ST. QUENTIN E LA FERE SONO ORA IN PERICOLO

Francesi ed Inglesi Avanazano Vittoriosi Cacciando i Tedeschi dalle Loro Linee di Difesa

PETROGRAD MINACCIATA

Von Hindenburg Prepara Una Offensiva Contro la Russia Per Conquistarne la Capitale

ROMA, 26 Marzo.

Ieri i francesi hanno continuato ad attaccare vigorosamente la linea di difesa tedesca da St. Quentin a Soissons ed hanno avanzato quasi dappertutto tanto che la sicurezza della piazza di St. Quentin e' oggi assai precaria. La battaglia e' naturalmente ancora in corso, una battaglia che forse e' destinata ad avere un peso straordinario nelle sorti della guerra, ma i vantaggi sono finora degli alleati ed i tedeschi non hanno potuto portare sulla fronte occidentale forze tali da poter arrestare l'avanzata vittoriosa delle forze francesi ed inglesi. I combattimenti piu' violenti si hanno ora nella zona di St. Quentin, che e' il caposaldo centrale di tutta la linea di difesa, ma anche attorno a La Fere la battaglia infuria con non minor violenza. E attorno a Cambrai gli inglesi non si mostrano inerti, cosicche' anche davanti al caposaldo settentrionale la lotta si mantiene vivissima. E naturale pero' che lo sforzo massimo di francesi ed inglesi si vada svolgendo davanti a St. Quentin, giacche' una volta sfondata la linea nemica in questa punto tutto il resto della linea diventa presso che intenibile.

Nella vallata della Somma i francesi occupano oggi posizioni piu' alte di quelle di St. Quentin, di modo che questa piazza e' dominata dalle artiglierie francesi che sono state piazate a circa due miglia dalla citta'. I francesi, nonostante la distruzione delle strade fatta dai tedeschi all'atto dell'evacuazione del territorio della Somma, hanno potuto portare con meravigliosa rapidata' le loro grosse artiglierie sulla fronte di battaglia, e questo fatto deve avere sconcertato i piani di difesa di von Hindenburg. In tal modo i tedeschi sono stati sloggiati da Castres, sul canale di Crozat a poco piu' di due miglia da St. Quentin, e dalle colline di Essigny. Un contrattacco tentato dai tedeschi dopo che questi ricevettero rincaizi, e' stato facilmente frustrato dall'artiglieria francese. La piazza di St. Quentin viene cosi' a poco a poco avviluppata dalle forze francesi ed inglesi che vanno formando un saliente attorno alla citta'.

Intanto le forze inglesi con l'occupazione di Roisel e di Beaumetz-le-Cambrai hanno tagliato la linea principale di comunicazioni tra Cambrai e St. Quentin.

VERSO PETROGRAD?

Telegrammi da Petrograd dicono che i tedeschi vanno ammassandosi sulla parte settentrionale della fronte russa con l'evidente scopo di attaccare le linee russe di Riga e farsi largo verso Petrograd. Evidentemente il aresciallo von Hindenburg intende di trarre profitto dalle condizioni interne della Russia per tentare di eliminare questo potentissimo fattore dalla guerra europea. La minaccia sarebbe cosi' grave che il Ministero della Guerra russo avrebbe lanciato un proclama alle truppe moscovite per esortarle a raddoppiare la loro vigilanza e frustrare i piana dei nemici della Russia che vorrebbero mettere di nuovo sul trono i Romanoff.

I comitati che furono mandati dal nuovo governo russo alle trincee per escortare i soldati alla difesa della patria sono tornati con la ferma convinzione che il paese puo' fidare sulla fedelta' assoluta delle truppe.

Il generale Alexeleff, capo dello Stato Maggiore russo, e' stato nominato, almeno temporaneamente, comandante in capo del l'esercito, carica che lo czar aveva trasferito, abdicando, al granduca Nicola. Il generale Letchinski, che comandava le truppe russe che conquistarono la Bucovina, comanda ora il settore settentrionale della fronte russa. Egli e' un abilissimo comandante.

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA

Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna circa la situazione alla fronte italo-austriaca:

Sulla fronte del Trentino il cattivo tempo ha ostacolato le operazioni del l'artiglieria. Sulle falde del Monte Sief noi abbiamo respinto un reparto nemico in ricognizione. Alla testata della valle vi Visdende protetto dalla densa nebbia, il nemico tento' un attacco di sorpresa contro le nostre linee, ma fu immediatamente respinto.

Sulla fronte Giulia si e' avuta ancora considerevole attivita delle artiglierie, e pochi altri colpi sonos stati tirati dal nemico sulla citta' di Gorizia. Si sono avuti lievi danni, ma nessuna vittima.

Sull'altoplano del Carso, dopo una violenta azione di artiglieria reparti nemici tentarono alla sera una incursione contro le nostre linee di Lucati, ma furono respinti con gravi perdite.

