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TWO HUNDRED SHRINERS ARE GUESTS AT DINNER OF CHIEF RABBAN MYERS

Tuberculosis Hospital Movement Gets Big Boost at Banquet—Many Shriners Speak in Favor of Hospital—Shrine Quartet Delights Audience With Humorous Selections—Warren and Kellner Arranged Program.

Approximately two hundred Nobles of the Mystic Shrine were guests of Chief Rabban of Oasis Temple, A. G. Myers at a banquet tendered by him at the Country Club Friday evening when the silver loving cup won by the Gaston county delegation at the recent ceremonial in Charlotte was presented to the shriners of the county, and accepted by Noble Myers for the wearers of the red fez in the county. The affair was one of the most thoroughly informal and enjoyable ever experienced by the nobles. From the invocation by Rev. W. J. Roach, of Lowell, to the "Good Night" song by all the Nobles there was not a dull moment. There was something doing all the time, to quote the vernacular of the Nobles who were not busy getting on the outside of the good hill of fare provided, they were hearing short, snappy speeches or listening to everything in the repertoire of the shrine quartet, Messrs. Adams, Gass, Thompson and Williams. Those boys are a chameleon-like aggregation.

They change their name to suit the occasion. Two nights ago they were known as the Kiwanis quartet. Formerly they have been known as the American Legion four. Last night they were known as the shrine quartet. They changed their names from time to time, but the brand of harmony and comic songs they hand out is the same humorous, side-splitting variety. They were escorted again and again until their stock was completely exhausted.

The dinner was arranged by Noble Myers as an appreciation of the generous support given him at the late ceremonial in Charlotte and for the purpose of congratulating the Gaston county shriners on the wonderful appearance in the big Shrine parade. It seemed out, however, to be the occasion for the hearing of more encomiums upon his behalf. The honoree turned the tables on him and gave him a platinum service emblem, studded with diamonds, in addition to saying enough nice things about him to send him to the utter for a larger lid. He said for the information of the ignorant, Mr. Myers will, in all probability, be the next potentate of Oasis Temple. In the vernacular of the street, if it may be employed again, Mr. Myers, a Gastonian, will be the chief light mogul, head knocker and general factotum of some six or seven thousand Burners in 1922. He promised, too to try to bring to Gastonia a ceremonial of the Shrine during 1923.

Figuring largely in the fixing on of the bonquets were Nobles Spark, Boyce and Henderlite. Mr. Spark presented the cup to the county and in so doing paid tribute to Mr. Myers. He also took occasion to say a good word for the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital. "It was the spirit of determination," said Mr. Spark that brought back this cup to Gaston county.

Noble Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in his own way and manner, not duplicated benefactors, delivered a homily on the merits and vices of both Messrs. Myers and Spark. He commended the courage and the bravery of the latter in venturing forth on Friday, the 11th day of the month. Mr. Spark's aversion to anything savoring of the number "13," he mentioned with great effect. He also took several digs at Mr. Myers whose reputation for generosity is so well known. At the close of a particularly witty speech, Dr. Henderlite presented the beautiful Shrine emblem as a token of the love and esteem in which he is held by all Gaston county Nobles.

Noble Boyce gave a very interesting account of masonry in Gaston county. He told of the first lodges established in the county and of the remarkable increase in masonry within the past few years. He paid tribute to the value of the principles of masonry in building character and reforming the habits of its devotees.

Following these addresses there were several short impromptu speeches from several Nobles present. Mr. John G. Carpenter presented the cause of the proposed tuberculosis hospital and ere the folks knew it, the gathering had turned into a booster meeting for the hospital. One speaker after another urged upon the shriners the necessity of supporting the measure which is to be voted on February 8.

Messrs. W. T. Rankin, D. M. Jones and Dr. D. A. Garrison, in particular, made telling speeches in favor of such an institution. Mr. Jones pointed to himself as an example of an arrested case of tuberculosis cured by proper treatment and care. He said that many such cures could be effected in the hospital proposed.

Mr. W. T. Rankin, in answer to "Farmer's" communication in Friday's Gazette, opposing the movement, said that the matter of a little tax should not be allowed to stand in the way. He declared that the manufacturers of the county would pay the bulk of the taxes, and that the average farmer would not be assessed very much.

Dr. Garrison urged the establishment of the hospital as a humane movement. Messrs. A. M. Dixon and R. Grady Rankin also made short speeches commending the measure.

Cotton Consumption During December Shows Big Increase

Big Increase Noted in Number of Active Spindles Over Corresponding Month Last Year.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Cotton consumed during December amounted to 511,800 bales of lint and 41,698 of lintless, compared with 295,292 of lint and 27,287 of lintless consumed in December a year ago, the Census Bureau announced today.

