

PERSHING MAY PAY VISIT TO THIS CITY

Knights Templar Want General to Review Industrial Parade on September 11

PLAN GREAT RECEPTION

General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American forces in France, may visit Philadelphia next week. Suggestion has been made to the committee having in charge the arrangements for the thirty-fourth triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, to invite the American commander of the nation's armies in France, to be present here on Thursday, September 11. This is the date selected for the great industrial parade.

Originally it was hoped that General Pershing might be able to come to the city in time to review the grand parade and review of the Knights Templar in honor of the Americans called to the colors.

General Pershing is a Templar. The uncertainty of the exact date of the general's arrival and the uncompleted plans for his reception in New York preclude hope that he will be here for the review.

Members of the encampment committee, however, have not lost heart. The committee meets tomorrow evening. If by that time word is received from New York setting the date for the New York celebration definitely for either Monday or Tuesday, no time will be lost by the Templars.

A wireless invitation will be flashed, through the secretary of war, to the Leviathan, asking General Pershing to review the industrial pageant on Thursday of Templar week. That the general will accept, if his other engagements do not conflict, is taken for granted, as the exercises here carry a double appeal, in that they are jointly a Templar and peace jubilee celebration.

In the event of such acceptance, the committee is prepared to arrange for the general's reception and comfort while in the city upon short notice.

WELCOME ADMIRAL WILSON

Camden to Have Peace Jubilee Saturday in Honor of Fleet Head

Camden will have a peace jubilee Saturday to welcome home one of its native sons, Admiral Henry B. Wilson, commander of the Atlantic fleet during the war.

The jubilee will first take the form of a parade which Admiral Wilson will review from the headquarters of the Ninth Ward Republican Club. He returned Camden veteran of the Twenty-ninth and Seventy-eighth divisions will march, as well as men from every industrial plant in Camden.

Admiral Wilson will be presented with a sword at the Third Regiment Armory, where a banquet will be given in his honor. Service men will attend the banquet.

CITY PREPARES WELCOME FOR GREAT TEMPLAR HOST

Coming of 125,000 Visitors for Thirty-fourth Triennial Convention Will Tax All Resources of Philadelphia

Philadelphia hospitality is facing the most severe tax ever laid upon its resourcefulness.

More than 125,000 visitors are expected here before Monday for the thirty-fourth triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States.

From every state in the Union, from Canada and Europe, this host already is mobilizing for the advance to this city. Reservations asked for at the hotels exceed their capacity.

So great has the demand for rooms become that the committee in charge of the accommodation of visitors has arranged with the management of hotels in Atlantic City to provide sleeping quarters for at least 5000 Templars and their wives for the duration of the conclave, September 6 to 13, inclusive.

Arrangements also have been made with the railroads that the visiting Templars temporarily quartered at the seashore city may be furnished with a special rate of fare to and from Philadelphia covering the same period.

1400 Commanderies in United States

There are about 1400 commanderies of Knights Templar in the United States. Between 300 and 350 of these will be represented at the conclave. This total only accounts for those commanderies which have asked for reservations up to date. Others are expected to announce their intent to send delegations.

Many special trains have been chartered, and it has been found that the terminal facilities here are far from adequate to handle this army. Co-operating with the Templars, the managements of the railway lines are planning additional detouring facilities at points along their tracks most convenient for the visitors.

Most eminent Sir Lee Stewart Smith, of Pittsburgh, grand master of the Grand Encampment, the highest ranking Templar in the United States, will arrive Saturday. He will be accompanied by several hundred members of the Grand Encampment and their wives. Their headquarters will be at the Bellevue-Stratford.

Several members of the grand master's party are en route from their homes in all parts of the United States to Pittsburgh. They will assemble in that city Saturday morning, when all will board the "Grand master's special train." The party is due to arrive at Broad Street Station at 6 p. m.

Upon arrival the distinguished Templars and their ladies will be met at the station by the entire membership of Division No. 1, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. All of the Knights Templar hands will join in this welcoming procession, which will be in charge of W. Freeland Kendrick, division commander.

Canadian Dignitaries Coming

Another distinguished visitor will be Charles H. Collins, of Toronto, supreme grand master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. In the Canadian party are Most Excellent Sir Julius Gordon, grand chancellor, and Right Eminent Sirs Joseph Cowan and William Norris. The latter are aides to the supreme grand master. The delegation

from the Dominion expects to arrive on Sunday.

Word was received today of the prospective presence of a large delegation of Knights Templar from St. John's, Halifax. This party is due Monday morning.

