

THREE CITIES SEEK NEXT CONVENTION

Detroit, Seattle and New Orleans Bid for Knights Templar Conclave

BUSINESS SESSIONS BEGIN

Three cities, in widely separated parts of the country, are contending for the privilege of entertaining the next conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States.

The conclave, according to the traditional order, would be held in 1922. The Pacific coast delegates attending the business session of the encampment in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, are strongly in favor of sending the next conclave to Seattle, Wash.

The last conclave sat in Los Angeles, Calif., and, while eminently successful, opposition is heard to holding two conclaves with such brief intermission in the far West.

New Orleans has many advocates among the southern and eastern delegates. It is pointed out as an argument for the "Crescent City" that its next grand master, R. E. Sir Joseph K. Orr, hails from Atlanta, Ga., and that the time is appropriate to send the conclave southward.

The present grand master, M. E. Sir Lee Stewart Smith, lives in Pittsburgh.

Detroit is the candidate of the representatives of the "northern tier." It is held to be centrally located from transportation consideration and possession of a lively templar organization.

Decision on the next conclave site will be made before the business sessions end tomorrow.

Another question interesting the grand encampment is the selection of a Knights Templar label button. A. Howard Thomas, of this city, is chairman of a committee having this matter in charge. Thomas P. Morgan, District of Columbia, and E. G. Staley, Maryland, are associates.

Grand Master Smith, according to custom, will pass to the past grand master's chair with the closing of the conclave.

Traditional "moving up" will seat Deputy Grand Master Orr in the presidential office. Election interest will focus on the choosing of a grand junior warden, R. E. Sir William L. Sharp, Chicago, Ill., present grand standard-bearer, and R. E. Sir Frank L. Nagle, Newtonville, Mass., grand sword-bearer, are being considered for elevation.

The proceedings of the conclave are conducted in secret, and are attended only by the 800 representatives from the grand commanderies.

BLAME FOR WRECK PLACED

Hines Holds Crew of Shore Excursion Responsible

Failure of the engineer to observe signals and of the fireman, brakeman and conductor to afford proper protection, as required by rules, is held responsible for the wreck near Atlantic City on the Pennsylvania Railroad on August 24.

A statement to this effect was made public today by Director General Hines of the railroad administration. The report whitewashes the administration's responsibility for the use of poor equipment, in the way of wooden cars.

FRAYNE TO ATTACK MOORE

Organizer for Labor Federation Will Speak in Gompers's Place

Announcement is made by John A. Phillips, vice president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, that Hugh A. Frayne, a national organizer of the American Federation of Labor, will address a meeting here tonight in which he will attack the labor record of Congressman Moore, Independent candidate for the Republican nomination for Mayor.

'SEVENTY' OFFERS REWARDS

Funds Totalling \$100,000 for Those Who Reveal Election Crimes

E. L. D. Roach, secretary of the committee of seventy, announced today that rewards totalling \$100,000 would be offered for evidence of election crimes at the primary as well as the November election. The first announcement of the committee referred to the general election. Today's deals with the primaries of next Tuesday.

PAY FOR VOTE FRAUD PROOF

Committee of Seventy Will Offer Rewards Aggregating \$100,000

The committee of seventy will offer rewards aggregating \$100,000 "for the production of evidence leading to the arrest, conviction and imprisonment of any person guilty of ballot frauds and intimidation of voters for the election on November 4."

Yellow signs bearing the announcement of the committee will be posted in every division in the city. Individual rewards will range from \$250 to \$1000, according to the gravity of the offense.

Income Tax Due September 15

Internal Revenue Collector Lederer has sent out notices to all persons who are making payments of their income tax in installments that the third installment payment is due on September 15.

WILDWOOD FIRE DAMAGES MANY BUILDINGS



The fire in Wildwood, N. J., of undetermined origin, destroyed the Coombs Building and the home of Francis W. Devlin, besides damaging the Marine National Bank, the Seacrest Hotel, Caldwell Building, Varsity, Cedarcroft Apartments, Plaza Annex and many stores and business places on the street floors of the buildings. The fire ruts in the view are directly opposite the Coombs Building, looking south on Pacific avenue.

ARMY FOOD SELLING AT HALF MARKET COST

Dried Fruits and Pork and Beans Offered by City at Gimbels'

Government surplus evaporated fruits and pork and beans are on sale at Gimbels Brothers today. Persons buying the maximum amount will spend \$4.38. The same food bought at retail prices would cost \$9.90.

Dried peaches, in ten-pound bags, will cost fifteen cents a pound, and prunes and apples twelve cents a pound. The buyer being limited to one bag of each. Each purchaser will be limited to twelve small cans of beans at four cents a can.

