

FIFTY THOUSAND KNIGHTS PARADE

Brilliant Climax of Templars' Conclave in Chicago.

TRIENNIAL A BIG SUCCESS.

Acting Grand Master Melish in Command and Noted Masons From Different Parts of the World Present.

Chicago.—Fifty thousand Knights Templar, garbed in the handsome uniform of the order, wearing its glittering jewels and carrying drawn swords, marched through elaborately decorated streets of Chicago Tuesday, Aug. 9, passing beneath great arches and before a reviewing stand four blocks long, crowded with the leading officials of the order and the wives and families of the sir knights. Forty-two brass bands made music for the marchers, and all along the route they were cheered by the thousands of people who had assembled to witness the spectacle.

This magnificent parade was the climax in a spectacular way, of the thirty-first triennial conclave of Knights Templar, which opened here on Sunday, Aug. 7. In accordance with the time honored custom of the grand encampment, the doings of the week began with divine service.

The sir knights selected Orchestra hall for this purpose and entirely filled the body of that hall to listen to a

length, and this needed no decorations, for it was filled to its capacity mainly with ladies whose beautiful summer costumes made it like a vast garden. About 50,000 persons were in this immense throng on which sat the acting grand master, William Bromwell Melish of Cincinnati, who became head of the order on the recent death of Grand Master Henry W. Rugg of Providence, R. I. Mr. Melish will be regularly elected grand master before the close of the conclave.

Just north of the Art Institute the parade passed before another reviewing stand in which were Mayor Busse, the city council and the park commissioners.

Beautiful "Templar Way." At Washington street the marchers turned west to State, where they entered on the "Templar Way." This stretch extended from Randolph to Van Buren street and was made beautiful by a handsome arch and massive Corinthian columns of pure white erected thirty-three feet apart on both sides of the street. Festoons of natural laurel connected the columns, and the bright red cross and the shield and coat of arms of the order were prominent in the scheme of decoration.

Moving south to Jackson boulevard, the knights again turned west, and near the federal building passed before yet another reviewing stand which accommodated Governor Deneen and his staff. Marching north on La Salle street, the parade passed beneath the grand commandery arch of pure white which spanned the street at the La Salle hotel, the headquarters of the grand commandery of Illinois. This was a beautiful structure designed by one of Chicago's most famous sculptors. Upon its top stood the figures of mounted knights fourteen feet high. At the new city hall on Washington street the parade was

City Items in Terse Form

Metropolitan News of Interest to All Readers

Faithful Dog Avenges a Policeman



NEW YORK.—Patrolman Lawrence Cummins of the East One Hundred and Fourth street police station, on whose post the car barn gang has its headquarters, was beaten savagely by members of that band and was in the hospital for several weeks.

The first request Cummins made to Capt. Corcoran when he reported again for duty was to be assigned to his old post. He said he wanted to show the toughs that he was not afraid of them and that they could not drive a policeman from his place of duty. Capt. Corcoran took the same view and sent Cummins back.

From the moment he resumed his work the gang annoyed Cummins, but it was not until the other night that the roughs got a chance to "do him up" again. He found about a dozen of them on the street insulting women who passed.

"Move on," commanded Cummins. But a truck driver, 19 years old, hurled insults at the policeman. Cummins arrested him. The rest of the gang disappeared. Cummins started for the police station with his prisoner, but as they went along there was a

fall from a roof. The prisoner broke from Cummins and ran into a house. The gang had gone to a roof, torn away the chimney and waited for the policeman and his prisoner. When the signal was given and the prisoner had fled from the firing zone, his friends hurled the chimney bricks down at Cummins. After three had struck him on the head he fell unconscious. Men who saw the attack ran to the station. Sergt. Higgins and eight bluecoats raced to the rescue of their comrade.

Twice a week a Dalmatian dog, Bessie, who belongs to truck company No. 26 on One Hundred and Fourteenth street, visits the East One Hundred and Fourth street station, and has a supper at the expense of John Ritter. That night she was there and she went with the rescue squad.

When the men entered the house from which the bricks had been hurled on Cummins the dog went with them. But while the sergeant and his men went to the roof Bessie stopped at the second floor.

