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MASONS HONOR WASHINGTON.

\$1,000,000 Temple Is Planned to Be Built at Alexandria, Va.

The movement to erect a permanent Masonic memorial to George Washington took its first definite form when J. M. Dickinson, secretary of war, and the grand masters of many Masonic lodges met at Alexandria, Va., to form a National Masonic Memorial Association. The visiting Masons joined with members of the Alexandria-Washington lodge in a dinner commemorating the birth of Washington, first master of the lodge.

The gathering was impressive. Alexandria-Washington lodge, No. 22, made Washington its worshipful master in 1788. At his request in 1791 it



WASHINGTON IN MASONIC REGALIA.

laid the corner stone of the District of Columbia, and two years later assisted in laying the corner stone of the national capitol. In 1799 it performed the Masonic ceremonies at his funeral. In its halls hang many cherished Masonic relics.

In the quaint old town, upon a street laid out by the young surveyor, near the spot where in 1754 Braddock's young colonel quartered his troops before the fateful march to the Ohio; near the historic old lodge where he was a master and in the midst of a field rich in the events of his life and memory, it will be the purpose of this association to erect a temple to George Washington, a Mason. Set apart in the structure will be a hall of fame in which space will be allotted to all the grand jurisdictions in the country to place tablets to the memories of their distinguished sons. The men who will form the association met in the same lodge room where Washington occupied the master's chair. It is the purpose of the lodge to raise \$1,000,000 to build and endow the memorial.

Mrs. Curie Finds Polonium.

It was announced before the Academy of Sciences at Berlin that Mme. Curie, who with the late Prof. Curie discovered radium, has succeeded after 140 days of research in obtaining a fourth of a milligram of the new element known as polonium. She states that it possesses a radioactivity superior to radium, but disappears rapidly, whereas radium conserves its energy indefinitely. Polonium is said to be 5,000 times rarer than radium. The tiny speck produced was the result of treating five tons of pitchblend with hydrochloric acid. It is kept in a vial of quartz and the vial is split and cracked in all directions from the rapid chemical decomposition caused by the polonium.



Book and Job printers of Baltimore, Md., recently gained an increase in wages.

The Iron Molders' International Union paid out sick benefits \$122,472 in the last fiscal year.

Italian trade and labor unions show a drop in membership from 191,000 to 175,000 during the year 1908.

The ship scalars of San Francisco were organized as a union recently, and will be affiliated with the San Francisco labor council.

The combined ages of sixteen weavers employed in the handloom shawl weaving department of a mill in Scotland, form total 1,026 years.

The Massachusetts Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' union, 1910 wage scale asks the employers for an increase of 25 cents for one thousand ordinary lath work, and 5 cents an hour increase for men working by the day.

Based on the amount of per capita tax paid into the American Federation of Labor during December, it appears that the aggregate membership of printers under the jurisdiction of the International Typographical Union is 47,417.

The San Francisco (Cal.) labor council has declared in favor of a bill introduced in Congress to grant to post-office clerks the right to criticize the department of the postal system in which they are employed and to present grievances.

Members of the National Union of Glass Workers, which embraces all employees of "hand-made" window glass factories, recently received a 15 per cent increase in wages. This is the second increase the men have been granted in the last six months.

Statistics issued by the bureau of labor show that at this time there are six million wage-earning women in the United States, and that they are not only working for less wages in the same industries, but are required to work more hours than the men.

Some of the labor leaders at Washington, D. C., are discussing the project of forming a committee to co-operate with the conventions' committees of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of including national and international organizations of workmen to hold their conventions in that city.

In Hoboken, N. J., an increase from \$27 to \$28 a week took place recently in the printers' book, job and newspaper scales, the contract to run for three years.

In order to encourage the purchase of homes by married members, the Marble Workers' Union in San Francisco has decided to give each buyer \$20 toward the price.

The members of the Western Federation of Miners, of South Dakota, are now on a strike to increase their wages, shorten their hours of labor, to strengthen their organization, and to maintain its integrity.

PHILADELPHIA UNIONS VOTE GENERAL STRIKE

Great Walkout in Sympathy with Car Forces Decided on by Labor Bodies.

FIERCE RIOTING IS RENEWED

Clergy and Priesthood Speak for Arbitration and Urge That Children Be Kept Off Streets.

Following a day of rioting and bloodshed during which two persons were killed and a score more or less injured, organized labor in Philadelphia the other night decided to call a general strike of 125,000 men, the next Saturday in sympathy with the striking street car employes.

Sympathetic action was decided upon at meetings of the Central Labor Union and the Building Trades Council, both bodies holding that the future of organized labor in the quaker City was at stake and the time had come to deal a decisive blow. The building trades unions, which met in a separate hall from the central labor body, favored having the general strike called on Tuesday, and the more conservative action of the other body was taken only after six hours of hot debate.

