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## CORNERSTONE OF GREAT MASONIC TEMPLE LAID

Beautiful and Impressive Exercises Attend This Big Event Today

THOUSANDS OF MASONS IN MAGNIFICENT PARADE

Past Grand Master Cox Delivers Address—Exercises Presided Over by Grand Master Winston, Who Directs the Placing of the Stone. Parade, in Which Figure Masons, Bands, Cadets, Police, Headed by General Woodruff, U. S. A.—Day Most Beautiful and Thousands of People Are Present to Witness the Exercises—The Addresses of Messrs. Winston and Cox.

Never in the history of Raleigh was such a scene witnessed as today. The weather was delightful and thousands of Masons took advantage of it to turn out en masse for the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple. Not only members of this great order were present, but their friends and thousands of visitors lined Fayetteville street for blocks in an effort to witness the impressive ceremonies. It was indeed an impressive scene and one which will never be forgotten by those present.

The parade, headed by General Woodruff and a corps of aides, began the march up Fayetteville street at a quarter to twelve. Immediately following General Woodruff came the Third Regiment Band, and after it the A. and M. Cadets and band. Music of the most inspiring nature was furnished, this band and the Third Regiment Band alternating.

In the first carriage were Grand Master Winston, Past Grand Master Cox and Past Grand Master Liddell. In the other carriages were high officers of the order. Those in the line of march were:

1. Chief of Police.
2. Chief Marshal.
3. Staff and Aides.
4. National Guard of North Carolina.
5. Cadets of A. and M. College.
6. Fire Department of City of Raleigh.
7. Grand Commandery Knights Templar.
8. Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.
9. Master Masons of the Grand Lodge.

Exercises at Temple. The exercises at the stand erected at the Temple were most impressive. As the procession reached the Temple the various participants were dismissed and the Masons took their places.

Past Grand Master Winston was master of ceremonies. Rev. Frederick Nash Skinner, grand chaplain, offered prayer, and after music, Gen. Cox, past grand master, delivered an address.

In the meantime Grand Secretary John C. Drewry and his assistants welcomed many distinguished visitors to the platform and assigned them desirable seats.

Then the grand treasurer, Leo D. Heart, at command of grand master, placed the following under the stone.

Proceedings of grand lodge of 1906 and 1907, a Holy Bible, a copy of The Orphan's Friend of October 11, copy Raleigh Evening Times, October 15, copy grand lodge proceedings of order Eastern Star and by-laws of 1905, proceedings of grand chapter, Order of Eastern Star, 1906; copy of the beginning of Free Masonry in North Carolina and Tennessee, by Marshal DeLancey Haywood; copy of the Masonic Digest, from 1841 to 1906, by A. B. Andrews, Jr.; one penny from Concord chapter R. A. M., No. 1, Wilmington; copy Raleigh Masonic Directory, 1907, and a program of the exercises of today.

Laying the Stone.

The impressive ceremony of placing the stone was then taken up. The principal architect, presented the working tools to the grand master, who handed the square to the deputy grand master, the level to the senior grand warden and the plumb to the junior grand warden. After this had been done the grand master addressed each of these gentlemen, who responded. The grand master, at the conclusion of these ceremonies, then spoke as follows:

"May the all-bounteous author of nature bless the inhabitants of this (Continued on Page Three.)"

## 300 MINERS ARE ENTOMBED; ABOUT 100 DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Fontanet, Ind., Oct. 16.—More than 300 miners are entombed in this vicinity today as the result of the explosion of the Dupont Powder Mills yesterday.

All night the men worked, many of them till they were overcome by fatigue, but with little appreciable progress.

How many of the miners who were imprisoned by the falling walls were killed since, is of course, not yet known, but it is feared that when the truth is known many scores will be added to the list of victims from the explosion.

The extent of havoc wrought by this disaster seems to grow after every hour of investigation. The exact number of dead has not yet been fully ascertained, but the number of identified reached 35, with many more believed to be dead and scores in a critical condition from the injuries.

