

HOB-NAILS COST U. S. MUCH MONEY IN PARIS

Doughboys Scarred Polished Floors and Spoiled Some Costly Carpets

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Hob-nailed shoes of 200 doughboy guards posted at the Hotel Crillon where the American peace commission had its headquarters in Paris, caused virtually all of the damage for which the owners charged the commission \$125,870.32, the manager of the hotel, Henri Dequais, said here today.

It was this item of damages in the expenses of the delegation over which considerable protest was voiced recently in the house of representatives and which among other expenses President Wilson was asked to itemize in a resolution adopted by the house.

"The 200 American soldiers who guarded the commission in Paris damaged the Hotel Crillon to the extent of about \$625 each," said M. Dequais, adding that it was not the fault of themselves but the shoes they wore.

"They were neither impolite nor boisterous but they had to tramp in and out and all about the hotel all the time wearing hob-nailed shoes over the polished floor and expensive rugs. It cost the hotel \$50,000 francs to replace the carpets and 5,000,000 francs to put the hotel in order," he declared.

M. Dequais thought that the boots of the French soldiers would have the same effect, and said he understood the British did even more damage to the Hotel Majestic.

"It is very bad," he sighed, "but c'est la guerre."

ORGAN RECITAL MONDAY AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Paris R. Meyers Announces Splendid Organ Program

The third of a series of organ recitals given during Lent will be given at St. James' Episcopal church Monday evening, February 28, at 8 o'clock, by Paris R. Meyers, organist and choir master of the church. This recital numbers 570 given by Mr. Meyers.

Each selection will be described before the rendition, so as to make it possible for each one to follow the various themes of the composition. These organ recitals are given with the view of interesting non-musicians as well as musicians. A soloist will be an addition to tomorrow night's program. The public is cordially invited. The program is as follows:

"Torchlight Procession." Flagler, opening with a blast of trumpets, a call to attention, the march proper follows, with its bold, martial style. After a time this leads into a trio of well contrasted design. Later the melody is given out on the pedals of the organ with its floridation of trills, for the right hand. After some subsidiary work is disposed of, a return to the opening subject with a rapid moving pedal bass closes the selection. Flagler is organist at the great Chautauqua association at Jamestown, N. Y., and a concert organist of some note.

"Andantino"—Lemare—The melody of the selection is assigned to the above beautifully accompanied with the left hand, followed by a duet, the alto part being played by the thumb on a separate manual. This is followed by a solo in the minor key and ends with a return to the opening subject in fuller harmonious form.

"Humoresque"—Dvorak—This splendid and popular number best known to pianists and violinists is ingeniously arranged for the organ by Frederick York. The selection at once arrests the attention of the audience by its bright sparkling opening. The middle portion in the minor form is more bold and calls for the foundation steps of the organ. A return to the opening theme closes one of the most popular pieces of the composer.

"Intermezzo"—Cavalleria Rusticana—Mascagni—Opening with an ethereal like movement gradually introduced to the theme proper with its broken chord accompaniments, and Ave Maria

is sometimes sung to the melody, but in its rightful place in the opera it is purely instrumental. It is well known to all.

"Funeral March of a Marionette"—Gounod—The rise and fall of a Marionette, the funeral procession, the waiting, the burial, the return of the procession, refreshments by the wayside, and gradual dismissal of the mourners.

"Flute Concerto"—Ripick—Opening with a short and vigorous introduction at once is introduced various flourishes for the flute stop. As the subject reads, the whole work is based upon the solo flute stop of the organ, while here and there the flute power is used to good effect.

March—"La Propnet"—Meyer-beere—This march known to many is bright and rather showy, beginning with its massive chord, gradually entering into a more pleasing character. A return to the opening theme closes the selection.

HOTEL AND CAFE MEN GIVE TRAVELERS JOY

U. C. T. Meeting Hears Very Favorable Reports

That many favorable replies were being received in response to letters sent out by Cape Fear council No. 374, United Commercial Travelers, to hotel and cafe men, gradually entering into the necessity of reducing war-time rates was the sum and substance of reports made to the meeting of the members of that organization last night by the special hotel committee. That there is a disposition on the part of hotel and cafe men to accede to the wishes and contentions of the travelers is shown, it is stated, by the many favorable replies received.

The replies from men the travelers patronized caused a great deal of enthusiasm, and the members of the special committee, which drafted and mailed the result-bringing letters were highly complimented for their efforts by the several council members present.

