

D. L. DAVIDSON TELLS ORIGIN OF SCOTTISH RITE

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Almost without exception, the origin and early history of any order, and more particularly the history of any secret organization, becomes shrouded in the mists of uncertainty as time progresses. The founders drop from the ranks, facts become contaminated by fiction, and fiction in turn is elaborated into myth, so that though the original truths contained therein are hardly discernible the history of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry is no exception.

The most authentic research into its beginnings, indicate that it originated in France, by the followers of Charles the First of England, shortly after the beheading of that ill-fated monarch. At any rate, we do know that it originated in one of the Latin countries of Europe, and as it extended beyond France into other countries peopled by the Latin race, Spain, Portugal and Italy, the order of the Scottish Free Masonry became an association for the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity, and the establishment of free governments and of the rights of conscience.

There is evidence, in the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, that the Knights Templar who survived the destruction of their order, in the martyrdom of Jacques DeMolai by Philip of France and Pope Clement V, maintained their organization under the guise of some of the degrees that are now a part of the degrees of the rite.

It has often been asked why this rite is called "Scottish." It ought to be enough to say that the rite is, in the Latin constitution of 1786, styled "Ritus Cocticus Antiquus Acceptus"; and that even the one supreme council, which recognizes as alone authentic the informal French constitution, does not obtain from them the title of the rite, for, there is no mention made of any rite in these; and the name is found only in the Latin constitutions. But a more sufficient answer is that the Masonry of the Rite of Perfection, older than the constitution of 1786, its constitution having been adopted in 1762, had in it degrees that were originally called Scottish.

Step by step men must advance towards perfection, and each of the Scottish Rite degrees is meant to be one of these steps. Each is a development of a particular duty. The Scottish Rite degrees are intended to teach more than morals. The symbols and ceremonies of Masonry have more than one meaning. They conceal rather than disclose the truth. Truth is not only symbolized by light, but as the rays of light is separable into rays of different colors, so is truth separable into kinds. It is the province of Masonry to teach all truth—not moral truth alone, but political and philosophical and even religious truth, so far as concerns the great and essential principles of each. The Sphinx was a symbol. To whom has it disclosed its inmost meaning? The Pyramids always grand, still propound to the nations their enigma, whose solution is lost.

Scottish Rite bodies have ever been in the forefront of altruistic charity. Years before the Shriner's "Temples of Sunshine" were instituted Scottish Rite organizations were maintaining hospitals for the crippled children in their jurisdictions. The rite established the first co-ordinated fraternal employment bureaus, from which has developed in many large cities an organized and coordinated Masonic relief to the poor and needy, without regard to any fraternal affiliations.

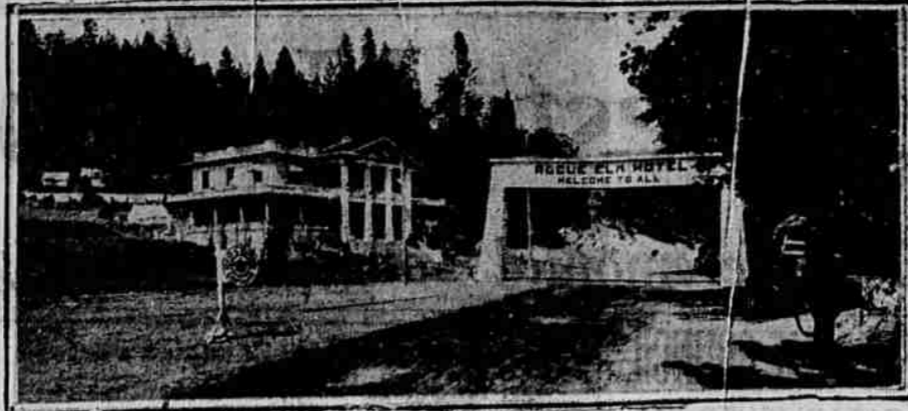
Scottish Masonry has always been among the foremost in behalf of the cause of education and the proper maintenance and betterment of the public school system. Just recently the supreme council of the thirty-third degree for the southern jurisdiction presented George Washington university with an endowment of \$1,000,000 dedicated to the cause of enlightenment and the dissemination of truth in its warfare against ignorance and credulity and mis-teaching.

Presidio, Texas, the "sleeping town of the Rio Grande," hopes for an awakening with prospective railroad developments. The population of this town, which has been under six flags in its time, has dropped from 2000 to 700.

AMERICA LEADS IN SPEEDY ADOPTION OF LATEST STYLES

NEW YORK.—(AP)—A growing item in America's "export" trade is personal advice on engineering projects and efficiency counsel for foreign industries. Large construction companies which specialize in foreign activities are receiving requests for assistance from governments and private industries in all parts of the world. Moscow's new housing program, involving the expenditure of \$100,000,000 yearly, is expected to give employment to a considerable staff of American technical advisers.

