

SLOAT ADMITS LURING GIRLS

PILGRIMAGE OF SHRINERS ENDS FETE IS BEGUN

Streets of San Francisco Become Fantasy of Color as Nobles Arrive from All North America.

FORMAL PARADES ARE ON SCHEDULE TODAY

Hospital for Crippled Children Dedicated by Imperial Potentate

SALEM, June 12.—The great kalesidoscope of fantastic Oriental customs and decorations that to the human eye represents the annual imperial council of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, began slowly to revolve today.

Gaily garbed bands and patrols swung jauntily through the streets on the home stretch of their pilgrimage to the meeting place of the annual celebration.

Parades Begin Today
Bright splashes of color—reds, greens, yellows, blues and purples—dove the somber gray and brown habiliments of work-a-day humans into the background as from all quarters of English-speaking North America the temples of this Masonic organization poured their delegation into San Francisco.

Tomorrow the formal parades, the elaborate receptions to the imperial divan and the business sessions of the imperial council will begin, but today was given over to welcome, to finding quarters for the many thousands of nobles and their ladies and to hand concerts and impromptu bits of merry-making.

The mysticism of mysticism is inspiration. Medieval Arabs furnished the inspiration for costumes and ritual, but a western desire to relax and be merry and to make others cheerful at the same time, was the impelling motive for the rise of this order, and today this spirit found expression in both music and noise and in the laying of a cornerstone of a hospital for crippled children.

This hospital, one of six under construction by the Shrine, is located on the westward slope of sand hills that run to the Pacific ocean. Ernest Allen of Savannah, Ga., imperial potentate of the shrine, set the corner stone in place with a gold and silver trowel while Governor William D. Stephens and Mayor James Rolph Jr. of San Francisco, expressed their gratitude to the organization for its work in finding happiness for themselves through the happiness of others.

Last of Pilgrims Come
Special trains, special cars, automobile caravans and steamships all brought their quotas to the meeting city of the imperial council. All day long Market street resounded to the music of arriving bands as they marched to their headquarters and by midnight the last of the pilgrims had ended their journey over the figurative "hot sands."

Processions, concerts, receptions, teas, dinners, automobile trips, yacht races, automobile races, aviation contests, swimming matches, military drills, sight-seeing trips, plays, minstrel shows, golf, tennis, trap shooting and for the women, shopping tours, are among the ways in which the Shrine organization will live up to its generally accepted title as the playground of masonry.

THE WEATHER.

Tuesday, cloudy near coast and fair in the interior.

SPRING THOUGHTS

With thoughts of spring another thought
Is found to cross your brain,
You wonder how the heck you can,
Ride around again.
Just write the motorcycle Competition Editor, Oregon Statesman, today for full information as to how to secure a motorcycle by using your spare moments for a short time.

CHINATOWN IS RAIDED; FIVE UNDER ARREST

Quantity of Opium, Pipes and Other Materials Taken in Sunday Police Coup

Chinatown witnessed one of its occasional raids by police early Sunday morning when Chief of Police Moffitt and Patrolman White, Victor, Putnam and Branson slipped into Oriental quarters on Ferry street and "cleaned house."

Jim Gee, Son Lee, Lee Wor, Anna Toy and Lai Wing will be brought before Judge Race at 2 o'clock this afternoon and will each explain how he or she happened to be mixed up with the collection of opium smoking apparatus seized by the officers.

Yen Shee, opium, opium derivatives and pipes, opium weighing balances, lamps and other apparatus were found in the possession of the Chinese. The Orientals are at liberty under bonds of \$25 each.

PIED PIPER IS SALEM ARRIVAL

Poison Preferred to Pipe in Putting Pests off People's Premises

The Pied Piper and his partner are in town!
"Salem is overrun with rats. You have a larger rat population than any other city I have been in, size of the town considered."

This was the statement made to councilmen last night by W. F. Wilcox, of Walla Walla, Wash., who with P. F. Beck, is in this city for the purpose of killing every rat and mouse in Salem—for \$2,000.

