

BOOST PITTSBURGH FOR LEGION MEET

Philadelphians Join Move to Bring Next Convention to Western Pennsylvania

ENROLLMENT NEAR MILLION

Philadelphia representatives of the American Legion at the national convention in Minneapolis will join with the delegation from western Pennsylvania to bring the next national convention of the world war veterans to the Keystone State.

The city which will receive the support of the Pennsylvania contingent will be Pittsburgh.

In the Harrisburg cantonment, it was agreed by the delegates from the principal counties of the State that Pittsburgh should be supported for the second annual gathering of former service men and women.

The Philadelphia State delegation in the Harrisburg cantonment did not press the claim of this city for the national convention, because the wishes of Pittsburgh in the matter were announced soon after the delegates began to arrive.

It will be possible for the Pennsylvania delegation to the national meeting to confer in regard to this question, and as to other propositions, on the way to the convention city. The trip will be made in a special train, and there will be approximately two hundred from the State in attendance at Minneapolis.

Membership Nears Million
Word received in this city yesterday indicates that the membership drive has placed the total of legions near the million mark. National headquarters in New York announced that the million members will easily have been enrolled by the time the national delegates convene.

This convention will be the first really representative group meeting for the legion since its original inception in Paris, as this convention will be comprised of duly elected delegates from posts in every State in the Union.

The first important task before the Minneapolis convention will be the election of permanent officers, adoption of permanent policies of organization, membership, and the transfer from one post to another, and location of the national headquarters.

Of greater moment will be the decision as to the policies to be pursued by the legion nationally for the ensuing year, perhaps one of the most crucial in its entire history. Persons recall the vicissitudes that confronted the Grand Army of the Republic in its early struggles, and appreciate the seriousness of the present situation in which the legion finds itself. Many matters will be presented at Minneapolis, which will be of import to the ex-service men and women and to the country. It may be military policy of the United States, the bonus, educational facilities for former service men, the future of war risk insurance, and soldier land legislation.

Influence on Legislation
In influencing such legislation as the legion shall foster or oppose, it becomes the duty of the national convention to declare how pressure shall be applied. The committee in the legion are organized in such a way that the individual congressman or even the candidate for a congressional nomination may be convinced as to the influence of the service men in legislative matters. It may be considered advisable by the national leaders that the work of influencing legislation shall be exercised through Washington.

Arrangements for the national meeting have progressed rapidly under the direction of Milton J. Foreman, of the Paris executive committee, and Frederick B. Wells, chairman of the Minneapolis convention committee. Hotel accommodations are being reserved for each State delegation, and it is planned to assign a room to each State for their own use as headquarters. Information booths will be established, and everything will be done by the committee on local arrangements to make the visit of the delegation a comfortable one. The convention will continue for three days, beginning November 10th.

QUIT COWCATCHER FOR JAIL

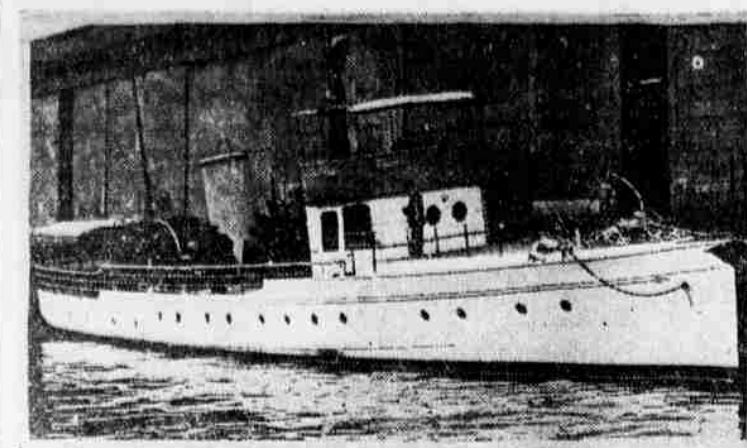
Two Tourists Will "Rest Up" Before Resuming Journey

They spent two years touring the country on a cowcatcher and the magistrate thought they needed a little rest before they started homeward-bound. They got five days each.

Paul Scroggins, twenty years old, of Eschelon, Calif., and Joseph Bonpau, eighteen years old, of Bridgewater, Mass., were arrested last night at North Philadelphia Station, while they were resting comfortably on the cowcatcher of the New York express.

They told Magistrate Price, at Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station today, that they met each other two years ago and decided to tour the country. And the cheapest way to do it was on a cowcatcher. They said they have visited every state in the Union.

YACHT GOING ON MYSTERIOUS CRUISE



The Whitmarsh, formerly the Georgian, private yacht of E. T. Stotesbury, which served throughout the war as a scout patrol, now is tied up in the Delaware river while a crew is being raised to man her. It is understood the little craft will soon make a trip to South America and up the Amazon, carrying a number of friends of Oliver Eaton Cromwell, son of Mrs. Stotesbury, on a trip of adventure.

YO! HO! THEY WANT TO GO BOUNDING OVER MYSTIC SEAS

Where Bound? Who Cares! The Whitmarsh Is Putting Out With Adventurers Bold. Who Care Not for the Future

Spanish Main the first stop? All points South?