Exhausted by the terrors and injuries of yesterday, the work of the men trying to rescue the miners, is necessarily slow and at times almost hopeless. Had not volunteers from all parts of the state arrived in large numbers, scarcely anything could have been done for the miners during the night.

600 Injured in the Explosion. At least 600 persons were injured in the explosion. Of these five died in the Terre Haute hospitals. Scores are children whose parents have either been killed or have not yet learned where the members of their scattered families are. It is expected at the hospitals that many more persons will die during the day.

Not a house remained intact in Fontanet. Fully 1,500 persons are without shelter except such as they were able to put up for themselves during the night. With little food to sustain them, their condition is deplorable. Fear is expressed that unless immediate help is furnished by the cities in the vicinity there will be a famine.

## SEVERE SHOCKS OF EARTHQUAKE FELT TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—The most violent earthquake record ever made on the seismograph at the weather bureau started at 9:45 this morning. Weather bureau officials are momentarily expecting news that somewhere in the world an unusually severe disturbance has occurred.

Lowell, Mass., Oct. 16.—An earthquake shock which though lasting less than a minute was so severe as to smash window panes and crockery, caused alarm here and in Lawrence and many southern New Hampshire towns this morning. The shock was followed by what appeared to be a sharp explosion. In some districts the noise resembled that of a heavy snow slide.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 16.—An earthquake of great proportions in a direction and at a distance not yet identified began to record itself about 9 a. m. today on the seismograph at the state museum.

At 10:15 a. m. the movement was still in progress undiminished.

## TROLLEY ACCIDENT CAUSES THREE DEATHS.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cincinnati, O., Oct. 16.—Three persons were killed and 17 injured when an Albeon avenue trolley car turned turtle on a sharp curve this morning.

## MOB HUNTING GORILLA NEGRO; MAY BE LYNCHED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Danville, Va., Oct. 16.—Accosted suddenly from behind by a negro who wore not a rag of clothing, Mrs. John W. Ferrell, the wife of a prominent merchant of this city, and herself one of the best known women in the state, was the victim of a fiendish attempt at criminal assault, while her 17-year-old daughter, who was with her at the time, was rendered

perpetrator of the rural free delivery service.

He expressed a desire that there should be an increased interest in the service.

Mr. Spillman said: The service was for the advantage of the people living in the rural districts and was instituted first in 1896 as an experiment. It did not take at first. There were 83 routes established in 1896 and there was much opposition made to the experiment by the business people of the country. About 1902 the service became more popular. Its value to the farmer had been fully demonstrated and there was a great demand for new routes and it is now a permanent part of the postal service.

"The service is in operation in every state and territory in the Union and new routes are being established wherever the service is desired and the conditions warrant the establishment of the route."

"This service it is estimated covers five-sixths of the territory now available for the service."

"We have this year an appropriation of \$24,900,000 for this branch of the service. Illinois leads with the largest number of routes and North Carolina is 15th on the list"

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## SECOND DAY OF CONVENTION

Address of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

## A SMOKER LAST NIGHT

Address This Morning by Mr. W. R. Spillman, Superintendent of the Rural Free Delivery Service—A Vote of Thanks to Messrs. De Graw and Spillman—Members of Convention Have Photograph Taken in a Group—Meet Again This Afternoon in Federal Court Room in Joint Session.

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## KILLED MORE THAN SIXTY

Every House in the Town Was Wrecked

## FIFTY TONS DYNAMITE

And Forty Thousand Kegs of Powder Furnished Material For the Awful Explosion, an Account of Which Was First Printed by The Evening Times Yesterday—Troops Take Charge at Fontanet—Work of Searching For Bodies Still Goes On—Hundreds Badly Injured.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 16.—Governor Hanley and the state troops have taken charge of the situation at

Fontanet, where sixty are known to be dead, and hundreds injured as the result of forty thousand kegs of powder and fifty tons of dynamite exploding in the Dupont Powder Mills.

An extra detail of wreckers is hunting for more bodies today. Every house in the village was destroyed and the 1,200 inhabitants are camping in tents.

Both hotels here are full and surgeons were rushed to Fontanet from all towns and cities within a radius of 50 miles.