The second sale of army food through the police stations will take place tomorrow at the Fifteenth district station house, Frankford avenue and Ruan street. Among the articles on sale will be corned beef hash, sirup, soups, asparagus, sweet potatoes, pumpkins and tomatoes. Another police station sale will take place next Wednesday at the Sixty-first and Thompson streets station.

A representative of the Bureau of City Supplies and Major Charles E. Jones, zone surplus and supply officer, will go to Jersey City today to inspect the frozen army meats to be placed on sale here Thursday at nine of the Fred P. Bell chain of stores. There will be no limit on the sale of meat, each purchaser being permitted to take as much as he can pay for and carry away.

ELEVEN CAUGHT IN RAID

Chinese Arrested in Race Street House—Gambling Charge

Eleven Chinamen were arrested in a raid on a house in Race street near Tenth. Police of the Eleventh and Winter streets station were "tipped off" that gambling was going on in the place.

Patrolmen Long and McClure entered the place against the protests of a door-keeper who, they say, was frantically pushing a button connecting with an electric buzzer in a back room of the house.

The patrolmen rushed to the rear room, where they found the Chinamen hiding in closets and under tables. On one of the tables was a gambling layout and \$11 in cash.

The Chinamen were fined \$10 and costs by Magistrate Grells at a hearing today.

CROWD AT MT. HOLLY FAIR

Harness Racing Events Help Bring Record-Breaking Attendance

A record first-day crowd attended the opening of the Mount Holly Fair today. The fair, which is open both day and evening for the first time in its fifty-one years of existence, will continue through Saturday.

Richard W. Wills, secretary of the fair association, ascribes the big attendance, which exceeded by several thousand the crowd of previous first days, to the harness events which have been arranged, and the enlarged exhibitions of cattle, poultry, produce and farm machinery.

Six \$1000 stake trotting events, a free-for-all, several open races and running contests bring the total purses to be raced for during the four days up to \$1000. The largest vaudeville program in years is to be seen.

ROOF GARDEN ON CHURCH

Will Be Used for Social Affairs and Summer Services

A church with a covered roof garden. The first church of that kind in this city will be erected on the site of the old Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church, at Seventh and Norris streets, which was destroyed by fire on June 23.

The roof garden will be used for social affairs given by the young people of the church, as well as for summer services. It will be equipped with lockers and an up-to-date kitchen.

SEEK JOBS FOR SOLDIERS

American Legion Posts Assist Former Service Men

Every post in the American Legion is now going after jobs for soldiers. The job hunters for the legion to assist service men in establishing themselves in civil life, proposed by Colonel Arthur Woods, assistant to the Secretary of War, has been adopted by the Legion's executive committee.

Each Post of the Legion is to have a strong employment committee to establish relationship with every employment agency in the city.

Three Local Soldiers Reported Dead

Three Philadelphians are named in a casualty list of fifty-eight names made public by the War Department today. Sergeant William C. Wilson, 2363 North Harvard street; Private Alexander Chaswell, 324 South Nineteenth street; and Private William F. Clark, 2234 Bainbridge street, died of disease.

BEGGAR AND DOG ARRESTED

"Professional" Team Made \$12.58 In Hour's Time, Say Detectives

Two detectives passing today near Masonic Temple caught sight of an old man sitting on the sidewalk while a little dog ran about offering cards. The dog was in its mouth, to passersby. The detectives took one of the cards and read:

Kind sir please help my master. My master is a cripple. He has no food and is starving. My dog has no food and is starving. They'll be poor folks. Fill the world with love. They who condemn my poor master. Will help him and my master. To eat our daily bread. Don't think that he's not human. Some day we'll all be dead.

The detectives said they recognized the man as William H. Lloyd, professional beggar who has served time in the House of Correction.

They watched for an hour, they said, and saw Lloyd take in \$12.58. Then they arrested him.

The police say Lloyd, who is about sixty years old, has served sentences for vagrancy in Fresno and Oakland, Calif.

Magistrate Meachery, in the Central police court, sentenced Lloyd to thirty days in the House of Correction.

The man was then told that his dog, Patricia, would be sent to the Morris Reformatory. Lloyd pleaded for his pet. Lieutenant Schultz will decide later today what shall be the fate of Patricia.

CRAZED SOLDIER ESCAPES

Shell-Shocked Man Attacks West Philadelphia Station Passengers

A soldier, suffering from shell shock, whose name is being withheld by the police, last night eluded his guards in the West Philadelphia railroad station. He attacked several waiting passengers before he was subdued.

The soldier, who had been wounded by shrapnel when fighting in the Argonne, was being taken by two military police guards from the military hospital at Langston Road station to another hospital at Danville, Pa. He had been under constant observation and treatment and was mentally unbalanced.

While the guards were waiting for the train that would take them to the Pennsylvania town, the soldier eluded them and sprang on several persons in the waiting room, and the train was taken to the University Hospital by the police of the Thirty-second street and Woodland avenue station.