Poison Supplants Pipe
The modern rat chasers have abandoned the pipe and have adopted poison baits.

"No pay if there is a rat or mouse to be found," says Wilcox. "We are cleaning up rodents at the state institutions and by two months work can put these expensive pests out of commission in your city."

The proposal was referred to the committee on health and police.

Has Done It For Years
Wilcox, has been in the rat-killing profession for 35 years, according to patent certificates and letters of introduction carried by him.

He bears testimonials from Oakland, Petaluma, San Francisco and other California cities showing that as a rat killer he is a go-getter.

Look Out For Puss
"I am death on cats, too," asserts Mr. Reed. "A good healthy rat can run any cat ragged and tests have proved that 100 per cent of the street cats are diseased with a lower percentage of house cats. When I am working

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Grant Junior High School Girl Winner of Prize With Essay on "Clean-up Paint-up" Campaign

Winner of the essay contest among pupils of Salem's junior high schools on the purposes of the "clean-up-paint up" campaign was Louvera Horn, of Grant school, who receives an award of \$5 value given by the Dixie bakery. Her essay is given below. Tomorrow the essay of Katherine Mulvey, winner for the grade schools, will be published. Miss Horn's essay follows:

It will bring many desirable

SHEEP-HERDER AND RANCHMAN FIGHT; 1 DIES

Tom Jones Killed at Monument, Baker County, Early Sunday in Quarrel Over Sheep Range.

SELF-DEFENSE CLAIM OF SMITH, SLAYER

Killer Gives Himself up and is Lodged in Jail Pending Investigation

BAKER, Or., June 12.—Tom Jones, age 43, formerly of Umatilla county, was found dead today, as the result of a quarrel said to have arisen over the quartering of a sheep.

George S. Smith, age 50, who is in the Grant county jail pending investigation, is quoted as saying he shot Jones in self defense.

Shooting at Monument
The shooting occurred at Monument, Grant county, about 75 miles west of Baker, late Sunday. Jones was a single man.

Smith, formerly of Weston, Umatilla county, was herding sheep for the Blakely-Clough company. The killing was the result of a quarrel over sheep range, Smith claiming self defense.

Smith Gives Up
Smith gave himself up to Deputy Newton Leslie of Monument and was brought to Canyon City this morning.

Thirty-Two Cars Parked At Camp Ground Last Night

Thirty-two cars were registered last night at the auto camp grounds, and of these 18 registered last night. T. G. Albert, who is in charge of the camp, says that 80 per cent of the cars have California license plates, although some are eastern cars returning from a winter in the south. No cars have come over the divide from the east, so far Mr. Albert says. Last night's total registration was the greatest so far this season.

Ku Klux Banned, But Arbuckle is Allowed in

CHICAGO, June 12.—A recommendation that Ku Klux Klan parades and public demonstrations be prohibited within the city limits if the participants appear masked, was made today by unanimous vote of the council judiciary committee.

The committee also refused to bar the exhibition of the motion picture films here of Roscoe Arbuckle, the comedian.

Committee Takes Case.
"Yes, I believe they would," replied Mr. Page, who said that he regretted that these two measures had not been approved at the recent election.

After some discussion the matter was referred to a special committee consisting of Aldermen Schunke, Moore, Baumgartner, Suter, Utter and City Attorney Ray Smith. The council will report on the purchase proposal at the regular meeting next Monday night.

Pioneer Eugene Woman Dies at Age of 74 Years

EUGENE, Ore., June 12.—Mrs. Sarah E. Patterson, daughter of the late Daniel Christian, one of the founders of Eugene, died at her home here today at the age of 74 years. She came across the plains with her parents when a child in 1853 and her father took up a donation land claim where a portion of the residence district of Eugene now stands.

