

ARTISANS' ORDER MEETS IN CONVENTION HERE

Most Excellent Assembly Holds 45th Annual Session in Germantown Y. M. C. A.

Two hundred delegates forming the Most Excellent Assembly, the governing body of the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection, gathered today in the forty-fifth annual session at the Y. M. C. A., Germantown, in an all-day meeting.

Robert C. Thompson, Most Excellent Master Artisan, called the meeting to order for the election of officers. The candidates announced are: Master artisan, Jacob R. Jordan; superintendent, Frank A. Chambers; inspector, William E. Voorhees and Walter Charrier; recorder, Allen P. Cox; cashier, Americus R. Underdown; and board of directors (four to be elected), James H. Maloney, Henry C. Gerhart, Harry C. Smith, Charles W. McConnell, T. Frank Kendrick, John Lipsey and William A. Heyde.

An amendment affecting the payment of sick benefits was offered. The reports of the officers showed the organization to be in good financial condition, with combined funds of \$1,227,847.06, a gain of \$159,936.92 for the year; \$294,250 paid in death claims and \$28,952.75 in sick benefits. Since its organization the order has paid \$2,331,273.40 in death benefits and \$284,193,000 in sick benefits, with \$18,193,000 insurance in force. There are 16,235 members, 1187 new ones being admitted during the year.

Luncheon was served at noon at the Germantown Boys' Club, where a banquet will be served at 6 o'clock. At 8 o'clock the delegates representing Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and the District of Columbia, will attend an entertainment at the Y. M. C. A.

BRUMBAUGH APPROVES NEW GRANGERS' CLUB

Protective Organization Charter Gets "O. K."—Hearing on Department Money Demands

HARRISBURG, March 7.—The Governor today approved the charter of the Grange Mutual Casualty Company, an organization controlled by members of the State Grange for mutual protection. J. A. McSparran, of Furness, master of the State Grange, is president, and R. N. Moore, of Philadelphia, is secretary.

Governor Brumbaugh will preside tomorrow at a meeting of the State Economy and Efficiency Commission, at which heads of State departments who have asked for increases of appropriations will have an opportunity to explain why they want more money. The departments will be taken alphabetically. The Governor may sign the general efficiency bill today or tomorrow.

The Prison Labor Commission has notified Governor Brumbaugh that if the automobile license tags for next year are to be made by the inmates of the Huntingdon Reformatory, as at present, the forge shop there must be enlarged. The tags were held up for weeks this year and the State Highway Department forced to the necessity of recognizing last year's tags for more than a month in 1917 because of inability of the prison workmen to turn out the tags as fast as required.

C. R. WILLIAMSON, CADET AT CHESTER SCHOOL, DIES

Captain at P. M. A. Succumbs in Year of Graduation—Held High Rank Among Students

CHESTER, Pa., March 7.—C. Rudolph Williamson, of Media, cadet captain at the Pennsylvania Military College, died late last night at the Chester Hospital of kidney disease. He was nineteen years old. Captain Williamson would have been graduated in June as a civil engineer. He was manager of last year's football team, a member of the golf club, and is said to have been one of the most popular cadets at the college. There are only two cadet captains appointed, and the rank is considered one of great distinction. In studies he was one of the highest ranking cadets at the institution.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the home of his parents, 423 South Orange street, Media. Members of his class will act as pallbearers. The cadets will escort the body to the grave. Taps will be sounded. Flags at the college have been placed at half-mast.

Gets \$500 Verdict for Injuries

A jury in Judge Ferguson's court yesterday rendered a verdict of \$500 in favor of William Williams against Herman Dorfman, a produce dealer, of Twenty-second street near Cambria, for a broken leg and other minor injuries suffered by the plaintiff when the defendant's wagon collided with a bicycle upon which Williams was riding. The accident happened on Stillman street above Allegheny avenue on March 9, 1915.

GUARD'S BOY BROTHER KILLS SISTER WITH GUN

Traffic Policeman's Son, Playing "Border Soldier," Points Rifle and Fires

A thirteen-year-old schoolboy attempting to mimic his big brother, a member of the National Guard, who served on the Mexican border, accidentally shot and killed his sister, Catherine May Deuber, twenty-two years old, at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McConnell, 2293 South Mildred street. Amid tears, the lad, Thomas Deuber, the son of a traffic policeman, was arrested by the police of the Fourth street and Snyder avenue station and sent to the House of Detention to await a hearing this morning.

Laurence Deuber, the brother who had just returned from the immigration ceremonies, laid his rifle in the corner of the dining room. Thomas spied the gun pointed at his sister and made some remark about killing Mexicans like his brother. The girl was glancing over the fashion section of a magazine to find suggestions for a new spring dress. She raised her head and was about to reply in a playful spirit when there was a sharp report and she fell to the floor with a bullet in her breast.

The youngster ran into the kitchen, where his grandmother was preparing supper. "Sister's dead," he cried. Then he fled to the street where he was stopped by neighbors who heard the shot.

A delivery wagon was commandeered and the girl was taken to the St. Agnes Hospital, but died on the way. The girl was in a frail physical condition as the result of a recent operation and the physicians at the hospital have been unable to determine whether her death resulted from the bullet or from the shock.

