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## WARREN, TAYLOR, ROACH GET HONORS AT GRAND COMMANDERY MEETING

**Gaston County Masons Elected to Offices at Big Masonic Gathering at Winston-Salem—Pythian Band Is Accorded High Praise For Its Fine Work.**

Gastonia Knights Templar returned last night from Winston-Salem where they attended the meeting of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina. The Gastonia delegation was honored in that two of their number were elevated to high office in the Commandery. Sir Knight James H. Taylor, was elected, grand captain general and Sir Knight W. Y. Warren, grand warden. Rev. W. J. Roach, of Lowell, received honors in the Royal Arch.

The Pythian band which accompanied the Templars also came in for much praise for their splendid work. One of the features of the meeting was a concert by the local band. The following gives other details:

The closing session of the annual meeting of the four lodges of the grand lodge of Masons of North Carolina was featured with a business session this morning, during which officers were elected by the grand commandery. Knights Templar, a parade in which 800 or more members of the order participated, and presentation of a loving cup to the lady commander of Greenville, as a prize for having the largest representation of its members present, it being shown that the commandery traveled 225 miles and was represented by 75 per cent. of its membership.

After a log dinner at a local home, the grand commandery convened and installed its new officers, which are as follows:

John J. Phoenix, of Greensboro, was chosen grand commander, succeeding Raymond C. Dunn, of Endfield; W. C. Mulgrett, Southern Pines, deputy grand commander; R. S. Gorham, Rocky Mount, grand generalissimo; J. H. Taylor, Jr., Gastonia, grand captain general; F. R. Crowson, Goldsboro, grand senior warden; J. W. Cuthbertson, Charlotte, grand junior warden; E. B. Neave, Salisbury, grand treasurer; J. B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, grand recorder; R. E. Johnson, Winston-Salem, grand standard bearer; R. H. Boyer, Asheville, grand sword bearer; W. Y. Warren, Gastonia, grand warden.

**Parade Covers 15 Blocks.**

The parade covered about 15 blocks. The procession started promptly at 12 o'clock and reached the reviewing stand at the corner of Fourth and Cherry streets about 30 minutes later. Thousands of people were lined up along the streets to see the Sir Knights in full uniform go by.

The parade was headed by the American Legion flag and drum corps and the 20th division flag. Charlotte commandery had its own Templar band and Gastonia commandery was accompanied by the Pythian band, of that city, which rendered a delightful open air concert in front of the Presbyterian church. St. Albans commandery had a band in line, and the local commandery led the famous Salem band to lead them in the ceremonies.

The competitive drills were conducted in a hollow square, which was formed by the Sir Knights at the conclusion of the parade.

Concerning the work of the band The Winston-Salem Journal says:

"Last night at 8:00 o'clock a concert was given on the lawn of the First Presbyterian church by the Commandery Band of Gastonia. Despite the inclement weather, a large number of people gathered to hear this aggregation of musicians, one of the best in the State. The concert was directed by P. C. Todd, director of the band. The program was one of the best ever heard rendered in the city by a band. The listeners were appreciative and accorded the musicians generous applause."

## MRS. JOHN R. RANKIN HAS COLLAR BONE BROKEN

**Auto Accident When Truck and Car Collide — Young Baby Is Not Injured.**

Mrs. John R. Rankin suffered a broken collarbone Thursday afternoon in a collision between an automobile in which she was a passenger and a truck belonging to the B-J Co. at the corner of South Marietta and Second Avenue. The Rankin car which was driven by Miss Georgia Rankin was turned over by the force of the collision and Mrs. Rankin, Miss Rankin and the two-year-old son of Mrs. Rankin were pinned beneath the car. Miss Rankin, a sister of Mr. Rankin, and the baby received slight flesh wounds and bruises. Mrs. Rankin is resting very well today and is getting along nicely, in spite of the shock experienced from the accident.

The car was coming west along Second Avenue the truck was coming south down Marietta street when the collision occurred. It appears that it was purely an accident. The Rankin car was badly damaged and is out of commission.