Printers of Portland Sign 2-Year Agreement

PORTLAND, June 12.—A two-year agreement with a 5 per cent reduction in pay has been signed by the Multnomah Typographical union and the Portland Typothetae, according to announcement today by William E. Kinsey, president of the first-named organization.

OPEN SEASON ON DEER IS NOW UNIFORM

All Upland Game Birds Also Affected by New Ruling of State Commission

PORTLAND, June 12.—Open seasons for deer and all upland game birds were made uniform throughout the state by the state game commissioners in unanimous action taken today.

This is the first time that Oregon has had the seasons so regulated that the open season for a particular game bird will be the same in all parts of the state. The seasons will be as follows: Deer, August 1 to November 1. Grouse and native pheasants, August 20 to September 20. Sage hens, July 15 to July 31. Chinese pheasants and quail, Prairie chickens, October 15 to October 31, in counties where there is open season.

COUNCIL HEARS OAK PARK CASE

Special Committee to Report on Proposed Purchase Monday Night

Oaks park and its merits were given a thorough discussion at the special session of the city council last night when about two score prominent citizens attended the hearing.

All present were in favor of the proposal that the city of Salem acquire the property on Capitol street near North Mill creek although there was much difference of opinion as to the purchase price.

Harris and Page Heard

R. K. Page and R. A. Harris spoke in the interest of the proposal. The property was well worth the \$24,500 asked by its owners, speakers contended. A mortgage for \$13,000 held by a Canadian bank would be released for \$10,000 cash it was stated, the balance of the \$24,500 being represented by claims for various amounts.

If a Canadian bank advanced that much money on that property it was taking chances," said William Brown, "I favor the park purchase but at a reasonable figure."

Kay Boosts Proposal.

Thomas B. Kay spoke in favor of the purchase. The property is worth the price mentioned, he said, and pointed out that such parks are assets to any city.

"Would the people approve the council's action in purchasing this property at this figure when they have just refused to approve the council's recommendations for fire equipment and sewer building items?" was a question directed at Attorney Page by Aldermen Marcus.

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UNION LABOR IS IN DANGER LEADERS AVER

President Gompers, in Address at Opening Session Warns Against any Feeling of Fancied Security.

MAN WITH HOE TYPE DECRIED BY VETERAN

Only Request is That Employers Meet in Conference Over Disputes

CINCINNATI, June 12.—(By the Associated Press)—Facing a fight that leaders of organized labor regard as one for the very existence of unionism, the American Federation here today opened its 42nd annual convention, which was marked by the presentation of many issues to be considered during the next two weeks and a speech by President Samuel Gompers declaring "we do not feel ourselves into any fancied security."

The issues were brought before the delegates by the report of the federation's executive council.

Veteran is Applauded

"We are not in a mood," said Mr. Gompers, "to have those rights and privileges guaranteed to us by our constitution, taken from us by any subtle reasoning or assumption of power, no matter whence it emanates."

This declaration of the veteran labor leader was greeted with applause, as was also his statement that organized labor would go onward and forward more determined than ever that there shall not be imposed upon our brow, upon our backs, the type of the "man with the hoe."

Welcome Extended

The speech by Mr. Gompers came after a program of welcoming addresses by Mayor George P. Carroll, Secretary T. J. Donnelly of the Ohio Federation of Labor and others.

In his brief speech, Mr. Gompers declared that organized labor only asked employers to meet with the union leaders in conferences for the settlement of disputes, but he said that a genuine conference was impossible unless both sides stand on equal footing. The "open shop" he added, is not the result of conferences.

Disarmament Supported

Mr. Gompers concluded with a reference to the disarmament conference, asserting it made a beginning toward abolishing war and that labor throughout the world made the "greatest contribution toward that purpose."

FIRE IS SMALL BUT DANGEROUS

Small House in Rear of Lebold Grocery Totally Destroyed Yesterday

A fire which caused a loss of about \$1200 and which set fire to the roofs of several nearby residences occurred on Twelfth near State street yesterday when a small house in the rear of the Lebold Brothers grocery store was totally destroyed.