Cotton on hand December 31 in consuming establishments was 1,737,771 bales of lint and 167,892 of lintless compared with 1,251,122 of lint and 238,311 of lintless and in public storage and in compresses 5,177,296 bales of lint and 171,303 of lintless compared with 5,623,046 of lint and 337,198 of lintless.

Imports for December were 60,996 bales compared with 25,890 a year ago. Exports in December amounted to 639,825 bales, including 4,394 of lintless compared with 758,375 bales including 31,193 of lintless in December a year ago. Spindle active during December numbered 34,488,640 compared with 29,914,154 in December a year ago.

Statistics for cotton growing States follow:
Consumed during December 304,285 bales, compared with 193,385.

On hand December 31 in consuming establishments 922,991 bales, compared with 622,074 and in public storage and in compresses 4,807,823 bales compared with 5,266,147.

Cotton spindles active during December numbered 15,509,256 compared with 14,482,640 in December last year.

WEEKS PUTS FORD OFFER UP TO CONGRESS TO SETTLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Law officers of the War Department were drawing up in contract form today for submission to Congress the proposal of Henry Ford for purchase and lease of the Government's nitrate and water power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., in accordance with the decision of Secretary Weeks to put the question of acceptance or rejection of the offer up to the legislative branch of the Government.

This decision was announced by Secretary Weeks late yesterday following his conference with Mr. Ford, and it was said that with the latter's offer there could be referred to Congress also the two proposals from Frederick Engstrom, of Wilmington, N. C., and C. C. Tinker, of San Francisco.

It was expected to require two weeks to get the Ford proposal in shape for this.

Secretary Weeks, stating that he would reserve any comments on the Ford offer for the report which will send to Congress along with it, said the only modification Mr. Ford agreed to yesterday was that guaranteeing payment of four per cent interest on the construction cost of Dam Nos. 2 and 3, regarding the cost, whereas he originally offered interest only on \$28,000,000.

SEVERAL INCHES OF SNOW IN MOUNTAINS

ASHVILLE, Jan. 13.—Beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon and lasting for six hours, three and a half inches of snow has fallen here.

MONEY RATES CONTINUE TO SHOW RELAXATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Further relaxation of money rates, promise of early improvement in the industrial situation and a broadening of the investment demand, which found its chief outlet in bonds of high grade railroad shares, imparted activity and strength to the financial markets this week.

Money on call was abundant at 3 to 12 per cent, the lower rate applying, however, only to the shorter maturities backed by gilt-edged collateral. Time loans of 30 to 90 days were made at 1 1/2 per cent, but 1 1/4 was the ruling quotation for longer dates.

Although the December tonnage report of the United States Steel Corporation disclosed only a very trifling increase of unfiled orders, general industrial conditions, especially as applying to metal production, equipments and textiles, were distinctly more encouraging.

Misgivings growing out of recent banking developments in the middle west were allayed and fresh disturbances in the European political and economic situation exerted only a temporary effect on international commitments.

SERVED AS TARGETS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Nine of Uncle Sam's old submarines have just ended their careers by serving as targets for the guns of the destroyer squadrons attached to the Asiatic fleet. A brief cablegram telling of the completion of the target practice which had been going on during the past two weeks, was received today at the Navy Department.

South Ireland Parliament Ratifies Anglo-Irish Treaty

(By The Associated Press.)
DUBLIN, Jan. 14.—The Anglo-Irish treaty, creating the Irish free state, was unanimously ratified today by the South Ireland Parliament.

HAYES TO LEAVE THE CABINET TO GO INTO THE MOTION PICTURE GAME

Harding Says He Can Not Interpose Any Objection To His Leaving To Accept Such Position Of Helpful Service—No Contract Has Been Drawn.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—An announcement that Postmaster General Hayes will shortly retire from the Cabinet was made at the White House today.

After a 40 minute conference with the Postmaster General, the President said he could not interpose any objection to Mr. Hayes' retirement to become head of a national association of motion picture producers and distributors.

The President personally gave out the following statement:
"The Postmaster General and I have been discussing at considerable length the proposal which has been made to him to become the head of a national association of motion picture producers and distributors.

"If the arrangement proves to be, when the details are worked out, what it seems to be, I cannot well interpose any objection to Mr. Hayes' retiring from the Cabinet to take up a work so important. It is too great an opportunity for a helpful public service for him to refuse."

"I shall be more than sorry to have him retire from the Cabinet, where he has already made so fine a record, but we have agreed to look upon the situation from the broadest viewpoint and seek the highest public good."