TRAGEDY ENDS A DAY OF FROLIC IN HOTEL

One Man Found Dead, Another Arrested, and Young Woman Under Police Surveillance

READING, Pa., March 26.—As a result of the death of Harry Baker, a mill worker, thirty-six years old, after being found unconscious on the floor of his room in the Gibraltar Hotel, below Reading, early Sunday morning with a bullet wound through his head, his companion, Horace C. Zimmerman, of Norristown, Pa., is locked up at the police station here, and detectives are questioning Nora Bechtel, a pretty nineteen-year-old girl living at Neversink station, a suburb of Reading.

Baker, Zimmerman, Miss Bechtel and Mrs. Bechtel are said to have spent Saturday afternoon and evening at the hotel eating and drinking, and decided to remain for the night. Baker and Zimmerman are said to have occupied one room and the two women another. It is said that the men were heard to be quarreling, and the proprietor's wife went to the room. She says she found Baker lying upon the floor with the bullet wound in his head and Zimmerman bending over him with a revolver in his hand. He turned over the revolver, saying it was Baker's and that the latter had shot himself. This was the belief until it turned out that the revolver had not been discharged and another 32-caliber revolver, with one chamber fired, was found under the stair carpet, where it had been hidden.

There was also a deep wound in Baker's forehead which an autopsy has revealed would have been sufficient to cause death. After the tragedy Zimmerman and the Bechtel girl disappeared. She became frightened and walked several miles to her home, where she now insists that Baker shot himself. Zimmerman was arrested at a clubhouse at Bridesboro.

The wound in Baker's forehead was evidently made with an empty beer bottle of which several were found in the room, one having blood on it. Baker is a son of William B. Baker, of Pottstown.

Wanamaker Cadets' Anniversary

Cadets of the Wanamaker store celebrated the twenty-sixth anniversary of the founding of the educational features of the store today with a parade. The boys marched down Broad street, accompanied by their band, and were reviewed in front of the Union League by Ernest T. Trigg, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and other. Previous to the parade the cadets breakfasted at the Bellevue-Stratford, and at present is a sumptuous banquet being served in the ballroom of the store. In the evening there will be a dance.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH IN APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE

Father and Two Sons Perish, Mother Seriously Injured—Six Carried Down a Ladder

NEW YORK, March 26.—David Foley, forty-eight years old; Vincent Foley, his son, ten, and Harry, aged three, were burned to death, and Mrs. Foley and another son were badly burned by fire in an apartment building here on Second avenue today.

Charles Sanskey carried six persons down a ladder on an electric sign and left them on a window ledge. They were rescued by firemen.

Found Dead in His Bed

SALEM, N. J., March 26. — Frank H. Buckley, of the firm of Moran & Buckley, proprietors of the Nelson House, Salem, was found dead in bed today. He had been suffering for several weeks with asthma and, feeling worse last evening, he retired early. His sister found him dead when she went to call him for breakfast. It was supposed he smothered. Mr. Buckley was single and forty-nine years of age. He was a prominent member of the Elks, Eagles, Moose and similar organizations.

Dealing Death to Chester Co. Crows

WEST CHESTER, March 26. — Game protectors in this section have been killing thousands of crows within the last few weeks and are keeping up the slaughter daily. They are using corn soaked in a strychnine preparation in the work.

THE GRAND FRATERNITY

Superintendent Meixel's Success With the Ladies' as With the Other Branches

Ladies' Branch No. 20, held its regular monthly meeting in the new Grand Fraternity Building, 1626-28 Arch street. Much enthusiasm was manifested, and there is every reason to believe that this branch will become one of the leading branches of the order. Those who had not received the unwritten work were duly instructed therein, and expressed themselves as being well pleased with the beautiful initiatory ceremony performed by the officers of the branch and the degree team.

After the business session the members and friends were invited into the concert hall, where they were entertained by a selection on the piano by Miss Frances Meixel, daughter of Superintendent H. Bruce Meixel, of Branch No. 4. Miss Wray Eakon, whose fresh young soprano voice has been heard to such advantage at social functions of the Grand Fraternity, again favored with a vocal solo. She was ably assisted by Miss Meixel, whose ability as an accompanist was amply demonstrated. Vocal and instrumental solos were rendered by Misses Helen Craighead, P. Edith Meixel and Hazel Rank at the general social which followed. Commander McEwen dwelt on the necessity of the branch having a photograph to further the work of the entertainment committee. Refreshments, both dainty and plentiful, were served.

Among those present were Department Superintendent M. C. Meixel and District Deputy Robert H. Deichmann, the latter being such a pacifist that he was placed in charge of the punch bowl.

An important and enthusiastic meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening, when the newly organized branch known as Sterling No. 66, under the direction of Superintendent J. E. Doris, will hold a class initiation. A large number of newly elected fraters will be instructed in the ritualistic work of the order. Sterling Branch is composed of hustlers, has been organized but a few months and plans to have its membership doubled by July 1. Present indications point to success. At the conclusion of the business refreshments will be served. It is Superintendent Doris's desire to see every member present.

