

ELKS PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THEIR DEPARTED

Impressive And Beautiful Ceremonies Mark (Annual) Exercises of Lodge

LARGE AUDIENCE AT OPERA HOUSE

Excellent Addresses by Messrs Craig And Erwin And Fine Music The Features

With ceremonies that were beautiful and impressive the Asheville lodge of Elks observed its ninth annual "Lodge of Sorrow" at the Grand opera house yesterday afternoon...

A new feature of the program this year was the quartet, composed of Mrs. F. J. Clemenger, Miss Ida Hamilton, Mr. J. G. Stikeleather and Mr. Burnette Jordan...

Mr. M. F. Connell, who is no stranger to Asheville music lovers, made a fine impression with his violin solo, "Legende."

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CRUISER LIGHTENED OF HER CARGO IS STILL STUCK FAST IN THE MUD

Dixie Takes off Ammunition and Marines and Will Probably Go to Colon

TUGS PROVE USELESS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—Despairing of quickly freeing the auxiliary cruiser Prairie from the mud flats at Pea Patch Island in the Delaware river, where she has been stuck since last Thursday...

Two more vain attempts were made today to free the Prairie. Lighters had removed more than eight hundred tons of coal and the eight thousand rounds of ammunition when a dozen tugs strained and pulled in an effort to get the Prairie into deep water at high tide this morning...

The cruiser Dixie which will probably sail tomorrow is a sister ship to the Prairie and has been in readiness at the Philadelphia navy yard for some time.

BISHOP GOODSSELL DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Rev. Dr. Daniel Ayers Goodsell, resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, died today at his residence in this city.

COTTON GAMBLING WORKS HARDSHIP ON ALL CONCERNED

Grower And Dealer Alike Misled by Fictitious Quotations on Exchanges

NEW YORK EXCHANGE IS SEVERELY SCORED

Commissioner Smith Declares no Attempt Has Been Made to Improve It

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Both the producers of cotton and the dealers in that commodity are the victims of the system of trading in cotton on the cotton exchanges of the country.

This is the burden of parts 4 and 5 of the report of Commission of Corporation Herbert Knox Smith on the conduct of such exchanges. The practice of dealing in futures, as it is carried on at present is condemned, although the report does not condemn the existence of the exchange.

The report is especially condemnatory of the dealings in futures, branding this form of speculation as pure gambling and highly injurious to legitimate trade.

The report, which recognizes the market as so uncertain and so many elements of chance enter into the transaction that all bids are made at a much lower figure than those offered for cotton actually in existence.

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HAS LIVED IN COUNTRY TWELVE YEARS AND MAY BE DEPORTED TO ITALY

Took Ocean Voyage for his Health and Denied Admission to Own Country

IS NOT A CITIZEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Deportation threatens Paul Ruggiero, a well-to-do cabinet maker and furniture dealer, who is being detained at Ellis Island. A resident of New York for twelve years, he may have to go back to Italy, which is a strange land to him.

Ruggiero came to this country when he was seventeen years old with his parents and the rest of the children. All are now living in this city. They are prosperous and own their own homes.

Because he was under age when he came to this country, Ruggiero did not think it necessary to take out citizenship papers. A few months ago he caught a severe cold, and his physician suggested that an ocean voyage might be of more benefit than medicine.

The young cabinet maker remained in Italy less than a week and boarded the Oceana when she was ready to sail for this port again. She arrived on November 24 last. When he attempted to go ashore he was told he must go to Ellis Island.

There the doctors said he had consumption. As he had never taken out naturalization papers he was ordered deported.

"But there is not a soul I know over there," pleaded Ruggiero. "I have no home in Italy. My home is in New York, where I own property and where my business is situated."

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REGULAR SESSION OF 61ST CONGRESS CONVENES TODAY

For First Time In Years Leaders of Both Houses Have no Program Prepared

ALL ARE WAITING FOR TAFT'S FIRST MESSAGE

Insurgents Not Inclined to Begin Campaign Until White House Speaks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—At noon tomorrow the first regular session of the sixty-first congress will be convened. Vice President Sherman will preside in the senate and Speaker Cannon will yield the gavel in the house.