Back in a dark corner of the tenement hallway she had caught sight of a man, and, instead of going further, she leaped for him. She got a good on his trousers and he could not beat her off. Five minutes afterward the policemen on their way back to the street after a fruitless search, heard a howling. They found Bessie still holding on to the man. He was the escaped prisoner.

Law Can't Suppress Babies' Howls



BROOKLYN.—Anxiously awaiting the outcome of the important case of Tucker against Coch, tried in the Flatbush court, Brooklyn, Flatbush mothers learned with great relief that they would not be forced to the expense of equipping their teething babies with Maxim silencers. Coch lost and the babies of Flatbush were triumphant.

Passing, Solomon-like, on the great issue, Magistrate Naumer ruled that even a Flatbush infant must have teeth to go through the world with. Should one be expected to worry through life with gums innocent of molars and incisors, missing the joys of sinking them into sirlon at 30 cents a pound? To be sure not. Was Mr. Coch a toothless baby? Of course he wasn't. Didn't he cry when the soothing syrup failed to soothe? He did. Well, then, why should the Tucker baby be denied that world-old privilege of infancy? Mr. Coch could adduce nothing to overthrow this argument.

So it was ruled by the learned court

that it was well within the old Roman, the English common the revised or unrevised statutes, the city ordinances, Magna Charta, or even the plain or common variety of law for any Flatbush baby to howl and yowl and rip up the palpitating silence of the Flatbush night and turn it inside out while his "toofens" are pushing themselves out as a protest against a milk diet. This applies to both boy and girl babies not only in Flatbush, but all over Brooklyn.

Sumner Tucker and Arnold Coch live in adjoining cottages, or villas, as they obtain in Flatbush, in Martense street. All was well between them until the Tucker baby arrived. They had borrowed and loaned lawn mowers, exchanged garden seeds and talked radish, lettuce and other garden crops. But with the coming of the Tucker heir a gulf opened.

Like most infants of its age, the Tucker one is busily engaged in bringing in teeth. Now, Mr. Coch has no objection to teeth. He owns a lot himself. But the day and night vocal demonstrations with which the Tucker baby accompanied their efforts to push through made Coch peevish. He suggested a motor boat muffler or something like that to Mr. Tucker and the latter was irritated. He had his neighbor summoned to court, saying he had abused him.

Mississippi Catfish Are Thirsty



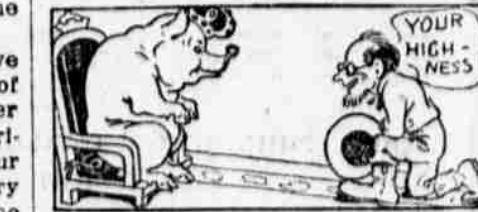
ST. LOUIS.—It is only within the memory of the oldest of river men that the rivers forming the great Mississippi system have been so low in the summer as they have this year. The old-timers say the low stages this year can be compared only with those of 1864, when the catfish had to climb out into the fields to moisten their parched throats with the dew.

North of St. Louis steamboat traffic is almost at a standstill on account of the low water in the Upper Mississippi. The Diamond Jo line has been forced to take off its through boats to St. Paul and has great difficulty in getting its local packets through to Burlington, Ia. Many excursion boats are tied up. Several of the boats have been damaged in an effort to navigate.

But while the steamboat interests are suffering the pearl button factories and the pearl hunters are reaping a harvest. Hundreds of men, women and children can be seen along the water front of every town hunting clams. The shells are sold to the button factories after being searched for yearnals. Many fine pearls have been found. One found by a Dubuque man was sold for \$400.

If it were not for the water that comes out of the Missouri, steamboat traffic would be suspended between here and Cairo. While the Missouri has not risen this year to within 15 feet of the flood stage, it has maintained a steady flow of water, enough to keep the steamboats going on the Mississippi and enough for the boats running on that stream. Still, unless there are rains soon in the north the Missouri is likely to go very low this fall, although not as low as it has been in some years. It has been many years since the Missouri has fallen below the zero stage. It is now eight feet above that stage, which is about the usual flow in the fall.

King Hog Makes Lucky Farmer Glad



KANSAS CITY.—The greatest money-maker on the farm during the past year has been the hog. The farmer with a carload of hogs was assured of an automobile, a trip to Europe, or more farm land. Never in modern history have hogs been sold at such high prices, on a strictly gold basis, of course, as during the past several months.