Another of those progressive pinochle parties will be given by East Park Branch, No. 14, on Thursday evening, April 5, in the new Grand Fraternity Building to which all members and their friends, both ladies and gentlemen, are invited. Prizes will be awarded the winners. All are requested to come early in order that the routine business may be promptly dispatched. Commander Maxwell hopes to make this one of the best meetings during his term of office.

JUNIOR ORDER U. A. M.

The Big Marlin Council Plans Long Program for Anniversary Week

Plans were completed by John R. Marlin Council for the anniversary week. On Wednesday evening, April 18, the council will have the banquet, which will be attended by the ladies this year. A good menu and first-class talent will be furnished and the members are requested to notify the committee promptly, so that reservations can be made. On Friday evening, April 20, the smoker will be held for the members and their friends. Then the gigantic class initiation will be held on Saturday evening April 21. The committee in charge is planning for 150 candidates, and from the pledges received this number may be exceeded.

The guards of the council are now again fully organized, which was demonstrated at the snappy drill that was held on Thursday evening.

Franklinville Council is waiting with expectation the arrival of the Oriental degree team from John R. Marlin Council, which will enter a class of twenty-five candidates from Franklinville into the mysteries of the Oriental mosque. Interest in this degree work is being compelled arrangements for a large delegation of visitors. Brother Nevitt has an established reputation for taking care of all visitors to the council. A strong court will be instituted and the members will use their best endeavors to make the Oriental degree interesting to the members of Franklinville.

America Council is enjoying great success, each meeting bringing out new faces. The council is working to make the meetings interesting and to build the membership to 100 members. William Hahn, the organizer of the Dirigo Visiting Club, is planning for a visitation to America Council.

Stephen Girard Council, No. 144, will have a large class initiation on Thursday evening, March 29. The work will be exemplified by the degree team of Girard Council. Degree Master Joseph Smith has been working faithfully with the degree team for the last two months and many surprises will be given. He invites criticism and suggestions.

The members of John E. Armstrong Council, No. 130, are looking forward to the visitation from Dirigo Council on April 16. The social committee—E. R. Leatherman, Charles S. Wallace, George Leucht, Harry H. Sinnamon and Edward Nuskey—is planning a large entertainment for the guests. At the last visitation thirteen councils were represented, and with an addition of a new council since that date there should be many new faces and voices at this large union meeting.

THE MACCABEES

Preparations of the Uniform Rank for the Woman's Benefit Association

Quaker City Review, Park Avenue Hall, 1315 Columbia avenue, Mrs. Carrie Posern, commander, initiated one candidate and received three applications last Thursday evening. A very pleasing social and entertainment were arranged by Captain Crouch, assisted by Anna Posern and others.

Penn Treaty Review, Schuyler's Hall, Sixth and Diamond streets, Mrs. Louisa M. Jones, commander, held a pleasant meeting last Friday evening, with Mrs. Cora Emery and Supreme Chaplain Burgin as welcome guests. Penn Treaty Review is going to work hard during the "temple campaign."

The benefit supper for the Port Huron trip fund of the Uniform Rank, Mrs. Mable Heckler chairman, assisted by Mrs. Cora Emery, Mrs. Augusta Lash and others, was a great success socially, and the committee hopes that it will be financially when all returns are in. A meeting will be held to arrange other benefits, as the Uniform Rank is very anxious to attend the dedication at Port Huron and bring some honor and credit to Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Review, Parkway Building, Broad and Cherry streets, Mrs. Annie Haney commander, obligated two applicants and received four applications on Tuesday evening, but greatly missed their commander, Mrs. Ada Gorsuch, acting past commander, presided in her usually efficient way. Arrangements will be made to hold an open meeting every month. Miss Burgin, the supreme chaplain, presented a transfer member from Liberty Bell Review, Mrs. Clara Shriver.

Order Independent Americans

One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the eastern district of the Order of Independent Americans took place at Heilman Council, No. 277, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Ridge and Midvale avenues, last Tuesday night, under the auspices of the Eastern Active Workers' Association of the order. Nearly 400 members, including 200 equipped guards under command of their respective captains, were present. State Vice Counselor John J. McCrarner, of Phoenixville, delivered a stirring address and State Council Secretary William A. Pike gave a strong, pertinent talk.

The eastern district of this order now has upwards of 1600 uniformed, equipped and thoroughly drilled men, whose services were offered to this Commonwealth at the very beginning of the Mexican trouble. About 400 of these men were members of different regiments and have seen service on the border. After the business of the meeting, Heilman Council, as the host, had all present to a sumptuous banquet served in the ballroom of the Ridgeway Club, Ridge and Midvale avenues.