The railway committee and other bodies appointed to arrange for the state convention of the North Carolina United Commercial Travelers here in Wilmington made reports and splendid progress was indicated.

It was announced during the session that six new members would be initiated at the meeting to be held on Saturday evening, March 12.

SET DATE FOR PAGEANT AT MEETING TOMORROW

Definite date for the big bazaar that is to precede and be a part of the Pageant of the Lower Cape Fear, to be staged in Wilmington during the spring or summer months of this year, will be set when the pageant executive committee meets in the chamber of commerce Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Not only will the date for this big fête be named but all of the committees and committee chairmen to make the preparations for this huge event will be selected and announced.

Just as soon as everyone of these committees have been selected they will at once begin to make preparations for the bazaar and pageant. There is a tremendous amount of detail work to be done and for this reason those promoting the affair are anxious to make an early start.

DENBY AND ROOSEVELT NEW NAVAL CHIEFS FOR

(Continued from Page One.) throughout the Spanish-American war, and as a gunner's mate he participated in the blockade of Havana. Mr. Roosevelt's appointment as assistant secretary also falls in with a family tradition, his father having first come to national fame while occupying that post, and his cousin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, having filled it until he resigned last summer to accept the Democratic nomination for the vice-presidency. Like his prospective chief, Mr. Roosevelt is a veteran of the World War, having served as a lieutenant-colonel of infantry in France. He is 33 years old, and is a member of the New York assembly. During the pre-convention campaign last year he was connected with the movement for the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH REORGANIZED

Fifteen Colleges Have Adopted New Regulations

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 26.—Fifteen colleges, representing every section of the south, today completed organization of a new athletic association to be known as the southern intercollegiate conference, under what are said to be the strictest regulations proposed for any similar organization in the country.

The regulations adopted to protect the integrity of athletics not only included the one-year rule and the three-year rule, but went a step further by stipulating that no athlete having attended a college can go to another college and engage in athletics under any circumstances. It was decided to put the rules into effect January 1, 1922, so as not to interfere with existing contracts.

It was decided by the representative of the 15 institutions present to admit one more to the conference and the hope was expressed by many that Vanderbilt university would decide to become a member. Under the rules adopted no freshman can play on any team in the conference, nor can any athlete participate in college athletics for more than three years. These three years must also be gotten in within four years from the date of matriculation.

The colleges forming the southern conference are among the leading teams in the south Atlantic section and in the S. I. A. They are, in order, Virginia university, V. M. I., Washington and Lee, North Carolina State, North Carolina university, Clemson, Georgia Tech, Georgia, Alabama, Tulane, Auburn, Mississippi A. & M., Tennessee and Kentucky.

CUTTER SEMINOLE SEARCHES FOR GERMAN FLOATING MINES

Although the coast guard cutter Seminole was completed and drawn from the war service many months ago, today she will re-enter it for the time being when she steams out of Hampton Roads, Va., this morning to search for and destroy German mine reported by the steamer Lees Bridge to be floating in the path of ocean traffic about 600 miles off Cape Henry. Information to that effect was received here last night from the naval authorities at Norfolk.

Little information other than the wireless received from the Lees Bridge is available regarding the mine, but it is believed that it is one of those dropped off the American coast by a German submarine during the World War. It is expected that the Seminole will be searching for the menace to navigation for a number of days due to the fact that it has been sighted such a great distance off shore.

MRS. FOWLER DEAD AFTER AN ILLNESS OF SIX MONTHS

Word was received here late yesterday afternoon of the death in the western part of North Carolina on Saturday afternoon at 12:20 o'clock, of Mrs. M. J. Fowler, of 405 S. 11th St. Mrs. Fowler had been in declining health for the past six months and about 60 days ago went to the mountains in hopes of improving. However she continued to decline until the end yesterday.

The remains will be brought to the city today at noon and the funeral will be either this afternoon or tomorrow morning. They will be accompanied here by her son, J. J. Fowler, Jr., who was with his mother at her death.

Surviving the deceased are three sons, J. J. Fowler, Jr., Paul J. Fowler and J. T. Fowler, also one daughter, Mrs. R. W. Montgomery. Mrs. Fowler was beloved by all of her large circle of friends. She was a devoted member of 57th St. Methodist church and did a tremendous work in that congregation, especially among the young people.