**Willard Unwilling.**

(By The Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, May 12. — Jess Willard, mentioned in recent dispatches as a possible opponent for Jack Dempsey, is not seeking a return match with the champion, according to a statement attributed to Willard today by a local newspaper.

## Gang Terrorism Dealt Severe Blow By The Indictment Of Eight Chicago Labor Leaders

**Cook County Grand Jury Returns True Bills Charging Murder Against Big Tim Murphy, Fred Mader and Cornelius Shea.**

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 12.—Police and civic organizations today saw in the indictment of eight Chicago labor leaders and the state's attorney's threat to use against them the law invoked 36 years ago to obtain executions of the Haymarket rioters a smashing blow at which they termed gang terrorism. In the first night session on record, a Cook county special grand jury returned true bills charging murder against "Big Tim" Murphy, head of the gas workers' union; Fred Mader, president of the Chicago building trades council, and Cornelius Shea, president-treasurer of the theater janitors' union, referred to as being one of the three vicious labor circles, and five others.

The indictments are forerunners of scores of others, city and county officials said. More than 400 persons were arrested and but few have been released with the greatest number denied freedom on writs of habeas corpus. Others named in the indictments are: Isadore Braverman, head of the fixture hangers' union; Daniel McCarthy, business agent of the plumbers' union; Jerry Horran, saloonkeeper; Thomas Hogan, former police officer, and Robert McLeod, clerk in the building trades council.

They are charged specifically with the killing of Terrance Lyons, acting police lieutenant. The slaying of Lyons followed the murder of Thomas Clarke, patrolman on guard at a building which previously had been bombed, police say, by labor men because it was being erected under the Landis award.

Efforts of attorneys for the labor leader to obtain the release of Murphy, Shea, Mader and the others failed when Judge Shannon declared that a state of

war existed between labor and the police.

"We have sufficient evidence to hang Murphy, Shea and Mader," George E. Gorman, assistant state's attorney, said following announcement indictments had been returned.

"If the same law used in the anarchist case is followed, I am convinced that we have enough evidence," Mr. Gorman said.

Witnesses before the grand jury last night included 20 policemen in addition to civilians, all guarded closely because police feared they might come to harm if labor organizations learned who had testified. Documents seized at labor headquarters during raids made following the murders also were introduced.

"Big Tim" Murphy evidenced no surprise when he was informed of the indictments.

"Anybody can be indicted," he said. "They can even indict a man for concealing ideas. That must be the charge they have against me."

"How can I conspire with guys I don't know anything about?"

As for the death penalty, it has been announced several times that men would hang and they are today walking the streets free men. Four old "Con" Shea is too old to conspire with anybody. We are as sorry for the cops as the officers.

"The whole thing is just a big splash."

"It's a shame," exclaimed Fred Mader, when informed of the indictments.

It is not charged that Murphy, Mader or Shea actually shot the police men, but that they were involved in the conspiracy which led to the killing through a recent series of bombings and beatings.

## VARDEMAN'S MAKE CLEAN BREAST OF BIG ROBBERY

**Henry Hirsch, New York Jeweler, Is Released Under \$30,000 Bond.**

NEW YORK, May 12.—Henry Hirsch, the jeweler arrested on a charge of acting in concert with the two men and the woman already arrested in connection with the theft of \$500,000 worth of liberty bonds from the Chase National Bank on April 17, was released today under \$30,000 bail.

Hirsch's arrest followed a confession which detectives said was made by Arthur F. Chase, a watchman at the Chase National Bank, who was arrested at the bank while on duty Wednesday. Chase, according to the detectives, said that Mrs. Vardeman, who with her husband, John W. Vardeman, are under arrest in Savannah, Ga., went to Hirsch's office and asked him to sell \$21,000 worth of the stolen bonds. According to the confession, Hirsch told the woman to bring the bonds and that the next day when she did so she was held up and robbed of them in the building where Hirsch had his office.

Hirsch denied the story when arrested and declared that the woman who was known to him as Mrs. Hollis and Mrs. La Blanche, had told him that the bonds which she asked him to cash had been put up by a man who was backing her in a theatrical venture. He declared that at no time had she shown him the bonds or handled them in his office.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 12.—Detectives here declare John Vardeman and Bertha Vardeman, held for the recovery of half a million dollars in bonds from the Chase National Bank in New York, have made a "clean breast" of the robbery, and that the missing \$50,000 in bonds would be recovered within the next few hours.