A. O. M. P. QUICKENS UNDER NEW OFFICERS

Old Pennsylvania and New Assemblies Alike Inspired by Advancing Progress

Pennsylvania Assembly, No. 3, Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection, set the calendar back and enjoyed a real St. Patrick's night. The cheerful room, Irish classics and selections by the orchestra and quartet, pipes, tobacco, Mr. Jiggs, Maggie and the goat, green ice cream, the officers and candidates all contributed to the hilarious success. Judging from the enthusiasm and general good feeling manifested "Ireland Must Be Heaven" with her sons as members of No. 3, thought at times it seemed Bedlam was the proper term to use, as each member felt it his personal duty to see that the meeting was conducted according to his peculiar ideas.

A delegation from Fidelity Assembly insisted on their candidate being initiated by way of the "stunts" and he was included in the class. "Penn's Club" was organized with a charter roll of fifty-five, and their first appearance was augurs well for the success in 1917. Several prominent members of the order addressed the assembly and highly commended the work of the officers in the initiatory ceremony. The future nights are the pet ambition of the entertainment committee. Plans are in preparation for "past masters' " night and "every-one-out" night in the near future. It is the intention to spring something novel at every meeting.

This assembly has the ability to furnish a fine orchestra, which aids in the initiatory work as well as in entertainment. The visiting club was formed for the purpose of exchanging visits with other assemblies and the officers were selected in a unique way. A pack of cards was passed around the room and each member was requested to draw one. The brother drawing the ace of spades was elected president; the king of spades, vice president; the queen of spades, secretary; the jack of spades, treasurer, and the members drawing the spot cards of spades were made the executive committee to get the other members interested.

Oak Lane Assembly, No. 68, held its farewell meeting in Lyceum Hall, Fern Rock, which was one of the best meetings in the history of the assembly. There were 140 members and visitors present and five candidates were admitted. The proposition of a new hall was put before the assembly and by a unanimous vote Fraternity Hall, 1626 Arch street, was selected, where after assemblies are invited to pay a fraternal visit on and after the April meeting. The assembly was formally advised of the election of Master Artisan William P. Voorhees to the office of M. E. Inspector of the Most Excellent Assembly. To say that the report was favorably received would be putting it mildly, as "bedlamentum broke loose."

Addresses were made by James H. Maloney, of St. John's Assembly, who, as the responsible deputy, was given a warm reception; Past Master Wesley H. Kehr, the retiring deputy; Editor Edwin S. Kadyer; M. A. James H. Sterrett, of Union; M. A. Fred E. Cunningham, of Haddon Heights; M. A. Robert E. Hoag, of Girard Assembly, and George Johnston, of Enterprise Assembly. There was also a delegation from Germantown Assembly. The entertainment committee took charge and extended their thanks to the vocal quartet of Union Assembly, which rendered selections in truly artistic style. In addition, Miss Isabelle Goldsmith and Miss Gene Miller contributed to the success of the program. Refreshments were served.

Keystone Assembly, No. 2, was surprised by a visit from Oak Lane Assembly. The delegation was headed by Master Artisan and M. E. Inspector William P. Voorhees and Supreme Attendant Thomas P. Marmion. The visit was a compliment to P. M. A. A. D. Detweiler, who is the newly appointed deputy over Keystone. The Oak Lane boys brought their noise producers and used them to good effect. Deputy Detweiler was introduced by retiring Deputy James H. Maloney and was given a cordial reception. His remarks dwelt strongly upon the necessity for activity along new membership lines. Two new members were initiated and one new petition received. Inspector P. S. N. Klein read a very comprehensive report on the session of the Most Excellent Assembly. A resolution was passed extending thanks to Germantown Assembly for its hospitality to the representatives of Keystone Assembly and to arrange for the annual banquet to be held after the Lenten season. The meeting concluded with a progressive card game, with prizes awarded to the winners.

The official visits for the week are: This evening, Dorian Assembly, No. 41, at 1628 Arch street, and tomorrow evening, Chester Assembly, No. 48, at Odd Fellows' Hall, Chester.

Deputy John Lipsey was cordially received by a large turnout of Lehigh Assembly, No. 56, on Friday evening. The members were jubilant over the honor of the appointment of their recorder, L. E. Knapp, to the office of M. E. senior master of ceremonies.

Union Assembly, No. 30, moved to its new hall, at 1628 Arch street, and held a housewarming on Thursday evening last, when there were 175 members present. Dr. C. Carroll Wilson, transmitted deputy, was given a wonderful reception and responded in his characteristic way. The initiatory work was well performed, especially that of Inspector Walker, whose condition merited the favorable commendation of P. M. E. M. A. Edwin F. Greathead. M. E. M. A. Jordan made a surprise visit and gave a fine talk. Three candidates were admitted and one petition received. Twenty candidates are pledged for the April meeting. The meeting was then turned over to the entertainment committee, which furnished a good program.

A visit is anticipated for the April meeting, as Doctor Sawyne announced that he will give an illustrated talk about the National Guard boys at the Mexican border.

