

Stage Is Set For Shriners' Festivities

Morning Hours to Be Spent In Howdy-Dos and Getting Acquainted—Oyster Roast At Noon—Institution of Sudan Temple at 2:30 P. M.

BANQUET IN PARLORS OF M. E. CHURCH THIS EVENING

Today all roads lead to New Bern, and they are clogged with human souls, and this morning they will come tramping in by the hundreds.

The stage is set and the villains in the cast are in the wings waiting to descend on their prey. Woe to the man that should lay a restraining hand on the pursuers.

The morning hours will be spent in howdy-dos, and getting acquainted. Recorder Rhem will be in the Gaston parlors on the second floor registering the candidates and visitors. All candidates are requested to be there for final instructions.

At twelve the big oyster roast will take place at the Dill Tobacco warehouse. "Ask me" and you will be directly informed. The committee in charge of this part of the program have provided ample shell-fish for the multitude and your presence is desired.

At one-thirty on the most prominent corner in town, just as many stunts as the "law" will allow will be put on or pulled off, as you would like to call it. Many rumors fill the air as to what is going to be done, but we do not know, and if we did, we could not tell.

At 2:30 P. M. the institution will be tolerated at the Masonic Temple, after which the parade will assemble in front of Masonic Temple and the combined strength of home and visiting Shriners will march through the principal streets, and every one will have a chance to see it.

The big banquet at the Methodist Episcopal church will take place at 6 o'clock and plenty of covers have been provided for all. Come.

Listen to this: the big time will surely happen at 8 o'clock, when the concerted efforts of all the Nobles present will be exercised to make the life of all of the Nobles perfectly miserable. It will then be a case of good-night and good-bye.

Emperor Franz Joseph Is Dead

Aged Ruler of Austria-Hungary, Long Ill and Many Times Reported Dead, Has at Last Succumbed, Says Bulletin Issued by His Physicians.

ARCHDUKE CHARLES FRANCES JOSEPH TO ASCEND THRONE

VIENNA, Nov. 21.—Emperor Franz Joseph died early this morning. The aged emperor's physicians throughout the day had posted bulletins, and announced that the monarch has at last succumbed.

By the death of Francis Joseph, the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, a grand-nephew of the aged monarch,

SHOOTS FATHER TO SAVE MOTHER FROM ATTACK

Arthur Koonce, Well Known Jones County Farmer, Shot By His Son.

WOUNDED MAN HAS CHANCE TO RECOVER

KINSTON, Nov. 21.—Mr. Arthur Koonce, a well known farmer of the Comfort section of Jones county, was shot and seriously, if not fatally wounded by his own son Edgar at their home Monday evening about eight o'clock.

It was alleged that Mr. Koonce was under the influence of wine and went home and abused his wife and threatened to kill her, when his son grabbed a gun loaded with large shot and shot him.

The lead entered the hip and went into the loins. It was thought Monday night that he was fatally wounded but yesterday his condition was more favorable and it is probable that he will recover unless blood poison develops.

VERDICT AGAINST POSTAL FOR \$100

Because of Error in Telegram, Company to Pay Difference in Sale of Wheat.

In Superior Court yesterday Mr. J. A. Meadows was given a verdict of one hundred dollars against the Postal Telegraph Company. A party bought ten thousand bushels of wheat for the plaintiff at 49½ cents and sold him to that effect but the telegram received by Mr. Meadows quoted the price at 48½ cents and the merchandise was sold on that basis. The plaintiff claimed that his loss was one hundred dollars and that he was entitled to this amount.

In the case of A. P. Ashby versus the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, the plaintiff was awarded the sum of five hundred dollars. Ashby was suing for damage for personal injury sustained at the hands of the defendant company and succeeded in convincing the jury that he was entitled to this amount.

Peace from the shock of battle, the higher peace of our streets, our homes—of our equal rights, we must secure by making conquering ideas of the war everywhere dominant and permanent.—Garfield.

PLAN TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS TO COMMITTEE

Advisory Board of Railway Executives Holds Lengthy Conference.

FAVOR ENLARGEMENT I. C. COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—The advisory committee of the railroad executives met here today to map out their campaign before the joint Congressional committee. The same powerful group of executives who appeared here last August in their fight against brotherhood and the eight-hour law conferred this afternoon with A. T. Thom, general counsel to the advisory committee.

It was decided that Mr. Thom would speak first on Thursday when the committee reconvened. Other members of the advisory board who could best present certain phases of the situation were selected and arguments for the recommendation of the railroads will make were discussed. These recommendations are:

Enlargement of the Interstate Commerce Commission, with possible division into sub-regional committees including a body of appeal seated at Washington. Federal incorporation of railroads, Federal regulation of rates and federal supervision of stock issues.

The reduction of rate suspension from ten months to sixty days. The vested power in the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix minimum as well as maximum rates.

Most of the executives who were present went to their homes tonight.

YOUNGEST BANK'S POPULARITY SHOWN

Condensed Statement in This Paper Reveals Marked Growth.

The little bank around the corner, The Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company, is forging ahead just as fast as lightning rapidity will permit them.