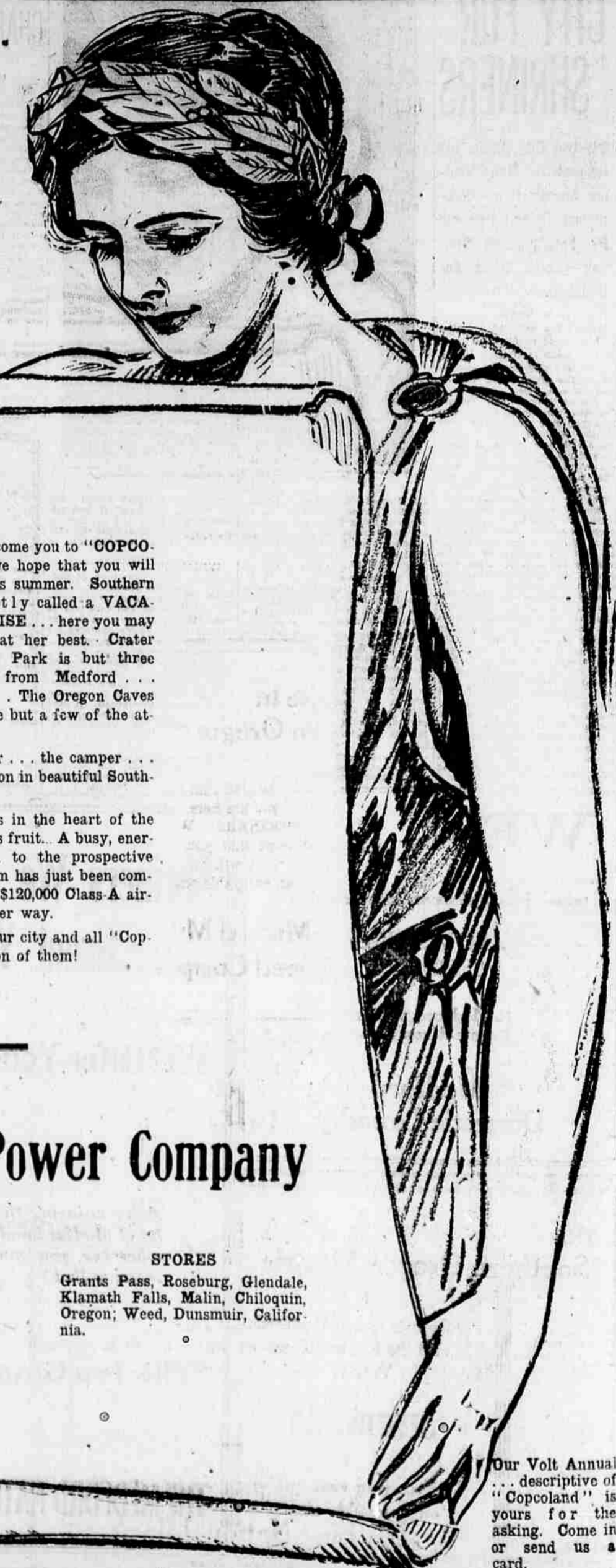
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L. OF N. WOULD USE AMERICAN MONEY TO THWART WARS

By Joseph E. Sharkey (Associated Press Correspondent)
GENEVA.—(AP) In its innermost heart the League of Nations has hopes that the United States might be persuaded to collaborate in a big movement to strangle war by giving money help to the victim of an aggressor nation. The project, like many another league scheme, is still in the academic stage. A draft treaty for such financial assistance was recommended to the March meeting of the council of the league and is to be discussed at the general assembly in September. It stands, therefore, only as a suggestion by the financial committee of the league, which thinks it a sound scheme in case the league decides it desires to put such a plan into operation. The council voted to send the draft to all nations. It would like the United States particularly to thin it over as a helpful guarantee of peace. Some members of the council link the plan with the Kellogg-Briand pact for renunciation of war. They believe that money talks in strife as well as in peace, and that a practical way of hitting a country which wantonly violates the Kellogg pact is to get at the aggressor through financial measures. Advice has reached Geneva that some American public men do not like the draft treaty because, they argue, it attempts to define the aggressor nation. The Geneva peace protocol tried to do this by dubbing as the aggressor in a dispute the government which refused arbitration. But league officials maintain that the financial draft treaty avoids this pit-fall. Article one provides that financial assistance shall be given in case of war or a threat of war if the league council so decides. Article 26 states that this decision must be made by unanimous vote of all members of the council aside from representatives of the nations involved in the quarrel. Proponents of the scheme say it would be impossible to get this unanimity if there was any doubt as to the identity of the aggressor nation. The treaty contemplates that a loan should be obtained in the money market by the victim of aggression under international guarantees. Guaranteeing states would be liable in proportion to their duties to the league, if members, and outside nations in an amount to be fixed in each case by negotiations. Austria.—A Puustl & Co. hardware store will move to remodeled building.

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