Spartan Assembly, No. 15, had a real live meeting with a good attendance. The session was ably conducted by the vice M. A. Leroy M. Rile, and associate officers. Brother Furnesse, of Progressive Assembly, gave a talk on membership increase. There was an entertainment by the quartet and solos by Brothers Elliott and Pearson, of Spartan, and Moore, of Passyunk. The clay pipe of peace was smoked in "Paddy's" way, as well as in the Big Injun's way. The assembly faulted with delight the return of Brother Heyde as deputy for this year. Preparations were started for ladies' night in April.

Northwestern Assembly, with a delegation of thirty or more members, headed by Master Artisan Dick Nicholas, Herman Meyer and Bob Denny (known as Dirty Moore), visited Lehigh Assembly, where they enjoyed an elaborate program, and among several of the features presented was the bountiful supply of St. Patrick emblems done up in green. Jack Lipsey made his debut as deputy and the ovation tendered him will never be forgotten. He certainly has won a place in the hearts of the boys of the pennant assembly. A very handsome illuminated emblem constructed by several members of the assembly was dedicated.

Lehigh sent a delegation of about forty members to Southwestern Assembly, which was highly enjoyed by every one. Master Artisan J. Bickley Jackson is doing all in his power to inject "pep" into the entire membership. He means to reach the goal of 100 for 1917.

On Thursday evening, April 19, the annual dinner for about 100 will be given, at which the producers of 1916 will be the guests of honor.

The young Larchwood Assembly having come under the voluntary protectorate of West Philadelphia Assembly, a large delegation, headed by P. M. E. M. A. A. McConnell, Robert E. Herman, the deputy; Brother Roedel and Br. Marvin Hanna with his glee club, all from No. 8, played the part of host at the hall of No. 67 and provided a program of high-grade entertainment as well as a generous spirit of cooperation. P. M. E. M. A. Scattergood, of Pennsylvania Assembly, and P. M. A. Kelley, of Oak Lane, supplemented the intellectual feast. Brother McConnell and his coworkers of No. 8 have established a sacrificial service in fraternalism well worthy of emulation by the larger assemblies of the order.

The M. E. officers visited St. Paul's Assembly, No. 39, on Tuesday evening and commended the officers upon their initiatory work, that performed by Superintendent George V. McKinnon being of a very high order.

A very impressive memorial service for four deceased brothers was held at Southwestern Assembly, No. 18, on Thursday evening last. The spotlight used at the altar added to the effectiveness of the work performed by Chaplain William W. Stapleford. One new member was admitted and the usual collation was served in the basement, when M. E. M. A. Jordan dropped in with a few kind words. The officers performed the initiatory work in a very creditable manner.

William Patton Assembly, No. 70, entertained its ladies on Thursday evening and held a reception for the Most Excellent officers. Brother Frank A. Chalmers was given an ovation upon his elevation to the office of M. E. superintendent. The principal entertainment of the evening was a humorous address by the Rev. Keith Cherry, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present.

M. E. Inspector Voorhees introduced P. M. E. M. A. Edwin N. Mayor, his successor as deputy, to Enterprise Assembly, No. 16, on Friday evening. Brother Mayor was cordially received and made a very creditable address. One new member was received and the entertainment committee provided for the inner man.

Haddon Assembly, No. 12, had a large attendance and the meeting was very ably managed by the new master artisan, D. Ross Mitchell. Good orchestral music was enjoyed. It is proposed to have a minstrel show composed of local talent at the April meeting.

The New Jersey Dining Club, which is composed of members of Haddon, Haddon Heights and Collingswood Assemblies, will hold its first meeting in Artisan Hall, Haddonfield, on Wednesday evening next. This is a small edition of the Artisans' Dining Club and promises to be a very important feature and factor in the work of these three assemblies. The movement was inaugurated by Brother Walter Charlere, of Collingswood Assembly and deputy of Haddon Assembly, No. 12.

Fire in Basement of Theatre

Fire was discovered early today in the basement of the Keystone Theatre, Ninth street and Lehigh avenue, by the watchman. The [illegible]

DAVID CHAPMAN AS DAMON

Mr. Chapman is a member of True Knights Lodge, No. 220, K. of P., and is director of the Pythian Players.

PYTHIAN PLAYERS IN GALA PERFORMANCE

Castle Hall of Integrity Lodge Scene of Impressive Ceremony. Two Candidates Initiated

More than 200 members of the Order of Knights of Pythias witnessed one of the most beautiful and impressive ceremonies that has taken place in this city in late years, when the Pythian Players, under the direction of David Chapman, initiated two candidates in the rank of Page at the Castle Hall of Integrity Lodge, No. 48, on last Monday night.

The candidates are initiated by the lodge in regular ritualistic form until the lesson of friendship is reached. At this point the Pythians Players take charge of the work. The story of Damon and Pythias is then put on in dramatic form and is handled with minute precision by the members of the cast.