Alex Biggers, driver for Harry-Baber Co., is held in jail pending the outcome of injuries sustained Wednesday afternoon by Gene Bell, Jr., the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bell, of 411 North Marietta street, when the child was run over by Biggers' truck. Dr. D. A. Garrison, the physician in charge, stated this morning that the child had an even chance of recovery barring complications. The accident occurred in front of the Bell home about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The child had started to cross the street, it is stated, when the truck struck it and passed over its body, breaking three ribs and inflicting other injuries of a fleshy nature. It is stated that the driver was running at a considerable rate of speed when the accident occurred.

Biggers was promptly arrested and locked up to await developments as to the child's injuries. His attorney, John G. Carpenter, this morning applied for bond and bail was fixed by Judge A. C. Jones of the Municipal Court at \$200. At noon today Biggers was still in jail in default of bond.

## PERSHING BELIEVES THE STANDING ARMY HAS BEEN REDUCED LOW ENOUGH

**Thinks It Dangerous to Cut Army Any Lower Than It Now Stands — Believes World War Could Have Been Prevented If There Had Been a Larger Army.**

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 11.—General Pershing, writing of "Our Plans for the National Defense," in the current American Legion Weekly, maintains that the absolute minimum in the standing army below which it is highly dangerous to reduce already has been reached.

Reviewing regrettable experiences attributed to unpreparedness of the United States in past wars, the General writes that "as to the World War, I firmly believe that a substantial condition of preparedness of our land and naval forces, backed by an adequate merchant marine, would have kept us out of the war, and would have placed us in a position to have brought it to an early termination."

"Moreover," he continues, "it is not too much to say that under these conditions and with strong leadership, we might have prevented the World War altogether."

In his article, General Pershing visualizes the tripartite army which "we are struggling to create" under the Reorganization Act of June, 1920, a welding of regulars, trained national guardsmen and a large citizen reserve into a homogeneous whole. He points with his commendable modesty to the need of the additional training of men and money needed to perfect our well-organized plans for a land organization and for preliminary training that we may avoid another humiliating experience before the world.

"The story of American wars is one of gallant deeds and great personal courage on the part of the individual of a fiercer and soldier, but lack of preparation and training has always led to undue loss of life and heavy financial burdens," the General writes.

"While we boast of having been victorious in our early foreign wars, it was due more directly to the weakness of the enemy and his engagements elsewhere than to the exercise of wise forethought in preparation or to superior strategical or tactical ability on the part of our own forces or their leaders. We are prone to shut our eyes to these plain facts, a condition reflected in Congress, which has generally considered its duty well performed if, after the beginning of war, it has authorized the raising of an army and provided for its maintenance."

"In the Civil War, even a small well-trained force would probably have ended the war before the entire country had come involved, and would have saved the loss of thousands of lives and untold treasure on both sides."

At this point General Pershing expresses the belief that American preparedness and strong leadership might have prevented the World War.

"Never until our last experience have we sought a remedy for the avoidance of past errors," he continues, "but after each war we have gone solemnly back to the policy of saving a few dollars that should be spent for moderate preparation in order to meet the billions spent because of lack of preparation."

The new three-fold army, General Pershing explains, would be built on the structural framework taken bodily from the World War, so that the traditions, esprit and prestige of the great combat units would be perpetuated.

"The combat component of the Regular Army in the United States is so small as to be almost negligible in the event of hostilities with a first-class power," the General declares. "There fore, the National Guard must, under our adopted military policy, immediately take the field in a great emergency. This force must be trained and organized, ready to deploy upon the declaration of war, as the bulwark behind which the Federal government will mobilize troops and industries."

The organized reserves, constituting the largest group in the war armies, would not be maintained at strength in their own home towns, would keep in touch with the army by correspondence courses and summer camps, while officers would be trained in high schools, colleges and citizen's camps.