Some of the out-of-town commanderies will parade mounted, and their advance requests for horses furnish another incident that will place a heavy tax on the city's capacities. As the parade Tuesday is expected to number more than 25,000 Knights the proportion of horsemen is certain to be several thousand. The committee is preparing to requisition animals from other cities.

The display of horseflesh in Tuesday's parade will be in direct contrast to the plans for Thursday's industrial pageant. In the latter, no horses will be permitted to traverse the route of the participants in line. Nor will any of the participants traverse the route afoot. From end to end it will be a motor procession.

Regalia Worth \$2,500,000 in Parade of Templars

One hundred black horses were ordered by wire today for use of a visiting commandery of Knights Templar in next Tuesday's parade, which is to be a feature of the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment here.

Corinthian Chasseur Commandery No. 53, of this city, owns 250 outfits, a complete riding equipment, valued at \$25,000. Thousands of participants in Tuesday's parade will be on horseback.

The estimated value of the Templar regalia worn by those in line on this occasion, exclusive of horse equipment, is placed at \$2,500,000.

Sue Autoist for \$15,000

Anna M. Seales and her mother, Mrs. Anna F. Seales, of Chester, have filed suit against Henry B. Gray, also of Chester, to recover \$15,000 damages. The statement of claim avers that on September 17 of last year Mrs. Seales was struck by Gray's automobile as she was crossing Concord avenue at Eighth street, Chester. It is charged that the defendant was driving his car recklessly.

DARBY HONORS SOLDIERS

Major Van Roden and Colonel Haller Among Speakers

Darby's peace celebration is swinging into full pace and getting set for the climax Saturday, when there will be a great parade of returned Yanks. Last night more than 2000 soldiers and rooters attended an open-air mass meeting at Fifth and Main streets, Darby, where "welcome home" speeches were made to the soldiers by officers and prominent citizens. More than 300 soldiers, sailors and marines, who served through the world war, were present.

The speeches were made in the glare of red and white lights from the steps of the Third Regiment Armory. Among the officers who spoke were Major Le Roy Van Roden, presiding officer of special and general court-martial cases at Camp Meade; Lieutenant Colonel Franklin P. Haller, of the Iron (Twenty-eighth) Division, and others impromptu. Colonel Haller gave an interesting sketch of the bravery of his men at Epernay and in the Argonne Forest. There was a sing and concert.

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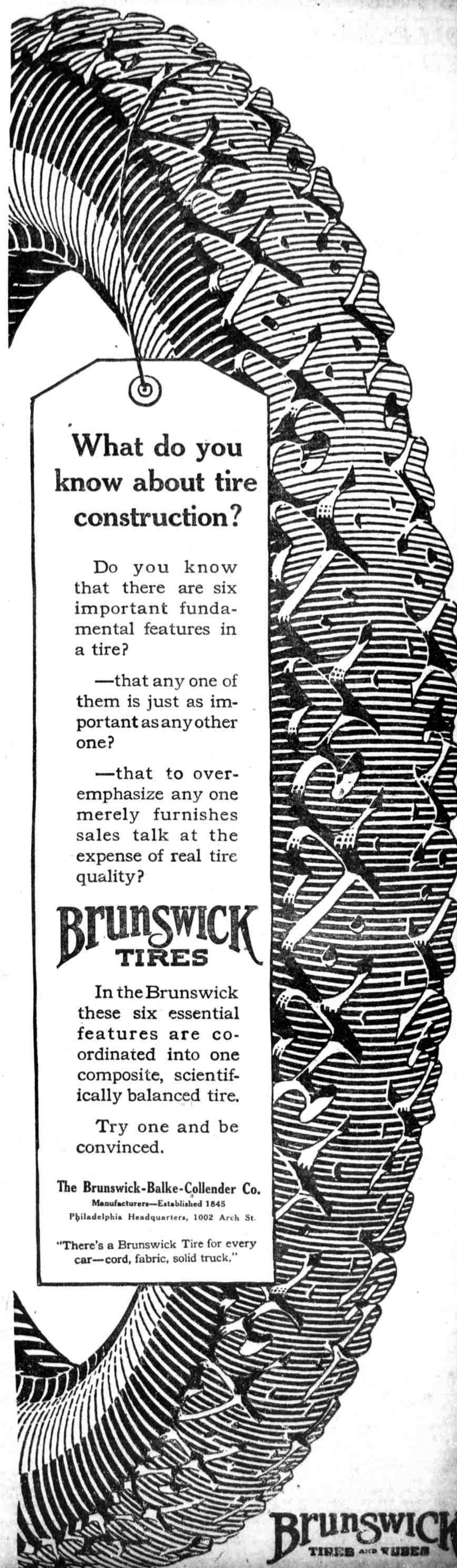
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