Damon, a senator of ancient Syracuse, is condemned to death. He pleads for six hours' respite that he may go and see his wife and child. This is refused. Pythias returns from the field of battle to see his fair Calanthe. He hears of Damon's request and immediately goes to the dungeon in which Damon has been cast and offers himself as hostage for Damon's return. His offer is accepted by Dionysius and he is put in chains and Damon permitted to take a last farewell of his family. The hour of execution arrives. Damon has not returned and Pythias is brought to the block to suffer in his stead. As the headman's ax is raised Damon arrives and redeems his pledge of friendship. This act of brotherly love so touches the heart of the tyrant Dionysius that the cruel purpose of the hour passes away and Damon receives his freedom amid wild cheers of the populace.

Brother Chapman, who takes the character of Damon, is easily the best actor in the cast. In the closing scene, after his return from giving his family a last farewell, he grips the heartstrings of his audience in a way that so impresses the lesson of brotherly love that it can never be forgotten. His interpretation of the entire role is above criticism.

Brother Charles Gallan, as Pythias, handles the part in a very laudible manner, while Brother George Stanley, as Dionysius, and Brother Dr. Arthur Sharpe, as Damocles, are worthy of special mention. The entire cast follows:

Damon, David Chapman, True Knights Lodge; Pythias, Charles Gallan, Fourth of July Lodge; Dionysius, George Stanley, Childs Drexel Lodge; Damocles, Dr. Arthur Sharpe, Childs Drexel Lodge; Philistius, H. G. Haines, Childs Drexel Lodge; first soldier, Dr. William Penn, Penn Lodge; Lucullus, Peter Essier, True Knights Lodge; first Senator, F. G. Donlehy, Harmony Lodge; second Senator, Harry Pancoast, Harmony Lodge; first soldier, Charles Thompson, Continental Lodge; second soldier, Albert Funk, Fourth of July Lodge; trumpeters, George Packer and Earl E. Singer. Soldiers and Senators by members of the order.

The next performance of the Pythian Players will take place at the Castle Hall of Quaker City Lodge, Germantown, on Friday evening, April 13.

Integrity Lodge, No. 48, will celebrate its forty-ninth anniversary with an elaborate entertainment at its Castle Hall, Broad and Federal streets, on April 16 in an open meeting for the members, their families and friends.

KNIGHTS GOLDEN EAGLE

Commandery Captain F. K. Lyttle and Wife Honored With Surprise Banquet

The members of A. C. Lyttle Commandery and the Ladies' Auxiliary connected therewith carried out a very successful surprise to Captain F. K. Lyttle and his wife last Tuesday evening. The happy couple have just returned from a trip to Florida and all arrangements were made for a complete surprise as a welcome home. Grand Trustee Max Trankner acted as toastmaster during the banquet which was served. Addresses were made by the supreme master of records, John B. Treibler, Captain Lyttle and others. About seventy-five members of the commandery and auxiliary were present.

At the session of the Grand Castle to be held in Allentown in May the committee on revision of laws at work on the new constitutions for the grand and subordinate castles will present a complete code for both. This will be acted upon at the coming session and copies will be mailed by the grand master of records to every castle and to every representative during the coming week, giving plenty of time for careful study.

This is the first complete revision of the laws that has taken place in the Grand Castle since 1904, when it met in Philadelphia. There are several very important changes made imperative by time and changing conditions. The committee having the revision in charge is composed of Past Grand Chief John B. Graybill, chairman, Lancaster; Past Grand Chief Elmer A. Hesser, Reading; Past Grand Chief John H. Fraley, Past Chief John D. Migeot, Past Chief Harry A. Burgin, Philadelphia.

On Wednesday evening, May 9, the week of the Grand Castle session in Allentown, there will take place the presentation of the past supreme chief's badge and jewel to Past Supreme Chief John W. Ford, when a banquet will be tendered that brother by the representatives and others in Allentown. The committee having this affair in charge is composed of Past Supreme Chief John C. McKinney, chairman; Past Grand Chief Dean J. Deakyne, Past Grand Chief Howard L. Boas, Grand Master of Records L. L. Gallagher, Past Grand Chief Milton P. Schantz, Supreme Master of Records John B. Treibler.

Cold Point Castle, No. 103, conferred the three degrees on eleven candidates at its last session.

Grand Chief John F. Brounley will institute Waynesboro Castle, No. 527, of that city on next Thursday. This will make the eleventh castle instituted during his term, and from present indications he will have at least two more before the May session.

On Friday evening, March 30, there will be a meeting called by Grand Chief Brounley of two delegates from each castle in Philadelphia, when plans will be presented for the greatest movement ever undertaken by the order for a big increase in the city. The grand chief desires that every castle in the city send at least two delegates.

On Saturday, March 31, the grand chief will pay an official visit to Dorian Castle, No. 274, when the committee appointed for the purpose will present a past supreme chief's badge and jewel to Past Supreme Chief Joseph Arnold, of that castle.