The mysterious yacht Whitmarsh, formerly owned by E. T. Stotesbury, and at one time S. P. 83 in the navy, will carry a party of amateur explorers on an adventure cruise to South America.

The members of the expedition, which is said to be headed by James H. Cromwell, son of Mrs. Stotesbury, are all young westerners, just out of the service, and craving for excitement.

It looks as though the Whitmarsh was for a few days of adventure that will make its days of U-boat hunting seem like a quiet spell on a houseboat. She will sail from this port for strange waters on November 15.

Cromwell, who is in Wyoming, and some of his system friends, it is understood, have gone together to buy the Whitmarsh from the young man's father. They will in all probability sail for South America and go up the Amazon river for about 3000 miles, following the general route of the Faraday and Roosevelt expeditions.

They will take advantage of any commercial opportunities. The wealth of the country in oil, rubber, gold, silver and asphalt is great, so that the venture may be classed as either a profitable pleasure or an enjoyable business trip.

Many Seek Sailorman's Berth
But the ardent applicants for berths in her crew do not know just exactly where she is going. They are still swarming around Broad and Porter streets trying to get in the cigar store of J. E. Kane, who has been commissioned to outfit the yacht and ship a dare-devil sort of crew.

More than 500 adventurers have responded to Kane's advertisement for "men used to hardship and not afraid of danger." They have clamored for berth, offered to go in any capacity and without pay. Doctors, paperhangers, sailors, chauffeurs and flour and feed merchants, balloon jumpers and plumbers have begged for this chance of a thrill.

They want to help this party hunt for gold mines or gold fish. They are eager to be on the trail of lost cities and treasures, to search for oil and asphalt and jewels; in fact, they are ready for anything.

Kane, who was a lieutenant in the navy, is a mysterious fellow. Every one thinks Kane knows all about this rough-and-ready picnic, but he doesn't. He is only sure that some one called him on the phone and told him to get up an affair of this kind. He is simply doing what was asked of him and being mysterious on the side.

Last night Kane explained that the only thing he knows about the construction of a convention hall, the money being available on July 21 of the same year. John T. Windrim, the architect was retained to prepare the plans.

Mr. Windrim's plans called for a building to cost between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

During the administration of Mayor Blankenburg an effort was made to let a contract for the proposed hall. But a taxpayer's suit blocked the contract. It was contended that the city should have available all the money needed to complete the project. The court sustained that contention.

It was while Mr. Blankenburg was Mayor that the idea of a smaller convention hall became dominant. The comprehensive plans commission acted as an auxiliary to the Mayor and worked with Mr. Windrim.

New Plans Prepared
After Mayor Smith assumed office in 1916, Mr. Windrim prepared a new set of plans. In July, 1916, an item of \$20,000 was included in a city loan for the further completion of a convention and exhibition hall.

Since that time no additional money has been appropriated.

The net results of the Smith administration towards accomplishment of the project was the selection of a site at Twenty-first street and the Parkway. Buildings on that site were condemned, paid for and demolished. The city has the plans for the convention hall but no further action has been taken.

Out of the total appropriations of \$1,520,000 the sum of \$45,000 has been paid to Mr. Windrim for preparation of the plans. That amount, added to the price paid for the condemned buildings on the site, deducted from the appropriation total leaves a balance of \$1,372,000.

HELP FOR BLIND MAN ASKED
Mrs. W. H. Woodward Urges Purchases at Aged Sufferer's Store

Appen was made today by Mrs. W. H. Woodward for help in making a success of the sale of the goods in the little store at 3622 Lancaster avenue for the benefit of Edward Craven, who is blind and seventy-two years old.

Mrs. Woodward is raising funds to enable Mr. Craven to enter the Chapin Home for the Blind.

The store in which the sale is going on was once conducted by the old man. It is hoped to end the sale by tonight.

Mr. Craven was once an instructor at Girard College.

CITY HAS \$1,372,000 AND SITE FOR HALL

Leading Men Urge Start on Construction of Exhibition Palace on Parkway

FOR LIBERTY CELEBRATION

This city has a site on the Parkway for a proposed exhibition and convention hall, architect's plans for the building, and \$1,372,000 available for the construction of the project.

Leading men of this city, looking forward to the celebration here in 1925 of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American independence, are urging the erection of a large and beautiful building that can house an international exhibition.

John Wannamaker, one of the champions of an exhibition palace, several days ago pointed out that only five years remain for the erection of such a building. It should be ready by 1925, he said, for the sesqui-centennial of American independence.

Says Other Cities Are Willing.
"If Philadelphia does not want to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the work of 1776," Mr. Wannamaker declared, "no doubt some other city will take it up, or the government at Washington may locate it at the capital of the nation."

It required between seven and eight years, Mr. Wannamaker said, to make preparations for the Centennial Exhibition which was held here in 1876.

The convention hall project in this city took serious form back in Mayor Reubens's administration.

At that time a location at Snyder's woods in the northern part of the city was chosen.

Loan of \$1,500,000 Authorized
On June 19, 1911, a loan of \$1,500,000 was authorized for the construction of a convention hall. The money became available on July 21 of the same year. John T. Windrim, the

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He says that mining will continue in the nonunion coal districts regardless of what happens.

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nonunion miners are employed, are able to produce many millions of tons of fuel if there is a tie-up elsewhere.

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