

OMAHA TO HONOR PERSHING IN BIG DEMONSTRATION

City and Elks Will Combine in Parade and Mass Meeting to Celebrate Birthday of U. S. General.

A grand parade and a big mass meeting on the court house square will be Omaha's way of celebrating the birthday of Gen. John J. Pershing on Friday, September 13. This was decided Wednesday by a committee which was appointed at a joint meeting of the Public Affairs committee and officials of the Chamber of Commerce. The committee consists of three men: Col. J. M. Bannister, chairman; Randall K. Brown and John T. Yates.

Exercises in Evening.

The parade and meeting will be in the evening, because during war time the holding of a half-holiday even on Pershing's birthday would not be wise. The parade has not yet been fully arranged, but it will be both civic and military. Several bands will play and the home guards and the high school and Creighton university cadets will probably march. Red Cross women and other service organizations are to be in line. The big feature will be a float showing Pershing's colossal birthday cake, illuminated by 58 candles.

Ends at Court House.

The parade will end at the court house at about 8:30 o'clock and then the exercises will begin. There is to be an eminent orator who has not yet been chosen. There will also be a choir of several hundred voices to lead the singing of patriotic songs. The Omaha Elks are to have a large part both in the parade and the exercises. The big celebration is to be joined with one which this order had already partly planned.

Sneak Thieves Become Active With Cool Weather

With the advent of cooler weather Omaha is again in the throes of a carnival of crime and petty misdemeanors. The crooks and sneak thieves, who have been quiet during the hot weather, have emerged from their hiding places and are plying their nefarious vocations in all parts of the city.

AT THE THEATERS

MONDAY night's audience at the Gayety nearly missed seeing Ben Welch, the star of his own company. Mr. Welch after donning his costume and make-up, went out through the stage door into the alley theater to enjoy a short smoke. The door man's back was turned when Mr. Welch went out. When Welch had finished his cigarette he knocked on the stage door for admittance, whereupon the doorman looked out to see who was there. In the semi-darkness, he failed to recognize Mr. Welch and gruffly remarked to him: "No tailors allowed to solicit business here," slammed the door and refused to again respond to the frenzied rapping of the star. The outcome was that Mr. Welch had to walk around the block in his makeup, all of which, made his entrance a bit late.

Seats for the engagement of Madame Sarah Bernhardt, at the Orpheum for the week starting Sunday, September 8, are selling at a rate that indicates the great actress will duplicate her tremendous successes of other cities on the Orpheum circuit. For the first four days the great tragedienne will be seen in "Du Theatre au Champ d'Honneur" ("From the Theater to the Field of Honor"), by a French officer at the front. For the last three days of the week starting Thursday, Madame Bernhardt will offer "La Dame Aux Camellias" ("Camille"), by Alexander Dumas, the younger.

"Business Before Pleasure," playing at the Boyd theater this week reveals Potash and Perlmutter, the erstwhile cloak and suit partners, in an environment as "filmy" as magnates. The cast includes Jules Jordan and Charles Lipson as Potash and Perlmutter. Helen Gill plays the part of the vampire.

Heading the new bill which starts today at the Empress is a patriotic playlet from the pen of William Anthony McGuire. "The End of the Kaiser." "The La Petite Cabaret" is a mammoth comedy which shows every conceivable scene in a modern cabaret. Nick Hufford, who bills himself, "The Loose Page From the Book of Fun," and Blanch Boyd, character comedienne, complete the vaudeville program for the last half of the week.

J. K. Emmet, appearing in "Wishland," over the Orpheum circuit, expresses the opinion that a one-act play is much more difficult to present effectively than an offering of three or four acts. A finished portrayal in a vaudeville play cannot be accomplished, he says, in short of some 10 weeks of preparation, and he adds that even then the portrayal has not attained the mellowness which it eventually ripens into.