Ladies of the Golden Eagle, consisting of 11,000 members and 298 temples, will meet in Allentown on May 8. The following officers are to be installed: Grand templar, Cora Bostian, Milton; vice templar, Ida Friedley, Altoona; priestess, Cora E. Beard, Pittsburgh; guardian of records, Josie F. Walter, Philadelphia; guardian of exchequer, Sadie Parker, Philadelphia.

SONS' CAMP SQUADRON SPEAKERS' PERSONNEL

The State President and His Force of Orators, Who and What They Are

The Flying Squadron movement among the camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America of Philadelphia is being felt all over the State, and has been the means of accomplishing much good in the order. About 3000 members of the order in Philadelphia have listened to these progressive speakers, and it is expected that with the Thursday and Friday camps covered, close to 5000 will have heard the fraternal orators.

Ernest E. Clark, State president of the order and leader of the squadron, has been a member of the order for about fifteen years, having connected himself while serving as pastor of a church in Ashland. He first joined Camp 496, of Lacustdale, and later was transferred to Camp 811, of Pittsburgh. Brother Clark was elected State master of forms in York in 1911, State vice president in Reading in 1915 and State president in Philadelphia last August. He is a noted presiding officer, and of course maintains high standards in his addresses throughout the State, which with the many church services which he has officiated have had a most excellent effect among this great membership. Brother Clark occupies the position of chief of the Allegheny County detective force and is well known.

Gabriel H. Moyer, State vice president, a leader of the squadron of Palmyra, Lebanon county, is a leading attorney of that county and has been a member of the P. O. S. of A. for twenty-five years. His work in this order has been steady and constant. He is noted for his intensely patriotic sentiments and is called upon almost every night for official work. He is an ex-member of the Legislature of this State and a member of Camp 192, of Palmyra.

John W. Harper, State master of forms, is another of the leading orators of the squadron. Brother Harper is a successful salesman of Delaware County and is noted for his constant energy there for the success and progress of the order. He is a member of Camp 43, of Chester.

Charles Brunn Holme, State secretary, the originator of the squadron plan, is the live secretary of the State Camp and has been working night and day for the success of this order. He is a member of Camp 50, of Roxborough, having been transferred fourteen years ago from Camp 47, at Schuylkill Haven. Brother Holme is one of the youngest men ever elected to State office and the general membership is much improved with his progressive policy and intelligent initiative of this young patriot. He is the third man elected to this office. The first secretary was Henry J. Steiger, now residing at Asbury Park, N. J., and a member of Camp 7 of Philadelphia. The second was William Wendt, deceased, a member of Camp 77 of Philadelphia. William J. Muhr, of Shamokin, had been appointed by the State executive committee, but was defeated at the election last August by the incumbent.

John W. Reese, past State president, of St. Clair, is one of the leading citizens of old Schuylkill County and a leader among the brethren of this order. He willingly comes to Philadelphia for the visits of the squadron and his addresses are the delight of the camps in which he has already spoken. He is a member of the progressive Camp 75 of St. Clair.

Herman J. Miller, past State president, of Easton, is a recent State president of the order and is active in Pennsylvania Reserve circles. He is an orator of magnetic qualities and men in whom the members have confidence and respect for his plain, fearless manner of pushing forward those things which he believes to be right. He is a member of Camp 407 of Easton.

H. E. Buffington hails from Lykens, Dauphin County, and is perhaps one of the best-known members of the flying squadron. He is known as the fighter for the common cause. He is a well-known figure in the State Camp sessions and a leader of force. He is the editor of "The Live Wire," a patriotic journal published at Allentown. Brother Buffington is perhaps better known among the rank and file of the order than any member of this great patriotic fraternity.

Horace V. MacFadyen, Sr., vice commander-in-chief of the Commandery General, the uniform rank of the order, is a progressive young member from Roxborough, being a member of Camp 59 and Roxborough Commandery. Brother MacFadyen is an interesting talker and is making good as a member of this intelligent body of men. The Commandery General, which meets in York next month, will elevate Brother MacFayden to the highest office in the gift of that branch of the order, commander-in-chief.

David H. Vetter, district president, from New Ringgold, Schuylkill County, is an old "warhorse" in this order, having been a member for almost fifty years. He is perhaps one of the most interesting patriotic speakers in the State, and his services are in great demand from one end of the State to the other.

John Hanlon, a member of Camp No. 101, of Frankford, and a past president of the Progressive Association, an organization made up from the camps in Philadelphia, is an interesting speaker, having made good in the many camps in which he has spoken. Brother Hanlon and Brother John Boyd and John Holt, also from Camp No. 101, are three leading men from one of the finest camps in the order. Brother Holt is the live secretary of Camp No. 101.

Louis A. Berry, Jr., secretary of Camp No. 203, is a young attorney of this city, and is known as the "red-headed" orator from this order here. Brother Berry's service in the oratorical line is in great demand, but he willingly cooperates with the State executive committee for the advancement of the order's meeting.