Mr. Hayes made this statement:
"With the President's consent I have decided to undertake the work suggested by the motion picture producers and distributors. No contract has been executed as yet. I am assuming, of course, that a satisfactory contract will be possible and one which will make certain the carrying out of the high purposes contemplated by this great industry."

POINCARÉ GIVES OPINION ON CANNES CONFERENCE

Favors Franco-British Pact But on Terms of Absolute Equality.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Raymond Poincaré, selected by President Millerand to form the new French Cabinet, gives his views on the Cannes conference in today's *Revue des Deux Mondes*.

While not an absolute opponent of commercial negotiations with Russia, M. Poincaré does not approve of giving them the "systema consecratorum" of a conference in which the chiefs of all European governments are summoned, those of Russia and Germany in the front rank."

Wilson was called an idealist and a dreamer. The covenant of the League of Nations, however defective, expired at least some precious ideas and, in fact, despite the regrettable defection of the United States, that institution has not failed to render service. But with the Cannes conference we plunge into the unknown."

With regard to reparations, he writes: "It is much less important for us to receive tomorrow two or three hundred millions more than to assure for ourselves tomorrow and later maintaining the total of our debt and the right to enforce its payment."

M. Poincaré favors the Franco-British pact, but on terms of absolute equality. "Before contracting that union, otherwise most desirable," he says, "it would be well to proceed as in 1901 to a general limitation of the difficulties outstanding in the Franco-English alliance. It is indispensable that the voice of France be able to speak as freely as that of England." (Anglo-French agreement disposing of outstanding questions between the two countries, notably with regard to their rights in Newfoundland, Egypt and Morocco, was signed April 8, 1904.)

THE WEATHER

North Carolin, fair tonight and Sunday, warmer; fr-h south and southwest winds.

COMPLETE NAVAL TREATY READY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION EARLY IN WEEK

With Completion of Naval Treaty Full Attention Is Given to Far Eastern Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—An exchange of views between the Chinese and Japanese arms conference delegates and their respective Governments at Peking and Tokio, was believed today to have considerably strengthened the chances of an early settlement of the Shantung question, including the railroad issue which has so far blocked the success of the direct conversations.

Indications were apparent before the reassembling of the delegates of the two nations in the single meeting on today's conference program that the good offices of Arthur J. Balfour, of the British delegation, and Secretary Hughes, of the American delegation, were having their effect in making both sides less intransigent in their attitude as to the conditions of the restoration of the Tientsin-Taiwanfu railroad.

The subject for discussion at the meeting today was the actual restoration of the Kiaochow household to China, the delegates having decided yesterday that the leased territory would be opened, when restored, to foreign trade and having agreed that the views of the foreign residents in the leased territory would be taken into consideration on all matters touching the administration of the district. This arrangement may result in giving some voice to the Japanese residents in the administering of the port and city of Tientsin. There was a possibility also that the delegates might take up again the railroad question upon which it is believed new suggestions have emanated from Tokio and Peking.

Japanese spokesmen today said they had no confirmation of reports that the Japanese cabinet had taken action involving concessions that made the settlement of the railroad question a certainty. There were indications, however, that new formulas might be discussed which would lead to a solution of the difficult subject.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Virtual completion of the naval treaty found arms delegates today concentrating attention more and more on the problems yet to be disposed of in the far eastern negotiations, with settlement of the Shantung issue now viewed in many quarters as almost indisputable to the re-adjustment program undertaken there.

Consequently, that problem not only yesterday had given the right of way to another meeting of the Japanese and Chinese delegates, the only item on the conference program today, but was expected henceforth to be the subject of the active interest and study of all the governments represented here in the effort to bring it to a final solution. It was the general view among the delegates that this would materially facilitate disposition of all remaining issues when the far eastern discussions were resumed.

Agreement having been reached by the "big five" regarding the disposition of prospective warships, there remained to be settled today in completing the naval treaty only a few relatively unimportant details and the status quo arrangement regarding Pacific fortifications, the latter awaiting a reply expected hourly from Tokio. The completed treaty was expected to be ready for an executive session of the full naval committee early next week.

The strapping provisions agreed to understand to authorize the United States and Japan to change into aircraft carriers some of the appropriated battleships, originally slated for the scrap heap, while France and Italy would be permitted to convert into training ships the dreadnaughts which under the agreement become obsolete in 1931.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The monthly tonnage report of the United States Steel Corporation, made public today, showed 4,268,414 tons of unfiled orders on hand December 31. This is an increase from November's unfiled orders, which totalled 4,259,542 tons.