The beginning of the session is regarded, as always, with much interest, but there have been few sessions in recent years for which there has been so little planning among the members. Ordinarily Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich, who speaks for the majority of the senate, have a program at the beginning of a session but this year they have none, or, if they have one, they are not talking about it.

Even the insurgents generally express a willingness to wait upon the white house before attempting to formulate a plan of action. This is true both in the senate and in the house. They manifest much interest in the forthcoming message, but say that until it is received they will be unable to form any plans.

Today developed, too, an anomalous situation as regards the views held by two branches of the government. At the United States pension office it was said that in the eyes of that branch Early is a "sound" man and that his pension was discontinued in accordance with a diagnosis of that character.

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WHETHER 100,000 MEN SHALL STRIKE OR NOT, TWO MEN MUST DECIDE

Committee of two appointed to Call Strike if Demand for Increase Denied

CONCERNS 52 ROADS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—At a conference of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen held here today, Grand Master Lee and fifth Vice President Murdoch were named as a committee to decide whether the men shall go out or remain at work in case the demand which they will shortly present to fifty-two eastern railroads for a ten per cent increase in pay is refused.

The following statement was issued at the close of the conference: "Before a general strike can be ordered it must have the official sanction of the grand master, in the event of the refusal of the demands a pool will be taken for the purpose of endorsing the strike when called, and be unanimous and effective. The demand already has been endorsed once by more than a two thirds vote of the membership."

"The movement planned will have nothing in common with the general strike being conducted at present by the switchmen's union of North America which is distinctly a rival and an enemy of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen."

This statement represents 101,000 switchmen and trainmen.

ANOTHER IMPENDING. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Authority to call a strike of all union switchmen between Buffalo and Chicago, if such a course is deemed necessary, is vested in a committee of the union which goes to Chicago tomorrow to negotiate with the general managers of the nineteen railroads for a settlement of certain demands.

A referendum vote to secure the sentiment of the organization and to give their committee a free hand was taken some time ago, according to Grand Vice President Burt.

The "Holdup" Season.



LEPER IN ONE DEPARTMENT NOT IN ANOTHER, EARLY WILL SUE DISTRICT

Confusion of Medical Men Puts John Early in Peculiar position. Is Leper in Washington, but Not in New York; Leper in Health Department but Not in the Pension Office

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—John Early, the alleged leper who was quarantined a second time on his reappearance here last week, declares that he is going to fight the capital authorities to the last ditch.

The latter date being that upon which he was taken from the rolls. Health Officer Woodward made the following statement regarding Early's prompt arrest upon his return to Washington: "Our duty is to protect the public."

The Early family came to Virginia and settled with Mrs. Early's married sister on her little farm in Chesterfield county, about eight miles from Richmond. No one knew them, and they mingled little with their few neighbors.

WIFE HEARS NEWS. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 5.—Mrs. John R. Early, wife of the famous "leper" who is now again under arrest in Washington, has lived a life full of bitterness and sorrow such as few women have ever experienced, and when she was informed in the home of her sister in Chesterfield county, that her husband was again in the hands of the law, after he had known a few months of liberty, she succumbed to an agonizing hysteria of weeping that would have made even the health authorities of Washington pity her in her woe.

RETRACTS INDICTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Artists Wife Takes Back all the Harsh Things She Said About Faith

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Howard Candler Gladys withdrew yesterday the wholesale arraignment of Christian Science credited to her the other day when she ascribed the troubles that have broken up her home to that religion. Her experiences with Christian Science were confined to the First Church in this city and to practitioners who were students and followers of Mrs. Stetson.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair, colder Monday; much colder at night; Tuesday fair, colder in east portion; Wednesday fair, colder in east portion; Thursday west to northwest winds.

SNOW MORE TROUBLE THAN STRIKING SWITCHMEN

Northwestern Lines Tied up by Snow on Track in Dakota and Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 5.—Cold and snow are now delaying freight traffic on the Northern Pacific railroads more than the strike of the switchmen, according to statements issued by the general managers of these roads tonight. According to General Manager Slade of the Northern Pacific, freight is more or less tied up all along the system on account of the snow and especially in Northern Minnesota and North Dakota.