BREAKS ARM BUT IS STILL ABLE TO JUMP 65 FEET

MONTREAL, Ont., Feb. 26.—Breaking an arm in practice this afternoon, F. Carlton of Dartmouth college nevertheless jumped 65 feet in the international inter-collegiate jumping competition this afternoon and with 243 points, finished second to R. Whittall, of McGill university, who had 255 points to his credit.

MRS. BULLOCK BETTER Friends of Miss Annie Bullock, graduate nurse, who has been ill at James Walker Memorial hospital for some time, will be glad to learn that she has recovered sufficiently to be out.

ROAD BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE AND WAY IS CLEAR FOR PASSAGE

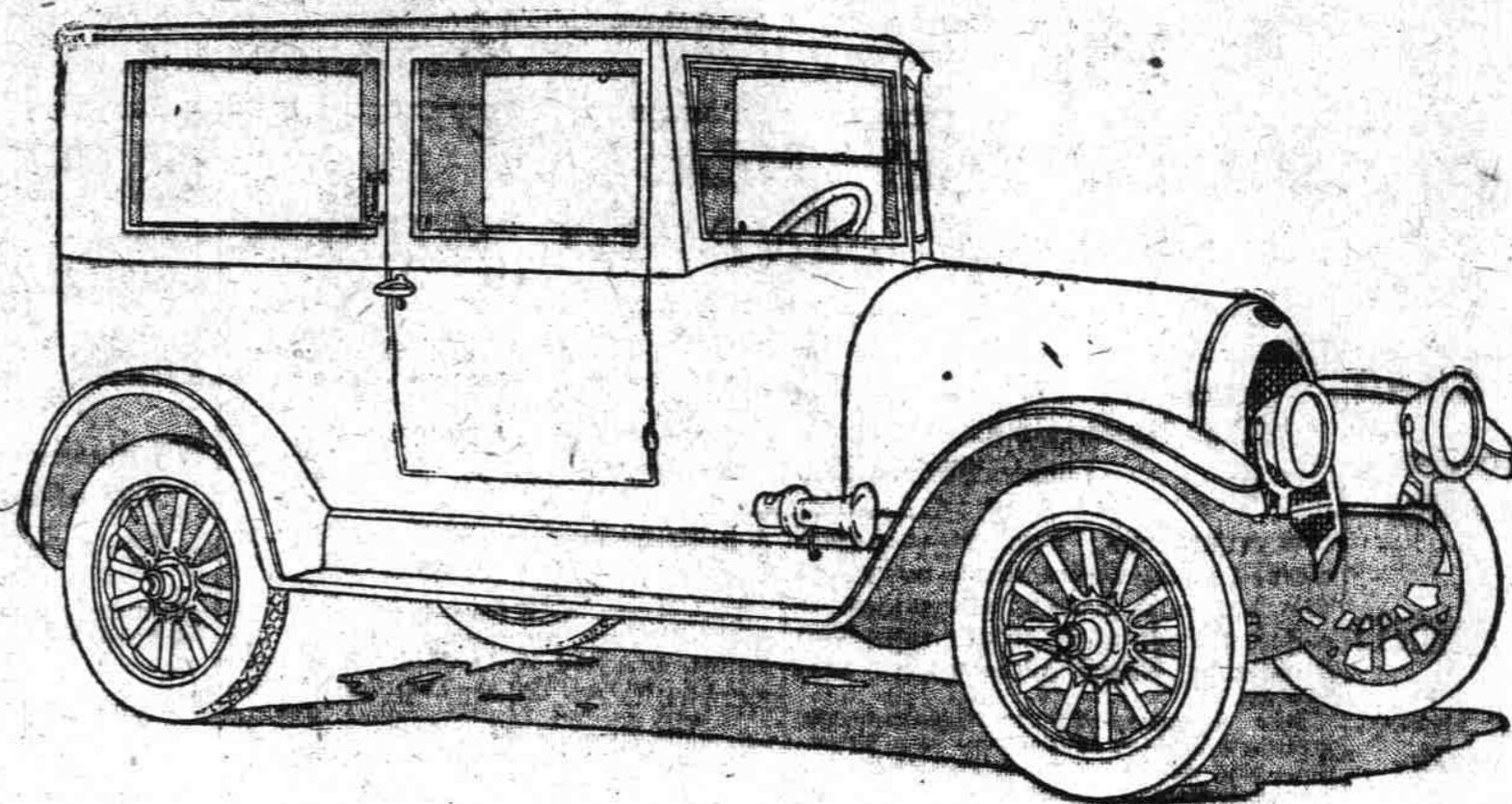
(Continued from Page One.) the law. Following the repeal of the 1919 law, McCoin placed his resolution on the calendar, by objecting to the unfavorable report, and asked consent to discuss it a few minutes. There was opposition even from his own friends on the ground that he was taking up time when there was no need for it.