Catherine was employed as a maid in a Torredale residence. She had gone to the Mildred street residence to visit her brother, whom she had not seen since his return from the border. The father was on duty last night when the tragedy occurred. His wife, who was in Atlantic City, was notified and arrived late last night. The shooting is said to have occurred on the eve of reconciliation which was to have brought together two branches of the Deuber family, which have been separated for some time. Thomas, the boy, and his older brother made their home with the grandparents.

NO ULTIMATUM SENT TO CHINA, SAYS JAPAN

Embassy Officials Here Deny Note Was Sent Asking Assistance for Allies

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Officials at the Japanese embassy today flatly denied their government had sent an ultimatum to China in an effort to force that nation to abandon its neutrality in the world war. "It is an entire fabrication," said one when informed of a story to that effect printed in New York. "While we would welcome China as one of our allies, we would do nothing to force her into the war." This official was emphatic in saying the embassy would have known of an ultimatum, especially as it was alleged to have been sent February 19.

FREDERICK T. MASON DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Prominent in Society and Inheritor of Fortune—Naval Warrior in Civil War

Frederick Thurston Mason, prominent in society, died today at his residence, 2118 Walnut street. He had been ill from pneumonia for more than a week. Mr. Mason was seventy-three years old.

Mr. Mason was of English descent. His father having come to the United States when a young man. The son, Frederick Thurston Mason, was born in Philadelphia in 1843, and attended several schools in the city. When he had completed the secondary school course and was ready for college the Civil War broke out. With many other Philadelphians, Mr. Mason abandoned his plans and enlisted to fight for the Union.

The young Philadelphian decided to enter the navy. He enlisted in Philadelphia and after brief training was assigned to the fleet under Admiral Farragut. He was with Farragut at the battle of Mobile Bay and was also in a division of the fleet commanded by Admiral Duane. Throughout the war Mr. Mason continued in the navy, and though taking part in many engagements, escaped without being wounded.

He returned to Philadelphia after the war and in 1878 married Mrs. Rebecca E. Stevenson, a sister of Cornelius Stevenson and Mrs. John M. Swoody, of Philadelphia. There were no children. Mrs. Mason was with Mrs. Thomas Scott and Mrs. George Baker, a leader of the Monday Evening Improving Class, which she afterward conducted alone for many years until the death of her sister, Mrs. Anna Stevenson, three years ago, when she retired from social life. Mr. Mason was never in business, but devoted himself to the management of the estate left by his father. He was a member for several years secretary of the Philadelphia Club, and was a member of the Rittenhouse and Tenth and the Knickerbocker of New York city. Mr. Mason is survived by his widow. The funeral will be held Saturday at 12:30 at the Mason home on Walnut street.

JERSEY METHODISTS FIRM FOR PRESIDENT

Patriotic Demonstration at 81st Conference Accompanies Resolution of Support

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 7.—The eighty-first session of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Conference was formally opened today by Bishop Berry, of Philadelphia. There were many women, mostly the wives of pastors, on the anxious bench with respect to future assignments in the big auditorium.

Organization was effected with the Rev. Edward A. Wells, of Williamstown, as secretary. His assistants including Dr. B. C. Lippincott, Herbert C. Bolting, H. M. Blake, H. L. Broadway and J. R. Reeves. The Rev. Walter L. Shaw, of Stratford, was again chosen moderator, the Rev. Daniel E. Claire, of Trenton, railroad secretary, and the Rev. Dewitt C. Cobb, of Trenton, treasurer.

Shortly before the close of the opening session there was an inspiring patriotic demonstration. While spectators stood in the gallery and the clerical delegates sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," conference adopted a resolution offered by the Rev. George W. Yard, of Woodstown, signing 49,000 Methodists of President Wilson's home state with him solidly in a stand for the preservation of American rights on sea and land.

White-haired Bishop Berry in a devout prayer declared the nation's reliance is in the President to keep the nation out of war so long as an honorable peace is possible and in any eventuality to lead the nation to its destiny. The resolution declared: "Whereas we believe loyalty to the country, as well as loyalty to Methodism, is inherent in our policy. Resolved that the New Jersey Conference by letter express our loyalty and pledge our support to our honored President, Woodrow Wilson, and Resolved Further That every Methodist church in the New Jersey Conference display and continue to display until this crisis shall have passed the flag of our nation in some prominent place on or near the platform."

There was another outburst of patriotic enthusiasm when a committee of pastors

carried a big flag to the altar and waved it while the delegates again sang "America." One of the first things conference did was to adopt a resolution of voting to the Rev. Dr. Aaron E. Ballard, president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, who is in his ninety-seventh year. The Rev. Dr. Ballard, who has presided over conference memorial services for many years, is ill at his home in Ocean Grove. In his absence today Bishop Berry designated the Rev. H. Ridgely Robinson, of Pittman, to conduct the memorial session. Eulogies were delivered upon the lives and good works of the Rev. George B. Wight, formerly Commissioner of Charities and Corrections of New Jersey, given by the Rev. Melville E. Snyder, the Rev. Newton Nelson, of Camden; the Rev. William H. Stone, Haddonfield; the Rev. I. S. Verkes, New Brunswick; the Rev. John Y. Dobbin, Montclair, and the Rev. G. S. Goff, Farmingdale, read by the Rev. Holmes F. Gravatt, Bishop Berry said they had gone to their coronation. "The New Brotherhood," a benevolent association of pastors, is the subject before conference this afternoon.

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