

SPECIAL REVERENCE IN ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER OF COUNTRY

Facing International Crisis Observance Has Particular Significance.

MORE THAN EVER 'FATHER'

Day Will Be Marked by Display of Flags and Patriotic Songs, and Speeches Will Be Everywhere.

Face to face with an international crisis, the American people are preparing to observe the birthday anniversary of George Washington, first president of the United States, with even greater reverence than in years gone by.

More Than Ever 'Father.' His writings, his public addresses, his career, all contain observations, reflections and counsel that have a direct application on events of the day.

Portland is no exception, her celebration of Washington's birthday began today in fact, with exercises in the schools. February 22 (Thursday) will be marked with a city-wide observance, with schools, courts and banks closed, flags flying and numerous patriotic meetings.

Public Celebration. A public celebration will be held at Lincoln high school Thursday night under the direction of the Knights of Columbus. Judge Frank J. Murasky of the San Francisco superior court, a noted California orator, will be the speaker.

Committees in Charge. Committees in charge are: Washington lodge, No. 48, R. F. Hurlburt, president; J. J. Richmond, secretary; John Meek and P. M. Patterson; Washington council, No. 3, B. E. Davis, H. A. McRae and H. M. Greene; Martha Washington chapter, No. 14, Order of Eastern Stars, Mrs. Pauline Rich, president; William Young and Saylor Smith; Washington chapter, No. 18, H. H. Young, C. H. Heller, J. E. Martin and Roy Quackenbush; Washington commander, No. 18, R. D. Robinson, H. H. Schop and C. W. Frank.

East Side to the Fore. The East Side Business Men's club is to hold a Washington's birthday party in its new quarters in the Citizens' Bank building, 114 Grand avenue. There will be a musical program and an entertainment. Colonial or rural costumes are to be worn by the club's young people.

Musical and Literary evening is planned by the Salvation Army to begin at 8 o'clock, at 243 Ash street. Mrs. E. D. Morgan Fowler will sing "In May Time," and other program numbers will be sung by W. W. Carkeek; violin solo, John Salek; instrumental duet, Nelson brothers, and piano selection, Miss Louise Stringer.

Musical Club's Unique Plan. A unique celebration is planned by the Monday Musical club in form of a progressive musical sing. Musical programs are to be given six leading theatres of the city, to be followed by a meeting at the Hotel Portland.

Observance of Washington's birthday the general offices, shops and warehouses of the Oregon-Washington Railroad Navigation company will be closed Thursday giving the officials and employees a full holiday. The general offices and freight houses of the Southern Pacific, and the general offices of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will also be closed.

Fence and Patriotism. Owing to the fact that Washington's birthday falls on the regular meeting day of the Progressive Business Men's club, the club will meet Friday noon to hear an address by Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Stanford university, on "Peace and Patriotism." Dr. Jordan is to address the Multnomah Anglers' club Friday evening on the fish of the Pacific coast.

George Washington was the theme of addresses made by a number of well known Portlanders in the schools of the city today.

Post Card Ballots On the War Issue. San Francisco, Feb. 21.—(P. N. S.)—Voters of San Francisco and vicinity, as well as other sections of the coun-

try, today received postal card ballots in an unofficial referendum on the war issue of the German crisis. Opinions on the utility of an official referendum are also being obtained through the same cards.

The vote is being directed from Washington by the American Union Against Militarism. Double post cards are being sent out from the national capital with the ballot half ready, to be directed and mailed to the congressman of the district in which the voter lives.

The explanatory post card is headed, "Peace or War? Let the People Say Which It Shall Be." It declares that the people must share the burden of President Wilson.

Two Divorce Suits Are Filed by Women. A suit for divorce has been filed in the circuit court by Mrs. Irma Ansley, who seeks a judicial separation from James W. Ansley, of the Ansley Printing company, alleging cruel treatment and habitual intoxication. She asks for alimony of \$35 a month and a third interest in property valued at \$12,000.

Findings for Defendant. A jury in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court has brought in a verdict for the defendant in the case of Ida M. Kaderly against William G. Loyd and wife. The suit was to recover \$20,000 damages for personal injuries sustained in being run over by an automobile driven by Mrs. Loyd.

Divorce Is Granted Wife. After a trial lasting two days Princess Weinstein has been awarded a divorce from Ben D. Weinstein by Circuit Judge Tucker. In addition to a decree of divorce the plaintiff was given alimony of \$1250, diamond rings valued at \$735, attorneys' fees of \$375 plus \$35 a month for the support of her 4-year-old son. It was ordered that the father should have the privilege of visiting the son at reasonable times.

Emerson Co. Wins Case. A jury in Circuit Judge Gates' court brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant in the case of Alexander Bain versus the Emerson Hardware company. Bain, who was injured while in the employ of the defendant, brought suit to recover \$10,000 damages.

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