Wilson Expresses Interest In Jewish Homeland Plan

New York, Sept. 4.—On the eve of the Jewish new year, which begins at sundown Friday, a message from President Wilson expressing his "deep and sincere interest" in the progress of the development of Palestine as the Jewish homeland was made public tonight by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

Navy Station Notes

Ensign J. Kelly has returned from an inspection trip to Kansas City. Otto Nye has left for Springfield on a 15-day furlough. Dr. H. E. McThee has left for a five-day visit to his home at Kansas City. Harry Riedschreiber has returned from New York, where he has been spending his furlough. Sergeant Adams, formerly of the local marine recruiting station, is now acting as first-class sergeant of the Kansas City district. The marine corps will enlist women as stenographers when recruiting opens again.

U. S. TAKES OVER GERMAN OWNED STEAMSHIP LINE

Government Deceived for Three Years as to Real Ownership of Trans-Atlantic Company.

New York, Sept. 4.—On the ground of German ownership, the American Trans-Atlantic company, which until its ships were commandeered by the shipping board last October, operated a fleet of 11 steamships flying the Stars and Stripes, has been taken over by the alien property custodian.

Richard G. Wagner, the American-born head of the concern, for three years deceived the American government "with truly Prussian arrogance," according to Francis P. Garvan, investigator for the custodian. Mr. Garvan said Wagner deceived British and French prize courts for three years as to the real ownership of the property.

Mr. Garvan, who made public a summary of Wagner's activities, said the ships were bought with German gold and the company was organized eight months after the outbreak of hostilities with funds which Count von Bernstorff caused to be transmitted here for Wagner's benefit. Wagner, under the examination of Mr. Garvan, protested the ships were American owned, but finally confessed that the backing of this venture to keep German commerce on the high seas came from German shipping interests.

Always Under Suspicion.

Suspicion was entertained by this government from the time that Wagner sought to have his 11 ships, then flying neutral flags, transferred to American registry. At the time the ships of the company were commandeered by the shipping board as were other ships flying the American flag, the Navy department, it is known, refused to deliver to the commanders confidential instructions and other naval secrets because they were not American citizens. The American Trans-Atlantic company declined to remove the commanders and the Navy department, it is said, was obliged to place a naval officer aboard each ship from whom the alien skipper received his sailing directions. Wagner's ships were reported at various times to have been supplying German raiders with provisions and to have conveyed German gold from the United States for use in South America, but these charges Wagner denied, always protesting his Americanism.

SALTER TO PROBE RAID ON HOUSE OF BATTALION CHIEF

Police Morals Squad Arrests Three Girls at Home of Simpsons, Who Face Serious Charge.

Chief Salter of the fire department is investigating a raid made by the police morals squad at the home of George Simpson, one of the battalion chiefs of the fire department. The Simpson residence is at 609 South Seventeenth street. The raid was made by Officers Anderson, Haze, Vanous and Potach. The Simpsons were charged at the police station with keeping a common and ill-governed house. Ruth Lloyd, Ella Smith and Clara Monroe were booked for investigation. Men who were found in the place were not recorded on the police books.

All of the parties caught in the raid forfeited bonds, which furnished at time of arrest. Mrs. Simpson is alleged to have pleaded with the morals squad to not carry out the raid as she feared the consequences of exposure of her husband. She said she was renting rooms for immoral purposes because of debts. Simpson was promoted from captain to battalion chief on April 14 of this year. He has been 14 years in the fire department. City Commissioner Zimmerman directed Chief Salter to make an investigation and report his recommendations of the case.

CONGRESSMAN SLOAN HAS MISHAP ON AUTO TRIP

Washington, Sept. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman and Mrs. Sloan and their family returned today from their automobile trip to Brookline to visit their son, Blaine, who is stationed at Camp Mills and a member of a field artillery unit. They were compelled to leave their car at Wilmington on account of an accident to the top, completing the journey by rail.

Dr. W. R. McGrew of Omaha is in Washington to tender his services during the period of the war to Surgeon General Gorgas. A. J. P. Bretschy of Omaha now in the engineering branch of the service is in Washington going over matters with his immediate chief, Mr. Bretschy had intimate relations with the builders of aircraft and has been able to suggest many valuable changes in stabilizing airships.

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