Senator McCoin contended that he ought to be allowed to discuss the measure and got consent to do ahead, after the motion to table his resurrecting motion had been lodged. He declared that the law of 1919 had been censured and not obeyed by the prison board for the simple reason that the board did not think the appropriation made for the erection of the new prison was as much as it should have been. There had been a violation of the law and he thought the resolution should pass requiring the prison officials to give in writing their reasons for not obeying the law.

But the senate was not with him. It thought it well that the prison board had failed to carry out the provisions of the law, or at least some senators did, since it had been done and the law repealed, was perfectly willing to let the proposition go at that and forget it.

The Currier gains bill finally reached the floor of the senate, and was passed, although there was some objection. Senator Byrd objected on the ground that the bill created a monopoly on duck shooting in Currier county since it prohibited increase of the number of floating batteries in the sound. The senate, however, would not agree to this view, and after some discussion, which at one time threatened a roll call, the bill was passed.

The report of the special committee for the old soldiers' home was read by Senator Gallert, which recommended the appropriation of \$32,000 to be spent on the home under the direction of the governor. Leaky roofs, damaged walls, and lack of other facilities were the chief complaints of the committee. The senate adopted the report and the appropriations committee will be asked to prepare a way for getting the money.



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HOUSEKEEPING THEME OF ROCKY MOUNT CLUB

Fine Arts Organization Is Entertained By Mrs. Gravelly

(Special to The Star) ROCKY MOUNT, Feb. 26.—The Fine Arts club was entertained by Mrs. L. L. Gravelly at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. O. W. Gravelly, on Falls road. The subject for the afternoon was "Better Housekeeping." Practical and interesting papers were read. Mrs. Mark Williams dealt with the subject, "Dodging the Moth." Mrs. E. M. Wilson's paper gave many valuable hints on "Sensible Short-Cuts for the Housekeeper" and "Equipping the Kitchen," a subject dear to every housekeeper was discussed by Mrs. L. L. Gravelly.

A helpful hint or a favorite recipe was given in answer to rollcall and an elegant luncheon was served during the social hour that followed. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. W. S. Wilkinson, Jr., entertained the members of the Mardi Bridge club. Auction bridge was played at three tables which were placed in the living room and dining room. Attractive George Washington's birthday decorations were used. Especially pretty were they as they appeared in the two-course luncheon with the George Washington hats as favorites. Mrs. W. W. Kearney won top score prize and special guests of the club were, Mrs. Boddie Ward of Wilson and Mrs. Phil Thomas. Mrs. Wilkinson was assisted in serving delightful refreshments by Miss Neaflis Little Miss Jean Walker, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, gave a fancy dress Mother Goose party Monday afternoon. In observance of St. Valentine's day, hundreds of hearts were used in decorating. The little folk in their fancy

costumes presented a pretty picture. The little hostess was charming in a Jack Horner suit. Mrs. Lewis Thorpe was hostess to the Wednesday Afternoon Bridge club. Pretty potted plants and cut flowers were used in decorating the rooms in which these tables were arranged for progressive bridge. A tempting luncheon was served at the end of a delightful afternoon. The following announcements have been sent out: "Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Harrison announce the marriage of their daughter, Frances, to Mr. William Archibald Meadows, on Wednesday, February the sixteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, Rocky Mount, North Carolina." Mrs. E. E. Paddison entertained her circle of the Young Woman's Missionary society at a birthday party Monday afternoon. Each guest dropped in a penny for each year of her life in a small bank that when opened was found to contain 350 pennies. This

money will be used in mission work. Embroidering and sewing for the spring bazaar was a feature of the afternoon, after which chocolate cakes were served by the hostess. At the woman's missionary meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist church, a beautifully painted portrait of Mrs. Thomas Arrington was presented to the church by the society to be hung in the church parlor. Mr. Arrington, who is one of the seven charter members of the church, is the city's most beloved woman. She was also president of the missionary society for 20 years. The lovely portrait was presented by Mrs. J. Barnes. The study class of the department literature of the Woman's club met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. M. Fox. The class continued its study of "Our Heritage" and the subject for the afternoon was "Ideals the French Revolution."



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