The general strike, which every one fears will paralyze the city, was put off until Saturday in the hope that the Rapid Transit Company can in the meantime be brought to arbitrate its differences with its employes.

From almost every pulpit in the city Sunday the cry went up for the street car company to submit to arbitration and end the struggle which is resulting in the daily loss of human life and the destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property. In every Roman Catholic Church a letter was read from Archbishop Ryan urging parents to keep their children off the streets during the trouble, as much of the rioting has been started by young boys.

For a day or so until this time there had been less rioting and the order of the director of public safety that wagons and vehicles of all kinds must stop carrying passengers had resulted in more cars being run and in their being better patronized. Citizens were beginning to breathe easier when the rioting broke out in more virulent form than on any day since the strike began.

TRAMP SAVES CHILD'S LIFE.

Rancher Traces Man Who Pailed Girl from in Front of Train.

Frank Strome a few days ago was a tramp beating his way westward on a freight train with El Paso as his destination. To-day he owns a half interest in the Valverde cattle range, said to be valued at nearly \$1,000,000, with its 30,000 head of cattle and 100 square miles of land in Jeff Davis and Pecos counties in Texas. The range is owned by Samuel W. Jennings, reputed to be worth several millions. A few days ago the 7-year-old daughter of Jennings was crossing the railroad track. A train was bearing down on her and she seemed doomed, when Strome grabbed her and pulled her from the track. Strome went on his way, but persons who witnessed the rescue reported the matter, and three days ago he was located by Jennings and taken to the ranch. A day or two later a deed was filed transferring a half interest in the property to the girl's rescuer.

Hello! Hello! Mr. Bachelor.

Ninety-two per cent of the women telephone operators of the United States are unmarried, three per cent are widows, and five per cent are married. These are some of the interesting details brought out by special investigation made by the Bureau of Labor and sent to the Senate by Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

To prevent the possibility of any more trip-pass frauds being perpetrated, the Great Northern has decided to organize a labor agency of its own. The common council of Duluth adopted the proposed franchise of the Canadian Northern road for entrance to the city. The road is required to pay street assessments the same as any other property owner.

Exploitation of the benefits of good roads to both State and farmer, methods of road building, agricultural schools as a means of increasing the State's wealth, and similar questions will occupy much of the time of the conservation and agricultural development congress which will be held in St. Paul.

The manager of the Millbrook Land and Cattle Co., of Wyoming, has laid a wager of \$10,000 with a syndicate of farmers, near Litchfield, Alberta, Can., that he can raise a heavier yield of oats upon the Laramie plains than can be raised anywhere else in the world. This farm took the gold medal at the St. Louis world's fair for oats in competition with the whole world.

Armour & Co. of Chicago closed in Minneapolis a deal which means the establishment at Hill City, Minn., of large factories for the manufacture of hard packages for their own use. This part of their business has been carried on at Ithaca and Maple, Mich., but the supply of hardwood having been about exhausted in Michigan they have been looking about for a new location where the quantity of hardwood needed for their business was satisfactory.

Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, owner of the famous cow, "Gertrude Wayne," last month received from the cow 613 pounds of milk, which yielded twenty-six pounds of butter. This butter at 45 cents per pound amounted to practically \$11, to say nothing of the drinking extra the cow provided.

Terms of settlement of the girl shirtwaistmakers' strike were agreed upon at Philadelphia by a board of arbitration chosen at a recent meeting of strike leaders and manufacturers. All the strikers are to be taken back by their former employers, but the "open shop" condition insisted upon by the manufacturers is to prevail.

SPRING IS COMING.



AD WOLGAST CHAMPION. ROBBED BANK IS CLOSED. URGES YOUNGER NAVY.

Defeat of Battling Nelson Brings Him Light-Weight Title.

Battling Nelson is not the durable Dane any more. The conqueror of Joe Gans was forced to relinquish his hold on the lightweight boxing championship in forty rounds to Ad Wolgast of Milwaukee at Point Richmond, Cal. Nelson was not counted out, but probably would have been in that session had not Referee Smith called a halt and awarded the fight and title to Wolgast. When the battle was stopped the Dane was in a pitiable condition. One of his eyes were completely closed and the other parts of his face were swollen to twice their size. Besides he was tottering around the ring too weak to hold up his hands. This was the first time that Nelson, since he sprang into the limelight in 1903 by beating Geo. Memic in Milwaukee, was beaten to a standstill at his own game of slugging. He met his master at the identical style which won him the lightweight championship of the world and also made him famous.

St. Louis Car Runs Amuck.