Their deposits are at the top notch since their organization, amounting to \$134,769.41.

Next month the bank will distribute to the thirty people of New Bern a large sum of money that they have saved during the last year, and will immediately start another Christmas Saving for next year.

This bank enjoys a fine insurance business, both fire and life, and many other kinds. They have three men employed in this department, and they are kept very busy most all of the time.

NATIONAL BANK IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Oldest Institution Shows Gain of \$123,000.00 in Deposits in Two Months.

The oldest bank in this section is plodding along enjoying the increase of business that is prevalent among all of the banks in this city.

The National Bank has shown an increase in deposits since its last statement of \$123,000.00 and \$255,000.00 since the first of the year.

The gentlemen who control the destinies of this institution are well versed in the business of banking, and are making a splendid showing with it.

They will on next Monday move into their bank building, and they will have as fine a "shop" for the transaction of commercial and savings banking as most any in the country.

SMITH MAY LOCATE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. Max Smith, local light weight wrestling champion, left last night for Sumpter, S. C., where he will spend several days ascertaining the possibilities there for the wrestling game, relative to locating in that city. If he is not favorably impressed with the outlook in Sumpter he will go to Florence and look over the situation there, and will return to New Bern at the end of the week.

SPECTACULAR PARADE BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Three Bands and Drum Corps To Furnish Music for Shriners.

TO TRAVERSE THE PRINCIPAL STREETS

The Shriners' parade, which takes place this afternoon at three-thirty o'clock is going to be some spectacular affair. There will probably be six or seven hundred Nobles in the line of march, all keeping step with the "music" furnished by the drum corps and three bands. Practically every Noble will be attired in full dress suits and they will present quite an attractive scene. All New Bern will be on hand to witness the parade. All Nobles are requested to wear full dress suits if possible.

The line of march will be as follows:

Forming on Johnson street west of Hancock it will proceed to Middle, then down Middle to South Front, down South Front to Craven, up Craven to Pollock, up Pollock to George, up George to Broad, down Broad to Middle, up Middle to Johnson, up Johnson to Hancock where they will disband.

ALL UNION LABOR TO STAND BY THE BROTHERHOODS

Millions of Workers on Scale Against the Railroads Millions of Dollars.

TUMULTUOUS DAY IN LABOR CONVENTION

BALTIMORE, MD., Nov. 21.—Organized labor threw its millions of workers into the scale against the railroads' millions of dollars here today in one of the most tumultuous days in labor's history.

"Accepting the challenge," as President Gompers termed it, the American Federation of Labor pledged "the undivided and unqualified support of every man and woman in the Federation whatever might arise, whatever might betide," to the four great railroad brotherhoods in the approaching crisis over the Adamson law.

Thus was practically the entire force of organized labor pledged support the brotherhood chiefs in whatever action they may take—strike or no strike.

DEUTSCHLAND IS AGAIN ON HER WAY TO BREMEN

Left New London at 2:30 Yesterday Afternoon and Was Far at Sea at Nightfall.

BIG DEMONSTRATION MARKED DEPARTURE

NEW LONDON, CONN., Nov. 21.—The German sub-sea freighter Deutschland started on her return voyage across the Atlantic at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. By night fall she was well outside the three-mile limit and speeding on her 4,000 miles trip.

An hour after leaving her pier the submarine passed through the treacherous waters of "The Race," where five days ago she collided with the escorting tug. Today every possible precaution was taken to prevent a recurrence of that disaster, which resulted in the loss of five lives.

On her ill-started departure five days ago the Deutschland slid out of her pier in the dead of night with the tug T. A. Scott, Jr., going ahead to guide her. She was followed out to sea today by the T. A. Scott Company's tug Alert, press boats and a cutter from the United States cruiser Columbia. Her departure was the signal for the most remarkable demonstration that has ever ruffled a calm of this quiet Connecticut seaport. Thousands lined the banks of the Thames river to witness the departure.

Chief of Police Rice, of Belhaven, is spending a few days in New Bern visiting friends.

PEOPLES BANK MAKES SPLENDID STATEMENT

Resources of This Progressive Institution Reach Sum of \$995,915.79.

In another column will be found the condensed statement of the Peoples Bank, of New Bern, N. C., which is a credit to the officers of the institution.

The resources of this progressive bank have vaulted to the grand sum of \$995,915.79, or just a trifle less than \$1,000,000.00 and Mr. T. A. Uzell, the clever and obliging cashier of this bank, tells us that many times during the last sixty days the business has exceeded the million mark.

This bank has had a most phenomenal growth and we must hand it to the spirits back of it, that they surely have made good.

Their deposits amount to the magnificent amount of \$845,748.29, which is the greatest total ever achieved by the local banks.

TOAST TO THE SHRINE.

(By Mrs. W. H. Newell, Jr.)

Here's to the Shrine, the Mystic Shrine,
We welcome on every hand,
Be it Oasis, Khedive, or Charleston Omar,
And even our Baby Sudan.
They are in for the fun,
Fresh meat's on the run,
Never such fun in this land!