All three units of the fire equipment were called to the fire which occurred about 5 o'clock. Residents of the neighborhood said last night that Fire Chief Hutton and all of his men deserved much praise for prompt and efficient work in controlling a blaze which one time threatened the entire block.

Shortly after noon yesterday the department made a run to a milk depot at Seventeenth and Center streets. A small roof fire at this place had been extinguished by the time the apparatus arrived. This is the second report from this place, a fire several weeks ago also being caused by sparks from an inadequately screened smoke stack, according to firemen.

STATEMENT IS MADE TO ATTORNEY CARSON AND SHERIFF BOWER

Within a few hours after he had been confronted by the two little girls whom he is said to have assaulted in this city on Sunday, March 5, C. A. Sloat, Linn county school teacher, in jail at Albany, admitted that he had met the two little girls near a Salem church and had taken them to Bush's pasture where the assault occurred.

These admissions were made by Sloat yesterday to District Attorney John Carson, Sheriff Bower and Deputy Prosecutor Lyle Page.

Identification of Sloat was made yesterday when the two little girls were taken to Albany by Chief of Police Verden Moffitt who has been working on the assault case for several months.

Admissions made by Sloat were made to Sheriff Bower who had been working on the case for some time and who had secured information which led to incriminating statements by Sloat as to his connection with the case.

Sloat was arrested in Albany several days ago by Chief of Police Johnny Catlin, who wanted the school teacher for an alleged attack upon an Albany girl.

Under Bonds in Linn County
Sloat was identified by this girl and was being held to the Linn county grand jury under bonds of \$300 when his connection with the Salem incident was apparently established by Chief Moffitt, who made several trips to Albany before securing identification of Sloat.

The local girls who were attacked by Sloat are 7 and 9 years of age, respectively.

"As soon as possible I hope to confront Sloat with a little girl from the Salem Heights district who was attacked by a man of Sloat's description about eighteen months ago," said Moffitt.

Description Similar
The description given by this little girl is a ringer for Sloat, who admits that he was riding a bicycle between Salem and Albany and has no connection with the recent attack it will be used in tracing Sloat's activities.

"I am awaiting word from Tacoma authorities as to the description of a man named Sloat, who, about two years ago, was convicted of attacks on girls in a suburb near Tacoma."

District Attorney John Carson is awaiting action of the Linn county authorities as to their attitude on giving precedence to this county's claims for an early investigation of the case.

May Be Five Charges
It is probable that five charges will be filed against Sloat in event he is brought to Salem.

Sloat is said to have attended Willamette university at one time. Several years ago he taught school in the Santiam district. He is said to be abnormal mentally in a degree, but no serious charges had been established against him. One year ago he was arrested at McMinnville on a charge of molesting little girls but was acquitted.

In speaking of the case yesterday, Chief Moffitt said that two things had prompted him to confront Sloat with the Salem girls at a time when it was not thought that the Albany man was involved.

Same Methods Used
"Reports from Albany were to the effect that the suspected man had lured a little girl to a lonely place by offering her candy, and by the promise that 'his own little girl would meet them.' This was the identical manner of approach in the Salem incident."

"Secondly, the pervert's method of attacking his victim was the same. The unspeakable details of the crime tally in both the Salem and the Albany record."

Yakima Man Hunting for Father Who Disappeared
YAKIMA, Wash., June 12.—Hal V. Scheetz, this city, conductor on the Sunnyside branch of the Northern Pacific, is near Livingston, Mont., assisting in a search for his father, 81, who mysteriously disappeared early Saturday morning from a train on which he and a daughter were traveling from Chicago to visit the family of Mr. Scheetz here.

Irish Negotiations Are Proceeding Satisfactorily
LONDON, June 12.—The Irish negotiations are declared to be proceeding satisfactorily and will be continued tomorrow when Michael Collins reaches London. Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, will take up the discussion with the two Irish leaders where it left off today and he is expected to make a statement in the house of commons Thursday.