U. S. TRANSPORT CROOK ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The United States transport crook, which was in serious difficulties at sea on Wednesday when she sent out a wireless call for aid, arrived in New York harbor today. She was accompanied by the transport St. Michel.

GENERALLY FAIR AND COLDER NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:
Middle Atlantic States: Fair and cold first half of week; unsettled, probably snow and normal temperature second part of week.
South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair but with a probability of rains Wednesday to Friday; temperature below normal; frosts probable.

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Cotton futures closed strong.
January 18.01; March 17.91; May 17.53; July 17.11; October 16.45; Spots 18.50.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton Seed 45c
Strict to Good Middling 17 1/2c

DISCOVER THAT COLUMBUS WAS BORN IN PORTUGAL

LISBON, Jan. 14.—Christopher Columbus, discoverer of America, was born in Portugal, the Portuguese Academy of Science, was told yesterday by Patrocinio Ribeiro, a member.

It had been an historically accepted fact that Columbus was born at Genoa, Italy. The statement of Senator Ribeiro comes on the heels of an announcement by the Right Rev. Monsignor Rey Soto, upon his arrival in New York recently, that Columbus was a Jew. The prelate said that this was proved by documents discovered at the home of ancestors of Columbus in Spain. He said Columbus hid the fact that he was a Jew because of the deportation of people of that race from Spain by Ferdinand and Isabella.

GROWDS FLOCK TO HEAR BILLY SUNDAY

Evangelist Turns Baseball Player for Their Amusement Students From Many South Carolina Schools Hear Famous Preacher at Spartanburg.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 13.—An hour before the time for the services tonight the Billy Sunday tabernacle was packed to capacity and people were being turned away.

He spoke to the students tonight on "The things that win." For an hour he poured advice to his audience at the rate of about 15 words a minute.

Before the services began the different bodies of students gave their yells and songs. Among the organizations which went to the tabernacle in a body were a school college, Converse college, Wofford College, a school, Spartanburg high school, Whitney school, Textile Institute, and the Spartanburg and Spartanburg high schools.

Mr. Sunday's sermon this afternoon was a powerful plea for the charitable judgment. He announced the subject as "Fifty Fifty," which term he said, was a liberal translation of the scriptural text, "With what measure ye meet it shall be measured to you again."

The young ladies at Converse college gave Mr. Sunday an ovation this morning. At the conclusion of his talk to them they applauded, applauded and kept on applauding. He had taken his seat, but they were determined to bring him back. He finally got up and walked to the edge of the platform, but instead of starting to talk again he expressed his appreciation with his favorite gesture. He turned baseball player, scooped an imaginary grounder from grass and sent it hurtling home. The pantomime was so perfect that those in audience could almost see the ball whizz through the window.

The girls kept on cheering, and finally Mr. Sunday broke the spell by turning to Mr. Rodolphe, who had accompanied him to the college. "Rodolphe, sing me another song." Mr. Rodolphe gave a solo as a peace offering, after promising that Mr. Sunday would visit the college again during his stay here.

Tomorrow night Mr. Sunday will speak on "Americanism." This is said to be one of his best addresses. Sunday morning he will preach to the negroes. All white churches will be open at that hour.

CRIMINAL COURT BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

Docket Contains More Than 200 Cases—Judge F. B. Finley to Preside—Much Interest in Forgery Cases Against W. C. Kroat.

Gaston Superior Court will convene next Monday, January 16, for a week term for the trial of criminal cases, to be held by a two weeks term for the trial of civil cases. Judge F. B. Finley, of Wilkesboro, will be the presiding judge, having been assigned to this district, consisting of Mecklenburg and Gaston counties, for the six months term beginning January 1.

The docket of cases for trial at this term of court is one of the heaviest on record, more than 200 cases being on the docket including cases continued from former terms, and the large number of new cases on the warrant docket.

The docket includes no capital cases, with the exception of some continued from term to term. It is probable that the case in which most popular interest will be manifested is the trial of W. C. Kroat, check forger, recently brought back to this county from Atlanta and held for trial in three cases of forgery. It is understood that Attorney John G. Carpenter has been retained by the defense and Solicitor Wilson will be assisted in the prosecution by Wolfe and Wolfe.

Following is the list of jurors summoned for the first week, from whom a grand jury will be chosen:
Giles H. Adams, James S. Hagerty, H. C. Helms, F. J. Rhyne, O. B. Beck, W. T. Love, R. A. Christenbury, J. L. Hayes, P. B. Huffman, J. E. Phillips, R. A. Jackson, E. A. Hayes, J. W. Humberstone, J. T. Helderman, L. L. Lutz, J. Palmer Lewis, L. M. Kemp, Bill D. A. Harmon, J. L. Hobbs, W. C. Canble, B. Gray Rankin, W. L. Service, W. D. Gate, John O. Rankin, Sr., V. A. Morris, W. C. Adams, A. R. Clemmer, J. Lee Henderson, J. W. Harrison, C. J. Hart, H. H. Clemmer, Miles Hanna, M. O. Summey, R. B. Suggs, J. K. Moore, D. M. Robinson, O. Lee Abernethy, Edgar L. Lewis, L. B. Long, M. C. Thorn, R. C. Killian, and E. R. Featherstone.