"Any arrangement that substitutes our taking the offensive immediately upon the outbreak of a great war is impracticable because of the immense expense involved in time of peace and is impossible because it would not be in keeping with our democratic ideals," General Pershing says. "The existence of such an armed force would be militarism of a pronounced and objectionable type. But our national role on land is defensive, and it is the National Guard with our small regular army which is charged with the fulfillment of this mission. Later, as the offensive becomes necessary, it is the National Guard and the larger organized reserves, supplemented by the regulars, which must carry a war to a triumphant conclusion."

Summing up, General Pershing says: "Contrast the National Guard and the Regular Army, holding the battle line while the greater army of Reserves is being formed, with our ignominious plight during the first year of the late war, when we were forced to depend upon the armies of France and England to defend our interests until the American Expeditionary Forces could be brought into the field."

## Poincare's Decision On Russian Reply Is Anxiously Awaited

(By The Associated Press.) GENOA, May 12.—The decision of Premier Poincare on the Russian reply to the Allied memorandum was awaited here today with anxiety.

Prime Minister Lloyd George, of Great Britain, and Signor Schanzer, Italian Foreign Minister, have used all their influence with the chief of the French delegation, M. Barthou, to impress upon him that the Russian note, although not as favorable as was hoped, still leaves the door open for discussion and perhaps for general agreement. They urged him to reflect this opinion in his despatches to his premier.

It is believed that, if left to themselves, the majority of the powers will favor continuance of the discussion, but if France withholds from the conference, certain of the other powers will follow her.

The number of such nations might be enough to make impossible the hope of agreement with the Soviet, even if Mr. Lloyd George is willing to continue the conference without France. The latter contingency is improbable, however, considering the storm of protest such an indication of the collapse of the entente might raise in England.

M. Barthou telegraphed the text of the Russian communication to Paris, and expected to receive his instructions today. After reading the document his only comment was: "It is less an answer an indictment of the powers, coupled with a flat refusal to reply to the questions put to them (the Russians)."

The British view, as given by Sir Edward Grey, was that the note "certainly calls for a rejoinder."

Foreign Minister Benes of Czechoslovakia, speaking in the name of the Little Entente, expressed the opinion today that the conference must be adjourned with a few days, accepting the French proposal to appoint an international committee of experts, on which Russia would not be represented, to consider financial problems. This must be done, he said, in such a way as to avoid re-entente, in order not to embitter the European situation.

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## GASTONIA HIGH MEETS HICKORY ON DAVIDSON COLLEGE FIELD TODAY; WINSTON SATURDAY IF...

**Game at Lincolnton Thursday Rained Out With Score Standing at 4-4—To Meet Again Today at Davidson College—Play Winston-Salem Saturday If Successful Against Hickory Today.**

With the Hickory-Gastonia high school game called at the end of the fourth inning on account of rain Thursday in Lincolnton, the two teams will look again at Davidson College this afternoon. The winner of the Hickory-Gastonia bout will play Winston-Salem Saturday afternoon at Davidson. Coaches Crier and Armstrong left with the team today at noon for Davidson prepared to spend the night if they are successful in today's game with Hickory.

Thursday's game was getting off to a beautiful contest when rain halted the proceedings. The locals had scored two runs in the second inning. A Hickory player had knocked a home run in the third inning, and another counter had been pushed across in the fourth inning. Appearances were that a battle royal was to be staged. Hord, pitching for Gastonia, was going strong and the locals were backing him up in fine style. Hengeveld, of Davidson, was umpiring.

Should the locals win today's game from Hickory and tomorrow's tilt with Winston-Salem, the Jonesville team will be played here next Wednesday. One of the four teams just mentioned will represent Western North Carolina in the final game at Chapel Hill, May 20. Jonesville, Yulkin county, has eliminated all the teams in its group, and so has Winston-Salem in its group. Hickory and Gastonia are fighting today to establish the supremacy of groups one and two.

A large crowd of fans and rooters accompanied the team to Davidson today to witness the Hickory game, some going on the noon train and others through the country. Should Gastonia win the Hickory game, hundreds will go to Davidson Saturday to see the Winston-Salem contest.