The technical advisers are in continual session at the Colonial office, dealing with details of the constitution and it is hoped that the whole business will be concluded this week.

FATTY FISHING

VICTORIA, B. C., June 12.—Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, film comedian, arrived at Courtney, Vancouver island, Saturday for an indefinite stay trout fishing, says a dispatch from Courtney to the Victoria Times.

Twelve British Soldiers Are Massacred by Turks

LONDON, June 12.—(By The Associated Press)—Twelve British soldiers have been massacred by the Turks in the neighborhood of the Dardanelles, according to a semi-official dispatch from Athens received here tonight.

The men were taken prisoners during a raid by Kemalists bands on a weak British detachment.

RENOMINATED

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Meyer Lissner and Rear Admiral William S. Benson, retired, were nominated by President Harding today for reappointment to the shipping board. Their present terms are due to expire at midnight tomorrow.

STORM DEATHS MAY REACH 80 NOW BELIEVED

Searchers Declare Many Bodies in Pelham Bay and Long Island Sound Never Will Be Found.

MORGUES ARE THROGGED BY ANXIOUS RELATIVES

Small Craft Swept from Water by Cyclone That Suddenly Comes Down

NEW YORK, June 12.—(By the Associated Press)—Morgues and undertaking establishments of the devastated area tonight held the bodies of more than three score men, women and children—victims of yesterday's brief cyclonic thunderstorm.

Marine police, who continued throughout the day their work of grappling in Pelham bay and Long Island Sound off City Island where the greatest toll was taken among Sunday canoeists and fishermen, predicted they would find at least a score more victims—enough to push the death toll past 80. Witnesses of the swift tragedy placed the number even higher.

Craft Are Overturned
At least 250 canoes, rowboats and small motorboats were bobbing about off the island, witnesses said, when the storm came screaming down on the resort at a velocity of 80 miles an hour or better. Occupants of the little craft, sensing their danger, scrambled for shelter. But scarcely had they got under way when they were engulfed in a blinding storm of rain and hail.

As quickly as it came, the storm vanished. It had lasted less than five minutes. But scarcely a dozen of the 250 small craft had survived. Horror-stricken but helpless to aid, the crowds along the beach and the casino pier saw scores of men and women clinging to wrecked and overturned craft in the choppy sound and bay.

Victims Give Up
One by one, they gave up the struggle and dropped quietly off to be carried out toward the open sea by the tide.

Some of the bodies, the police say, probably never will be recovered. The tide, turning, brought more than a score of them back today. Witnesses estimated there were between 500 and 750 persons in the ill-fated craft. Heroic work by United States life guards, members of nearby yacht clubs and sailors from the shore crowd, saved hundreds. The waters had been cleared by nightfall of the living. But the search for the dead continued through the night. Guided by the searchlight of the police boat, John P. Hyman, a score of boats cruised about, occasionally finding bodies.

Chaos Reigns on Shore
Meantime, chaos reigned on shore, where darkness descended unbroken by the usual glare of electric lights. The island power plant has been put out of commission by the storm as had the telephone and telegraph lines.

Mothers, fathers and wives of the missing besieged the police station where a temporary morgue had been set up. Others crowded the wreck-straw beach waiting for the rescue boats to come in with more bodies.

Fresh crowds hurried to the island today, when they had first news of the tragedy through the morning newspapers. Police directed them to the Bronx morgue, where the 34 bodies so far recovered had been removed.

The City Island calamity, while the greatest, was not the only havoc wrought by the storm.

Pending investigation, a charge of homicide was lodged against Paul Simon, owner of the 75-foot Ferris wheel at Clason Point park, in the Bronx, which was blown from its base and hurled its 60 occupants on the beach of Long Island sound in a tangle of street wreckage. Seven were killed and 27 injured.

More than a score of isolated drownings, electrocutions by touching fallen wires and deaths beneath falling trees were reported from various parts of the area.