THREATENING FIRE IN JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 5.—Fire which started in the Wholesale grocery warehouse of the Flynn-Harris Bullard company and the C. W. Harbison company about five o'clock this morning caused a loss of about \$75,000. The loss to the Flynn-Harris Bullard company will be \$50,000 and to the Harbison company \$25,000 covered by insurance. The firemen fought the fire until 11 o'clock today and the building is situated in the wholesale district, caused much excitement. The damage to the building was very slight.

NAVIGATION CLOSED ON LAKES YESTERDAY

Reckoning Shows Large Number of Disasters During the Past Year.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 5.—At 12 o'clock today night navigation on the Great Lakes for the year 1909 officially closed and within a few days the immense amount of tonnage that has traversed the inland waterways since early last spring will have sought shelter in the various lake ports.

FIELD TRIAL BEGINS

WAYNESBORO, Ga., Dec. 5.—The seventh annual trials of the Georgia Field Trial association began with the drawing today for the open derby in which prizes of \$600 are offered. First prize \$300; second prize \$200; third prize \$100.

MERIT SYSTEM IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE ORDERED

President Extends Civil Service Idea to Cover All Promotions

APPOINTMENTS WILL BE TO LOWEST RANK

Must Prove Efficiency Before Candidates Can Rise to Higher Position

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—To improve the personnel and efficiency of the diplomatic service and to encourage the standard plan to the president, points out the remarkable growth of the political and commercial foreign relations of the United States and the increasing difficulty of the problems to be dealt with.

Records of efficiency of all the under secretaries will be preserved in the state department and appointments from outside the service to secretariats will be made only to the class of third secretary of embassy, or, in case of higher vacancies, of second secretary of legation, or of secretary of legation at posts which have assigned to them only one secretary. Vacancies in secretariats of the higher class will in the future be filled by promotion from the lower grades, and efficiency and ability demonstrated in the service will be the tests of advancement.

All the secretariats in the future will be graded according to the importance or difficulty or other aspects of the work done at each mission and these classifications will be made known to the service so that every man may know just where he stands.

The examinations will be held at Washington and will be both oral and written. A physical examination will be supplemental. Candidates must be between the ages of twenty-one and fifty years. The department will examine to apportion representation fairly among the states and territories.

DOMESTIC HAPPINESS MATTER OF AIR ENTIRELY

Chicago Professor Finds Divorce and Scandal May be Attributed to Dry Air

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Men who feel tired are only steam heated. Women who clash with other women in their clubs are suffering much from dry air.

Many divorces and scandals are due to lack of moisture in the air of the home. If you are cranky and irritable you are not the victim of a vicious temper, merely of hot air. These are the deductions drawn from the modern steam-heated apartments by W. E. Watt, principal of the Graham school. He submitted them to the Methodist Women's club "Steam-heated air is an irritant," he continued, "and brings all the deadly and foul diseases. When you find yourself saying things to those you love and weeping bitter tears immediately afterward do not blame yourself for your vicious temper; it is only because you are steam heated."

"When you cannot attend your club without being enraged at what is said or done by other steam-heated women, do not upbraid yourself or them; remember that the club is steam heated, made up of women from steam heated homes and run by those who are driven to desperate measures by the kind of air they subject themselves to."

The steam-heated woman is not satisfied with seventy degrees of temperature. She learned at high school that her home should be between 65 and 70. She runs it up the scale on the way to the insane asylum.

"Agony may be averted by this simple expedient. Divorces and scandals hang on this warm air incompatibility of temper and disposition abound in this unnatural air. Death and disease of the lingering air we call the rapid varieties hover over the steam heated family."

KILLED IN DUEL. LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 5.—Senator Fernandez Molina was shot dead today in a duel with Senator Adolfo Trigo Acha. The men quarreled during a discussion in the senate over the promotion of the ex-president of Bolivia, Colonel Samuel Montes, to General.