CEILING OF VICTORY MEMORIAL BUILDING TO BE STUDDED WITH MILLIONS OF SERVICE STARS

National Victory Memorial Building Commemorating Services of American Forces in World War Is Endorsed by President Harding in Letter to Governors—Would Have Each State Furnish Stars For Its Soldiers.

PRESIDENT IS AGAINST BONUS-DEBT MERGER

Soldier Bonus Bill Will Not Be Made a Part of Allied Debt Refunding Bill.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The soldier bonus bill will not be made a part of the allied debt refunding bill, Chairman McCarver of the senate finance committee, said tonight after a series of conferences had been held between senate leaders.

The foreign debt bill, Senator McCarver would be taken up by the finance committee Monday in the hope that it would be put in shape at that time for the senate.

It was the intention, he added, to eliminate some of the features to which the treasury department has objected and which has resulted in the measure being held in committee for several weeks. These include provisions for semi-annual payment of interest and that the interest rate shall not be less than 7 per cent.

Although the merger plan was originally received favorably by a number of senate leaders, the President was said to regard it as impractical and his view was reflected in further conferences today between senate leaders.

The President's objections to the merger were said by callers at the White House today to be based on his desire for the assurance that provisions definitely would be made for payment of the bonus. So far as the refunding bill is concerned, he was said to believe that the refunding process should be developed to insure returns from the allied loans before steps were taken to pledge them for a bonus.

He was represented, however, as not hostile to the suggestion that the interest or principal of the allied loans be used for paying the bonus once they were available. It was stated definitely that he also would not oppose a sales tax for the purpose of paying the bonus, if Congress should decide upon that plan.

The President, however, was said to regard as impractical a suggestion that over \$400,000,000 in the hands of the alien property custodian be used for bonus payments. Those funds, it was said, were regarded as pledged technically to private individuals whose property was taken.

"To make this structure a true shrine of national patriotism, representing for our country the sentiments that Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Church attest to Englishmen and the Pantheon and the Invalides in France—this is the ambition of the earnest men and women who are carrying forward the work of the George Washington Memorial Association. The association is incorporated by law of Congress; the National Government provided the site for the structure, and recently its cornerstone was laid.

"I have the assurance that the City of Washington will give generous assistance toward erection of the memorial, and would be glad if each of the States would see fit to give the endorsement indicated by some official participation. The project has appealed strongly to men and women of patriotic men and women all over the land, as one of such inspiring nature as to deserve generous encouragement."

NO WORD FROM JURY IN LANCASTER TRIAL

(By The Associated Press.)
HAMILTON, ALA., Jan. 14.—No word had come early today from the jury in whose hands the case of Sergeant Robert L. Lancaster, was placed last night. A great crowd assembled about the court house shortly after sunrise and word was passed that a verdict had been reached. The jury went to breakfast at 7 o'clock. At that hour it had sent no word to the court.

Lancaster's trial began Monday. With eight other members of Company M, Alabama National Guard, he is charged with participation in the lynching of William Batzel, a Walker county miner, on January 13, last year.

ATTORNEY FOR I. W. W. GIVEN ROUGH HANDLING

(By The Associated Press.)
SHEEPERSVILLE, I. A., Jan. 14.—Search was being made in this vicinity early today for Harold Mulks, said to be an attorney for the American Civil Liberties League of New York, who was seized in the lobby of a local hotel last night by two masked men, placed in a motor car and whisked away from the city in a westerly direction. Mulks, it was said, was to have appeared in court here today as attorney for three men sentenced to the parish farm for vagrancy and who are declared by the authorities to be Industrial Workers of the World. One of the men, said to be an I. W. W. organizer, appealed his case and it was announced that habeas corpus proceedings to bring about the release of the other two had been instituted.

POINCARÉ OFFERS VICE-PRESIDENCY TO VIVIANI

(By The Associated Press.)
PARIS, Jan. 14.—M. Poincaré, in his task of forming a French Cabinet to succeed the Briand ministry, asked former Premier Rene Viviani to accept the post of minister of justice with the vice-presidency of the cabinet, but M. Viviani refused the portfolio, it was officially announced this afternoon.