

ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE.

FINE ADDRESS OF D. B. SMITH.

Several Hundred Gathered Yesterday Evening for the Annual Memorial Exercises of the Charlotte Lodge of the B. and F. O. E.—The Impressive Services—Good Music and Inspiring Words of Speakers—The Address of the Grand Masterful Officer—Ceremonies in Detail.

In remembrance of the absent brothers of Elkhound, there were gathered yesterday afternoon at the Academy of Music the members of Charlotte Lodge No. 222, and probably a few men and women who had come to attend the beautiful and impressive memorial services which the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks hold each year simultaneously all over the United States wherever there is a lodge.

The members who have died are the following named: Hubert S. Chadwick, Samuel H. Hawkins, Jr., Baxter H. Davis, Louis E. Schwend, Charles Davis, S. T. Stephens, John Schneck, W. A. Blankenship, Locke Davis, Hamilton Branch and William I. Van Ness, the last three in the last year.

Trinity College News Notes. The Historical Society holds a Meeting—Dr. Mims Lectures on the Life and Letters of Lambie—Glee Club to Go on Another Tour.

There was a hymn, "The Armies of God," and then the devotional exercises began. The excellent quartette, composed of Miss Margaret Thurmond, Mrs. H. S. Bryan, Mr. W. Clarence Reed and Mr. A. M. Norwood, sang with splendid effect "In Thy Hands," "Hopkins" anthem. The lodge ceremonies followed. The exalted ruler read from the ritual, and then the secretary called the name of each departed brother, and as each name was called a light was placed on the altar.

POPE RECEIVES AMERICANS.

Peter's Pence, amounting to \$13,000, Presented to Pontiff—Comends Institution of Early Mass for Night Workers.

Rome, Dec. 4.—Pope Pius X. to-day received in private audience the delegation from New York, Albany and Syracuse, which have come to Rome for the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception. The delegation from New York city was headed by Auxiliary Bishop Cusack and Monsignors Lavelle and Kearney, and Monsignor J. S. M. Lynch represented the Albany and Syracuse delegations.

FATAL GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

Mother and Two Children Perish in Burning House While Police Rescued Husband and Remaining Children From Hushing Into the Flames.

Pittsburg, Dec. 4.—In a fire which was remarkable for its rapidity and awful havoc, Mrs. Rock Berry and two of her children were burned to death this evening. Rock Perry, the husband, and his son Henry, and daughter Annie Perry, were forced to stand in the street and witness the tragedy. The police kept about the burning house until the flames for their loved ones.

DEATH FROM OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE.

Meriden, Miss., Dec. 4.—Otto Mayer, district manager for Maas & Newberger, cotton brokers, was found dead in his bed at the Southern Hotel this afternoon. He had been dead eight or ten hours when his room was entered. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death from an overdose of morphine, taken to induce sleep.

PYTHIAN SUPREME CHANCELLOR APPROVES 18-YEAR PROPOSITION.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 4.—The proposition to make 18 years the age limit for admission to the Knights of Pythias of the World, which was submitted to and passed by the last session of the supreme convention of that order, has been approved by Charles E. Shively, the supreme chancellor. Under the provisions of the constitution, the proposed amendment will now go to the various grand lodges for action.

KANSAS COMMEMORATES CUBA'S PROGRESS.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—Emperor William to-day received in audience Marquis Mori, the Cuban minister to Germany and Great Britain. The Emperor spoke of the admirable progress of the island of Cuba, which has made since the establishment of its independence.

BRITISH BARK GOES ASHORE AND TWO MATES DIE.

Rio Grande Du Sul, Brazil, Dec. 4.—The British bark Providencia, Captain Symons, from Fernandis, Fla., Aug. 18, is ashore on the north bar of this harbor. The crew was landed. The two mates died.

FIRST WEEK IN CONGRESS.

HRIFLIN MAY BE UNDER FIRE.

More Definite Talk of Interposing an Objection to Swearing in the New Representative From the Fifth Alabama District Because of His Language Regarding the President—Spirited Party Debate Would Follow—Little Legislative Business Expected—Senate Will Adjourn After Convening To-Day.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Little in the way of legislative business is expected during the first week of the session of Congress. The first day will be devoted to organizing. Tuesday the President's message will be read, but it is not expected that any other business will be transacted.

IMMIGRATION FALLS OFF.

OF BETTER CLASS, SAYS REPORT.

812,870 Aliens Arrived During the Fiscal Year, Bringing \$29,894,382—More Than Half the Total Italians, Poles, Slovaks and Hungarians—168,903 Entirely Illiterate—Commissioner Recommends as a Remedy for Distributing Alien Over the Country and for Making the Contract Labor Law More Effective.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Immigration to the United States decreased materially during the last fiscal year, and it is a notable fact that the moral, intellectual and physical qualifications of the immigrants admitted to this country during the past year are higher than ever before chronicled.

The report says that during the past fiscal year 812,870 aliens arrived in the United States, of whom 549,100 were males and 263,770 females, an increase in the females as compared with last year of 19,870 and a decrease of 168,903.

KEEFER'S ANTI-SOUTH VIEWS.

Former Speaker of the House Says That Generosity Does Not Require Surrender of Equal Voting Power.

Columbus, O., Dec. 4.—Gen. Warren Keefe, former speaker of the national House of Representatives, who has been again elected to Congress from the seventh Ohio district, has issued a statement in which he announces his mission to secure legislation to prevent the disfranchisement of voters in the South.

HOW WOUNDED MEN SUSTAINED.

Two Lived on Food Found on the Plain Since Oct. 16—Only Unimpaired Skinned.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—Gen. Kurokita, reporting on the capture of two Japanese corpses entirely stripped of clothing, possibly by local inhabitants, General Kurakita also relates the discovery of two wounded Russians who had been overlooked and left in the trenches since October 16. One of them died and the other, a private, was wounded from his fellow, procured food by searching the bodies of the slain, and upon this they had subsisted for 45 days.

AMERICAN SELLS RUSSIA SHIPS.

Chas. R. Flint Reported to Have Received \$5,000,000 for South American War Vessels—Arranging for Use of Turkish Fleet.

London, Dec. 4.—The correspondent at St. Petersburg of The Standard reports that the Russian fleet of the Black Sea, which was sold to the United States, has been sold to the United States, and the proceeds of the sale are being used for the purchase of Turkish ships.

NAVY TRAINING SHIP FINDS MORE WORK THAN WAS PLANNED—TONS OF FISH KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Charleston, Dec. 4.—The United States training ship Topick, which left Hampton Roads Thursday for the purpose of training the cadets, has been ordered to return to Charleston. The ship was carrying a large quantity of fish, which were killed by an explosion on the deck.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION ENDS.

Convention Sermon Preached by the National Evangelist, a Kansas Woman Minister.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—The annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was formally closed to-day with the convention sermon, preached by the Rev. Eugene F. St. John, of Kansas, the national evangelist. The convention was held at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

REDCROSS WAREHOUSE AT HARBIN BURNED.

Harbin, Dec. 4.—A large warehouse of the Red Cross Society here has burned, entailing a great loss of supplies. Chinese report that four divisions of Japanese re-enforcements have arrived. The men, it is said, are mostly undisciplined.

NO NEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

Chefoo, Dec. 4.—There is no news from Port Arthur to-day.

\$120,000 Grain Elevator Fire.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 4.—A large elevator owned by the South Texas Grain Company burned to-day, entailing a loss of \$120,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire was discovered by a train crew, and from their story it is believed it was of incendiary origin.

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