It brakes do not work and trolley takes incline at high speed. Its brakes out of commission, a Park avenue car dashed a quarter of a mile down a steep incline on Park avenue, St. Louis, at full speed, spreading death and destruction before it was halted by colliding with the curb. One man was killed outright, seventeen persons were injured, seven of them seriously, and two carriages were demolished, while the car was a complete wreck. John Voyce, 54 years old, was thrown beneath the wheels of the car when it struck his carriage and was crushed to death, while his companion was badly hurt.

Snow Hides Light; Train Wrecked.

Unable to see the danger signal on account of a raging snow storm, an east-bound Northern-Pacific passenger train ran into a stalled west-bound freight train one mile east of Stewartdale, N. D., fatally injuring Fireman Dahl and slightly injuring Engineer Wendall of the passenger train.

Train Smashes a Street Car.

One man was instantly killed, another was fatally injured and six persons suffered minor hurts when a north bound California and Kedzie avenue street car in Chicago was struck by an east-bound Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger train. The car was demolished.

Restores Three-Cent Rail Fare.

Following the recent decision of Judge Hook at St. Louis temporarily restraining the Oklahoma corporation commission from enforcing the 2-cent passenger rate, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company has begun charging 3 cents a mile in Oklahoma.

Boy Punished; Found Dead.

For some fault 10-year-old Gerald Guinness of Providence, R. I., was locked in a room by his mother, Mrs. W. H. Guinness, and when she went to liberate him she found him dead. The lad had accidentally turned on the gas and asphyxiated himself.

Two Killed in Hotel Fire.

Two men lost their lives when the Forney Hotel at Pomeroy, Texas, was destroyed by fire. Three store buildings, with stocks of dry goods, groceries, and drugs, were consumed. Total loss, \$50,000.

Famous Church Abandoned.

After simple exercises the famous Harvard Street Baptist Church of Boston closed its doors as a religious abode. The shifting of the population is the chief cause of the dissolution of the church organization.

Kills Alabama Franchise Tax.

By declaring the franchise tax law of Alabama unconstitutional, the Supreme Court of the United States knocked out another one of the anti-corporation acts of the radical Corner Legislature, and loses to the State \$136,945.

Fingers Worth \$1,000 Each.

A jury in the Supreme Court in White Plains, N. Y., awarded \$4,000 to Peter Mahdy, of Ossining, for the loss of four fingers, cut off in a planer at the factory where he was employed.

Former Harvard President Stockholder in Looted Institution.

Following the discovery that the National City Bank of Cambridge, Mass., had been looted of \$144,000, the doors of the institution were closed, probably forever, by National Bank Examiner Ellis S. Peiper, acting in behalf of the Comptroller of the Currency. Six hours after this action had been taken an embezzlement warrant was issued for the arrest of George W. Coleman, the young bookkeeper of the bank, who was last heard from in Kansas City a few days ago. The institution is insolvent, the capital stock of \$100,000 and the surplus having been wiped out by the defalcation. John L. Bates was appointed receiver. Among the stockholders is Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard. Under the national banking laws the stockholders are liable to assessment if the assets are not sufficient to pay the creditors in full.

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"CLEVEREST CROOK" A YOUTH.

Victimizes Harry S. New, Widows of President and Senator.

A smooth young man, representing himself in Indianapolis as related to various prominent personages, has victimized Mrs. Harrison, widow of the former President; Mrs. McDonald, widow of the late Senator Joseph E. McDonald, and Harry S. New, former chairman of the Republican National Committee. When he approached Mrs. Harrison for a loan the youth said he had become penniless on his way from Hot Springs, Ark., to his home in Buffalo, with a sick sister. He talked familiarly of Mr. Harrison's cabinet members. To Mr. New he represented himself as a relative of Senator Galigner of New Hampshire and he was so familiar with New Hampshire politics that New was not suspicious. When he mentioned his sick sister and asked for a loan New promptly gave up the money. The youth is called by New "the cleverest crook in the business."

U. S. LEADS WORLD IN TOBACCO.

Value of Exports from American Ports Since 1890 \$245,000,000.

The United States leads the world as an exporter of tobacco and is the second market of the world for imported tobacco, according to statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Last year the United States supplied \$41,000,000 in total of approximately \$150,000,000 worth of tobacco and tobacco manufactures which entered international markets. More than one billion dollars' worth of tobacco and its manufactures has passed through ports of the United States since 1890, the value of the exports in that period having aggregated \$546,000,000 and the imports into the United States \$280,000,000.

Death for Wife Slayer.

Antonio Mangano, husband of the woman who, with her two little children, was found murdered in her home in Cleveland Dec. 4, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Without a reversal by higher courts, the verdict means that Mangano must die.

Gas Fires Save Freezing Herds.

Many herds of cattle in the Osage country of Oklahoma were saved from freezing in the recent blizzard by their owners tapping natural gas pipe lines and igniting the escaping gas.

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