Now Bern Bern's Shrine, is "baby" Sudan,
But it is growing every minute;
Get on a camel and come along;
Not a Shriner?—Well, you're not in it,
Lend a helping hand,
Go join if you can,
You will find out all there is in it.

But seriously now,—the Masons are here,
See our town is in gala attire?
There are deserts you know, but fun never fear,
When humanity serving is their greatest desire.

Now under this mirth,
Good deeds find birth,
Be a full-fledged Mason, the kind to admire!

Demand Law To Punish Speculators

COMMERCE BODY PLANNING "BIG DRIVE" SOON

Each of Four Divisions to Adopt Some Particular Project for Community Betterment.

BODY DETERMINED TO GET THE RESULTS

The New Bern Chamber of Commerce is planning a "big drive" at a very early date. It will be in the form of concerted action all along the line of organization.

The directors will meet first and then those directors in charge of the four departments of the organization will call together the heads of the divisions under their departments. The matters coming under the jurisdiction of each division will be outlined, thus insuring a thorough understanding of the division of the work.

Then each division head will call together those whom he has selected to serve on his division. Each division will adopt some particular project for the good of the community. The full force of the division will be placed behind this project until it is accomplished, after which another project will be selected and the plan repeated.

In this manner systematic work will be in progress by each division continuously. Success is certain to come by this method for men can accomplish anything in reason when they determine to do so.

New Bern is a city of many advantages and resources, but like all growing communities it has its needs. There is always room for improvement and progress. These things are only accomplished through the force of united effort, unity of purpose and concerted action.

The modern Chamber of Commerce is the machinery through which men by exchange of ideas, discussion of needs, adoption of plans and unity of action, secure those things which are necessary for the common good.

New Bern has the organization and its members are determined to get results. Those who are informed of the plans for the future of the organization have every reason to feel certain of the success of the many projects in mind for the betterment of this community, for its development along commercial, civic, industrial and agricultural lines.

Today New Bern celebrates an epoch in its history by the installation of a Shrine Temple. Our men of affairs look upon this event as the forerunner of many other notable achievements. Our city is determined to set a rapid pace for advancement in the "Old North State." We invite the attention of the world and extend an invitation to all progressive men to come among us and have a share

President Wilson in Message to Congress Will Charge that the Middlemen are Responsible For Inflation of Prices Of Foodstuffs.

NEW MEXICAN CRISIS IS DISCUSSED WITH CABINET MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—Drastic recommendations will be made by President Wilson in his annual message to Congress for a law under which individuals guilty of improper speculation in food-stuffs may be punished. He will charge that the middlemen are responsible for the situation that practically confronts every household in the country.

This section of the message along with the renewed demand has been completed and it is understood to meet the approval of the cabinet members with whom President Wilson has discussed the food situation.

The session of the cabinet meeting held today was devoted almost exclusively to the Mexican situation. President Wilson communicated to the body as a whole the details of the report made by Secretary Lane, chairman of the American delegates at the conference, on Saturday night in which Secretary Baker and Secretary Lansing participated.

The conclusions said to have been announced by President Wilson and endorsed by his official family was that First Chief Carranza must give the guarantees demanded in the last proposal from this government or the American delegates would withdraw. These guarantees concern definite promises for the restoration of order in northern Mexico and the withdrawal of confiscatory taxation of Americans, as well as border patrol. The impression prevails among the members of the cabinet that the President expects the Mexican-American conference at Atlantic City to disband with negative results before the end of the week. The future policy towards Mexico tonight was said to be an attitude of hands off. Carranza will be left to paddle his own canoe without hope of having either the moral or financial support of the United States.

Secretary of War Baker said that there would be no order for the redistribution or withdrawal of General Pershing's forces until it was definitely known what the outcome of the Atlantic City conference would be.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

The Wednesday evening meeting, is held at 7:30 o'clock at which time testimonials as to the healing power of Christian Science are given.

The public is cordially invited in the development of the great Empire of Eastern North Carolina.

Affidavits On Marina Sinking Received

Fifty-Two Americans Were On British Ship, Six of Whom Perished—Secretary Lansing Refuses to Discuss Affidavits Made by Americans.

THE COMMUNICATION FROM BERLIN NOT YET RECEIVED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—Secretary of State Lansing announced today that he had received the affidavits of the Americans who were on the British steamship Marina when she was sunk off the Irish coast on October 28. The affidavits came by

mail. Fifty-two members of the crew were Americans, six of whom perished.

Mr. Lansing declined to discuss the affidavits. It was stated at the Department however, that no decision had been reached as to whether the affidavits justify a note to Germany.

When the sinking of the Marina was first reported, it was stated that none on board had seen a submarine although one or more persons claimed to have seen the wake of a torpedo. Naval experts here pointed out that it was improbable the wake of a torpedo could be seen, as the sea was rough.

Mr. Lansing said the Department had not received the reported German communication delivered to American Charge Drew in Berlin. The memorandum was said to have contained assurances that Germany had not violated the rules of international law in her conduct of submarine warfare and further to have admitted attacking the British steamship Rowanmore and three other merchantmen lost in September.

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