Early in the present year there were reports of a "hog shortage" from many hog-raising districts. And market receipts bore out the reports. From January 1, 1910, to July 1, 1910, receipts at the five leading western markets—Chicago, Kansas City, Oma-

ha, St. Louis and St. Joseph—were, in round numbers, two and one-fourth million head less than during the corresponding six months of 1909. Arrivals at the five big points in the first half of 1909 numbered 9,280,000. In the first half of 1910 receipts there at the previously mentioned markets were 2,990,000. In other words, a growing population was fed on 75 per cent of the hogs that were consumed in the first six months of 1909. The direct effect of the decrease in hog receipts, while the population was unquestionably increasing, was a sharp advance in market value of swine.

At the Kansas City stockyards the average cost of hogs for the first six months of 1909 was \$6.64 per hundredweight. In the first half of 1910 the average cost at the same market was \$9.31, showing a gain of \$2.67 per hundredweight, or about 40 per cent. At all the other markets the advance in prices was practically equal to that at Kansas City.



WILLIAM B. MELISH, ACTING GRAND MASTER.

sermon on "Templarism" delivered by Rev. Dr. George H. MacAdam of Madison, Wis., in the absence of Sir Knight George C. Raffert of Cheyenne, Wyo., very eminent grand prelate of the grand encampment. The music was in charge of the grand organist of the grand commandery of Illinois, the choir consisting of several male quartets belonging to the order in this state.

Monday was devoted mainly to the receiving of the grand and subordinate commanderies and escorting them to their hotels. It is estimated that fully 100,000 visitors came with the knights and that about 300,000 other excursionists have flocked to the city this week in consequence of the conclave. Of course every hotel was thronged and thousands of the visitors found quarters in private residences.

On Monday evening all the local and visiting commanderies kept open house at their respective headquarters, and many of the visitors found their way to the various amusement parks and the theaters.

Parade of The Knights.

The "grand parade" of Tuesday was the largest parade of Knights Templar ever held. The preparations were elaborate and Michigan boulevard was most elaborately decorated. The sir knights formed in line of march on the boulevard south of Thirty-first street, and signal to move was given by the guns of Battery B, I. N. G., the detachment for the purpose being composed of Knights Templar all of whom are members of the battery. The same detachment fired the salute to the grand master.

Marching northward in Michigan boulevard, the parade passed, near Hubbard court, beneath an entrance arch built in the form of an ancient battle with its towers and turrets. This was intended to represent the entrance to the city, and as the column passed under it, buglers stationed on its heights heralded the approach of each grand division.

Next the knights came abreast of the first grand stand, one-half mile in

dismissed, after marching forty-three blocks.

Entrancing Scenes at Night.

The scene in the streets at night was especially beautiful, for all the arches, festoons and columns of the decorative scheme were brilliantly illuminated, and on State street, in addition to the "Templar Way," the merchants had put up decorations that transformed the great shopping district into a veritable fairy land.

Undoubtedly the most spectacular feature of the night display was the wonderful electric set piece erected in Grant park on the lake front, reproducing in colossal size the official emblem or badge of the conclave. It was 150 feet high and its 5,000 powerful electric lights of varied colors brilliantly illuminated all that part of the city.

To provide added amusement for the visitors, a big aeroplane meeting was started on Monday under the auspices of the Aero Club of Illinois, and the Illinois Athletic club's Marathon swimming race in the Chicago river was set for Aug. 13, the closing day of the conclave.

Much of the success of the conclave must be attributed to the efforts of John D. Cleveland, grand commander of Illinois and president of the triennial executive committee. Arthur MacArthur of Troy, N. Y., is the very eminent grand generalissimo of the grand encampment and W. Frank Pierce of San Francisco the grand captain general.

Among the most noted of the visiting masons from other lands are: The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, pro grand master of the great priory of England and Wales; the Lord Athlumney, past great constable; Thomas Fraser, past great marshal; R. Newton Crane, past great herald; F. C. Van Duzer, past great standard bearer; H. J. Homer, acting grand master banner bearer; John Ferguson, past pro grand master of England and Wales, and the Right Hon. Luther B. Archibald, most eminent grand master of the great priory of Canada, and official staff.

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