Order of Red Men's Funeral Benefit Reimbursing Association and become entitled to $250 funeral benefit. The enrolment fee is 5 cents up to 40 years of age. Mateoca Haymakers' Association will meet Monday next, and the officers-elect will be installed by P. C. H. Joseph A. Keenan, of Yuba Haymakers' Association.

PATRIOTIC AMERICANS

Union Class Initiation, a Progressive Movement Planned for the New Year

Monday evening Phil H. Sheridan Council, No. 27, will hold its annual Christmas entertainment for members, their wives and children. The committee in charge has been working to make the event this year the most delightful ever given by the council. State Vice Councilor Miller, a member of No. 287, expects to see many visitors in attendance, among whom will be State Councilor Sheneman and State Council Secretary Ford. After the usual entertainment appropriate addresses will be made and presents and candies for the children will be presented.

The various councils of this city are making a final determined effort to secure a large number of candidates for the coming monster class initiation, to be shortly held in this city. State Councilor Sheneman is about to make, in addition to the efforts of the various subordinate councils, a direct appeal to members of the order, and he fully expects that every one addressed will come forward and make the greatest effort ever recorded in such a worthy cause. Assurances have been given from all sources that the event will be unparalleled in the history of any fraternal organization of this State.

The employment bureau reports that the work is going steadily forward and that the prospects of a great work for 1916 are good. No meeting will be held January 1, but regularly thereafter on the first and third Fridays of each month, at America Council Hall, 11th street and Columbia avenue.

Fairview Council, No. 52, is doing exceptionally well, and bids fair to be a most important factor in the contest for a State council flag. Last year it won the flag in a contest involving councils much larger in membership. An important meeting of the council will be held Tuesday, January 4. State council officers will be present at that time to congratulate the council upon its great efforts, and, in addition, many visiting brethren will be in attendance.

West End Council, No. 280, is again preparing for a class initiation, which will take place within the next few weeks. P. S. C. Brother Erwin L. Getter reports not less than 100 candidates. The ritual will be rendered in the best manner possible.

JUNIOR MECHANICS

Councils Arrange for Public Installation of Newly Elected Officers

John R. Marlin Council, No. 20, Thursday evening last nominated a full corps of officers for the ensuing year. Those elected will be publicly installed Thursday evening, January 6. State Councilor S. G. Scott has consented to install the officers. He will be assisted by Deputies John S. Clemons, George S. White and Frederick G. Weber. Brother William A. Lewis, who has been nominated to the office of Councilor, promises to be a progressive officer. He is laying his plans for the coming term, which will be unfolded to the council on the night of his installation into office.

New London Council celebrated its second reunion Saturday evening with an oyster supper, followed by a concert, that was enjoyed by the members and their ladies. New London Council has made a marked increase in membership during the last year, and the officers of the council look forward to another progressive year. The committee in charge were Elmer Waters, J. Lewis Pierce, F. Gillespie, John Rose and A. Chriswell. Among the visitors present were State Councilor Samuel G. Scott, Past State Councilor Thomas H. Walters, District Deputy State Councilor Henry Wellenmann and Deputy State Councilor Enos Strayhorn. A large class initiation will be held by this council the latter part of January, when a class of candidates will enter the council.

State Councilor Scott is looking forward to a large gain in the Eastern district in January. He bases his belief on the many class initiations that are being arranged by councils and the progressive spirit prevailing. The following councils have class initiations arranged: John R. Marlin, No. 20; Liberty, No. 35; New London, No. 88; Toughkenamon, No. 96; Ione, No. 102; General Grant, No. 221; Franklinville, No. 78; John F. Armstrong, No. 120; Stephen Girard, No. 144; George M. Point-sett, No. 168, and Fred M. Wagner, No. 185. The reports from the Western and Middle districts show that there will be a good increase in these sections also.

Franklinville Council, No. 78, held an interesting meeting Monday evening. Deputy State Councilor Harry Barford presented his credentials as deputy for the year and gave an interesting talk on the order. Other visitors present were District Deputy State Councilors Henry Wellenmann and J. Frank Rue, Jr.

SOCIETY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FORGERIES FOR $100,000

George Lowden Ends Trial Suddenly. Gets Heavy Term

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—George H. Lowden, Hempstead, L. I., society man, unexpectedly ended his trial on forgery charges today by pleading guilty as another witness was about to testify. He was sentenced to from two years to five and one-half years' imprisonment.

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