A huge crowd from both Hickory and Gastonia filled the grandstand at Lincolnton Thursday. Indications were that Hickory would send a large delegation to Davidson.

**METEOR SHOCKS SOUTHERN PART OF VIRGINIA**

(By The Associated Press.) RICHMOND, Va., May 12.—Almost the entire south side Virginia was shocked as if by an earthquake when a meteor resembling a large ball of fire fell last night about 11:15 o'clock, according to reports here. A large streak of light is reported to have been noticed in the sky before the ball of fire began swirling through space and before a noise that sounded like a great explosion was heard.

A report from Chase City, ninety miles from Richmond, to the effect that the meteor was not only seen there, but that the explosion caused building to shake, dishes to rattle and furniture to rock in many houses. Automobiles who were on roadways in Mecklenburg county are quoted as saying that it seemed as though their ears had caught fire, so great was the illumination. One Chase City man said this morning that the meteor fell northwest of that town. He said inhabitants of Chase City and Mecklenburg county were badly frightened and rushed from their homes, fearing that an earthquake was causing the houses to shake.

He reported no damage to property, however, and said no one seemed to know the exact point at which the meteor struck the earth, if it landed at all. The phenomenon was witnessed by many Richmonders who were on the streets shortly after 11 o'clock. The entire southwestern sky was brightened as if by a flash of lightning or a great burst of flames.

**BELIEVE METEOR FELL IN NORTH CAROLINA MOUNTAINS**

(By The Associated Press.) NORFOLK, Va., May 12.—Meteorologists at Norfolk are convinced that a meteor seen falling last night at a number of points in Virginia and North Carolina struck the earth somewhere in the Blue Ridge or Allegheny mountains. While the shock of its fall was felt at Lawrenceville, Petersburg and Blackstone, no damage was done in any of those towns or elsewhere so far as could be learned by telephone this morning.

The volke was plainly visible from Norfolk and at Lawrenceville, 100 miles west of the city, on the Southern Railway, windows were rattled and houses shaken. Hundreds of persons hurried from their beds in the little county seat town of Brunswick county, and negroes were badly frightened.

At Petersburg the shock was fully as distinct as at Lawrenceville, but at Blackstone, 40 miles away, and to the eastward, it was felt scarcely at all.

The general impression that the bolide struck northwest of Lawrenceville, but perhaps 50 miles away.

Those in Norfolk who saw the meteor say it can best be described as appearing to be nearly half the diameter of the full moon — much like the old wooden street are light.

## LUTHERAN SYNOD IS IN SESSION AT CHERRYVILLE

**Prominent Lutherans From This Section Gather For Meeting — Cherryville Is Entertaining Delegates In Fine Style.**

CHERRYVILLE, May 11.—The Thursday evening session of the Southern Conference of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina held at eight o'clock was devoted to a regular preaching service. Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, of Concord, was in charge of the service. First Scripture lesson I Peter 2:21 and following. Second lesson John 10: 11 and following verses.

"The Parable of the Good Shepherd" was the subject of text, and Dr. Stirewalt delivered a powerful sermon to a large and attentive congregation. The teaching of the lesson from the Scripture as it concerns the work of the church was the principal theme, and was presented under three general topics or divisions. The work of Redemption, of Sanctification, of Evangelization. Each of these parts of the work were vividly and aptly illustrated and taught by quotations from the Bible directly relating to the question under discussion, and by many experiences and tests from real life under circumstances exactly similar to those under which those of the Scripture described. Few ministers could have made the teaching clearer than did Dr. Stirewalt, that the Bible is a book of communication from God to man, a standard of holiness, and of the beautiful story of the Gospel taught by the Shepherd as to the evangelization of the world. That evangelization begins in the church and works out, that Christ is in all respects the central figure as he said, "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." The closing was a quotation from the command to go into all the world to preach and the promise He would be ever present in the work.

Many expressions were heard that this was one of the best sermons ever delivered here and all expressions were of the highest. The people of Concord are fortunate and very grateful in having this man as their pastor.

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Strict to Good Middling ..... 18c  
Cotton Seed ..... 60c

**THE WEATHER**