SEeks SALE OF HOTEL

Receiver for the St. James Asks Court to Authorize Auction

Sale of the St. James Hotel, Thirteenth and Walnut streets, at public auction is asked in a petition filed in Common Pleas Court today by receiver General Hecht, receiver for the hotel. The case will be heard on Friday.

The hotel went into involuntary bankruptcy in August, 1918. The court now is asked to permit the sale of not only the hotel, but the St. James annex, the prayer house and the farmstead of the entire establishment. Creditors of the hotel have been given notice of the filing of the petition by the receiver.

Liabilities, including mortgages on the property, amount to approximately \$1,750,000. The hotel is estimated to be worth \$2,000,000, and it is said that it would cost \$2,500,000 to replace it.

SHORE VISIT FOR WOUNDED

Jewish Seaside Home Will Entertain 100 Injured Marines

Arrangements have been completed whereby the Jewish Seaside Home in Atlantic City will be host to 100 overseas marines who have been wounded and who are now convalescing at the Naval Home and League Island Base Hospital.

The Jewish Welfare Board, in its effort to be of service to all service men, found a large number of wounded men at the shore visit and immediately appealed to the community to take these men for short stays at the seaside.

The Jewish Seaside Home, of which Dr. I. Valentine Levy is chief examining physician, and Mrs. S. Belle Rubin is the secretary, responded and through arrangements with the Jewish Welfare Board will entertain fifty men for a week beginning September 12 and fifty other men for a week beginning September 19.

FAMILIES ESCAPE IN NIGHT CLOTHING

Flee From Burning Building Into Drizzling Rain, Scantly Clad

BLAZE CONFINED TO STORE

More than twenty families were forced to the street in their nightclothes during a drizzling rain when fire today threatened to destroy the four-story building at 730 South Second street and an adjoining tenement house.

The blaze was discovered by Patrolman DeRose, of the Second and Thirteenth streets station. After turning in the alarm, he made his way into the burning building and aroused the families sleeping on the upper floors.

The fire was confined chiefly to the store on the ground floor, the property of Joseph Spector, a dry goods merchant, but the smoke found its way through the house and the flames for a time threatened the rest of the building.

Few occupants of the house stopped to get their clothing when they were awakened by the noise and had to run to the streets. Clad only in nightclothes, they stood around for almost two hours watching the firemen fight the blaze in their home.

A tenement house adjoining the building in which the fire took place also was filled with smoke and approximately twenty families, many of them with several children among the members, were forced to the street. Many of these families also left in their nightclothes.

Later neighbors took the shelterless men and women into their homes and furnished them with clothing.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The store is unoccupied at night. The damage to the stock, not including the building, is estimated at several thousand dollars.

FOR CENTRAL TAXI CONTROL

Public Service Commission's Inquiry May Result in New Plan

Investigation by the Public Service Commission into the taxicab and "jitney" situation in Philadelphia, ordered at an executive session of the commission, will be the first step of a statewide campaign on the part of the commission to place the use of motor vehicles under a central control.

As soon as the investigation here is completed the commission will insist that indemnity insurance be carried by every taxicab and "jitney" concern for the protection of their patrons.

In co-operation with the State Highway Department the commission also will see that all licenses of motor vehicles used as common carriers, either without a certificate of public convenience or in defiance of the commission's orders, be lifted.

These contemplated actions will place all taxicabs, motor buses and "jitneys" in Pennsylvania under the supervision of the commission. Some cities have regulations, but in most localities the motor vehicles are not compelled to obey any central authority.

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Local Surgeon Proposed to Daughter of Wealthy Koge Man by Cable

Dr. Penn-Gaskell Skillern, Jr., of 241 South Thirteenth street, member of an old Philadelphia family, will sail today for Denmark, where he will marry a Danish girl, whom he met while he was senior medical officer of the U. S. S. Oriaba, and to whom he proposed by cable.

With the signing of the armistice, the Oriaba was commissioned under the French Government and sent to Germany to bring back French prisoners of war. It was on one of these trips that Doctor Skillern met the girl. Her name is Lisa Valentiner. Her father owns a large estate near Koge, Denmark, and is said to be held in high esteem by the Danish royal family.

Lord Northland, only son of the Earl of Ranfurly, who was killed in the war, is a cousin of Doctor Skillern. The latter is the ninth lineal descendant of William Penn, by his first wife, Gulielma Maria Springett.

He is a member of the University Club, is on the faculty of the University Medical School and surgeon on the staffs of various hospitals. He is also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the Academy of Surgeons and other scientific societies.

Trestle Burns in Newton Coal Yard

A trestle and several tons of coal were burned today in the coal yard of the George E. Newton Coal Company, Trenton and Lehigh avenues. Spontaneous combustion ignited some of the coal.

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