Robert A. Keely, treasurer of Camp No. 50, of Roxborough, has been a member of the order for many years. His activity in his home camp is well known in the Twenty-first Ward, and although he is called to duty Brother Keely has had from the order in a general way in Philadelphia, yet his speeches have been most excellent and of a high patriotic and helpful nature.

John W. German, of Harrisburg, chairman of the legislative committee of the State camp of Pennsylvania, is perhaps the best known man in the State and national camp in the country. He is a great speaker, and can give facts and figures relative to the order with astonishing accuracy.

David J. Jacks is from Camp No. 11, of Allentown, and is perhaps the most active worker in the order in that county. He is a close friend of Brother Claude Reno, one of the leading attorneys of the State and an old member in the order. Brother Jacks is also a member of the board of managers in the Chamber of Commerce, of Allentown.

George W. Williams is a leading member of Camp No. 481, of Philadelphia, and a member of the State camp orphanage committee. Morris May and Harry J. Daisy are both young members and past presidents of the same camp. Brother May is also president of the Past Presidents' Association, of Philadelphia, while Brother Daisy is treasurer of the County Convention Association of Philadelphia Camps.

Hiram L. Wynne, one of the leading orators of the squadron, is a member of Camp No. 50, and also president of the County Convention Association. Brother Wynne is an energetic worker, and is speaking almost every evening in the camps of the city and State. This brother holds the reputation for proposing close to 300 members in his home camp, as well as being the means of influencing men wherever he speaks at open meetings.

Harry S. Helms was first president of the present Camp No. 47, of Schuylkill Haven. He was transferred to Camp No. 50, of Roxborough, together with his brother, James K. Helms, also a flying squadron member, about twelve years ago, and both these brethren are active men in Camp No. 50. Brother Harry S. Helms placed the present State president's name before the State camp for master of forms at York, for vice president at Reading, and for president in Philadelphia.

Millard Sloan is secretary of Camp No. 764, one of the five camps of the Thirteenth Philadelphia District, and is also assistant State secretary of the State camp.

Charles J. Faunce is secretary of Camp No. 199, of Bridesburg, and a minister of the gospel.

Robert Thompson is a young past president of Camp No. 533, of Philadelphia. He is one of the leading young orators of the order, and always makes a lasting impression on the camps he visits.

Charles H. Davis, past commander-in-chief of the commandery general, has delivered several interesting fraternal addresses with the squadron.

George E. Dorwart, a member of the Common Council of this city, is an interesting, patriotic speaker and a member of Camp No. 50.

George R. Dillet, former assistant to the State secretary, is a member of Camp No. 163, of Reading. He is a forceful speaker, and will be with the squadron on April 12 and 20, when it pays visits to the Thursday and Friday camps.

Frank L. Thomas is a member of Camp No. 111. He is an ex-State councilor of the Independent Order of Americans, and a personal friend of the State secretary. His assistance has been of great value to this undertaking. Brother Thomas is also an interesting speaker and well known in patriotic circles.

Fred Loos is financial secretary of Camp No. 50 and Walter E. Button is a trustee of the same camp. Both these men have been members of the squadron on the first visit and will join again on April 12.

Walter S. Smack, a member of Camp No. 764, of West Philadelphia, has endeared himself to the members of the order by his clean, straightforward manner of speaking, and his speeches have been very helpful to all the camps in which he has spoken. Several camps made a special request for this speaker, who is always willing for service in the P. O. S. of A. cause and is a high type of Christian American-born manhood.

Charles Gum is a trustee of Camp No. 478, one of the leading camps of the order in North Penn section of the city. Brother Gum is a "live wire" of the most progressive type, and it is through his efforts more than any other man that No. 478 has a bright outlook for owning its own home in the near future.

Henry M. Wentzel, of Roxborough, another member of the squadron, will join the forces on April 12 again. Brother Wenzel is a noted lecturer and Bible class worker. His lecture against booze is said to be one of the most forceful of its kind ever written.

The entire force of the flying squadron was selected because it represented the highest type of patriotic manhood and its conduct in every way while attached to the advancement of the order has been of high credit to the order. Further information of the progress of the squadron will be printed in these columns on Mondays and Thursdays.

The Past Presidents' Association will pay a fraternal visit to Camp No. 243, Eighth street and Girard avenue, tonight. The party will be in charge of the executive committee of the association, consisting of Morris May, president; John Holt, secretary; Howard M. Davis, treasurer. Twenty-five of the past presidents have pledged their presence. All members of the order are cordially urged to be present tonight at this meeting.

The Wilkes-Barre Marching Club, of which John Ruth, of Camp No. 461, is president, will meet Wednesday evening at State camp headquarters. Representatives of this association are asked to make a special effort to be present. Camp No. 533 has to date enrolled more members in this club than all the other camps of the city combined. Camps should appoint their representatives to this club. Special rates have been secured from the railroad company for this trip, and the outlook is indeed bright for taking at the least estimate 1000 members to parade with the camps of this club at Wilk