

PRESBYTERIANS IN ST. LOUIS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Program Provides for Breezy Sessions During This and Following Week at General Assembly.

St. Louis, May 12.—Commissioners to the Presbyterian general assembly are gathering for the pre-assembly conference which will lead up to the sessions of the general assembly itself.

The New Era movement will present to the general assembly a comprehensive proposal for forward and uplift work. Overtures will be made by many presbyteries for radical action toward meeting the world problems of today. Woman suffrage, capital and labor, the Interchurch World movement, reconstruction work here and abroad, are among the matters to be considered. A determined effort will be made to admit women to full equality in the church so that they may become elders and ministers.

The opening sermon, at 10:30 Thursday, will be by the retiring moderator, Rev. J. Frank Smith, provided he has sufficiently recovered his health to keep the engagement. He was stricken in the case of the New Era movement's Victory fund campaign, and has since been recuperating at his home in Dallas, Tex.

Reports Come Friday.
The roll is to be called at 3 p. m. Thursday, and then the committee on arrangements will report and the moderator will be elected. Temporary clerks will be appointed and standing committees selected.

Friday, at 9 a. m., following overtures, or proposed new laws, there will be reports of boards and of the stated clerk, and reports by the executive committee, the every-member plan committee, and the committee on evangelism. Friday afternoon reports of the New Era committee and the National Service commission will be presented. Friday evening there will be a public meeting in the interest of Sabbath school work.

Saturday there will be reports by the committee of bills and overtures, the judicial committee, the American Bible society, the Presbyterian Historical society, the American Tract society, the committee on Christian life and work, and the committee on Sabbath observance. Next Sunday there will be a meeting for home missions, a mission meeting of women, a meeting for temperance, a popular meeting for education, and a popular meeting for Sabbath observance.

Next Monday the committee on bills and overtures will report, followed by reports by the committee on international friendship, the committee on church co-operation and union, committee on relief and sustenance, committee on educational work, committee on men's work, and committee on Christian and secular education.

Committees to Report.
Tuesday, May 20, committees on bills and overtures will report, followed by nominations of members of the judicial commission. Then will come reports of the committee on Christian life and work, vacancy at supply.

Wednesday, May 21, the judicial commission, the committees on the every-member plan, home missions, publication and Sunday school work, work in Europe, Assembly Herald, chaplains in United States army and navy will report.

Thursday, there will be reports by the committee on polity, the election of members to the judicial commission, and reports by the committee on place of next meeting, foreign missions, church erection and on correspondence, followed by the reception of delegates from other churches.

Friday, there will be reports by the committee on legal matters, connection with reunion, theological seminaries, mileage, finance, constitution, synodical records and on leave of absence; also a report by the stated clerk as to the reports of the boards, election of members of the board of church erection and trustees of the general assembly.

Council Will Continue.

Washington, May 12.—The inter-allied maritime council will not be dissolved when peace is signed, nor while necessity exists for retaining the present control over passenger vessels.

FLASHES from FILMLAND

PHOTO-PLAY OFFERINGS FOR TODAY.

DOLORES CASSINELLI, star of the "Unknown Love," in recognition of her work in entertaining the fighting men at Camp Upton, was appointed honorary first lieutenant of the third battalion of the 132d Depot Brigade of the U. S. army. And she has a certificate to prove it.

Hale Hamilton's next release will be "Full of Pep." The title describes it.

With Bayard Veiller, the author, personally supervising the work of Director Rollin Strugan, Priscilla Dean has started work at Universal City on the production of "The Chatterbox," her newest underworld melodrama, from the pen of the playwright who achieved fame for his "Within the Law" and "The Thirteenth Chair." Francis McDonald is playing opposite.

Marguerite Clark, Eugene O'Brien, her leading man, and other members of her company have returned to New York from Pass Christian, Miss., where the exterior scenes for "Come Out of the Kitchen" were made under the direction of John S. Robertson.

Caesar, the Universal lion, went amuck recently—and a tragedy was narrowly averted by the interposition of Harry Burns, assistant to Director William S. Campbell, who is producing animal comedies at Universal City. Caesar was in a scene with Dorothy Vernon, the comedienne—and Harry Burns' wife, by the way. Suddenly, crouching by the side of the bed which occupied

On the Screen Today.

SUN-TOM MIX in "THE COMING OF THE LAW."
BLANK in "THE CODE OF THE YUKON."
STRAND in "WALLACE REID IN 'THE ROARING ROAD'."
MURK in "THE TURN OF THE SCREW."
EMERSON in "HAMILTON IN 'AFTER HIS OWN HEART'."
LOTTIE in "NO MAN'S LAND."
HAROLD LLOYD in "THE ROAD TO THE SOUTH."
SUBURBAN in "A TASTE OF LIFE."
ROBERTS in "A TASTE OF LIFE."
MARIE WALCAMP in "THE RED GLOVE."
COMPTON in "THE LURE OF THE CIRCUS."
TOLE in "THE LURE OF THE CIRCUS."
TRAIL in "THE LURE OF THE CIRCUS."
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one end of the set—and on which Miss Vernon was supposedly sleeping—Caesar sprang. But Burns was before him cracking at the beast with a whip. As Caesar swerved toward Burns Miss Vernon rolled from the bed to the floor and "Curley" Stecker, Caesar's trainer, calmed the lion. And Miss Vernon, though shaken by the near-mishap, insisted on going on with the scene.

Stuart Holmes, who is playing opposite Norma Talmadge in her new story of Russia, is an accomplished artist and is at work on an oil painting of Miss Talmadge.

PROGRESSIVES ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT SMOOT

Situation Unchanged Regarding Penrose and Warren; Few Ready to Carry Fight to Floor of Senate.

Washington, May 12.—Republican senators continued today to discuss plans for organization of the new senate preparatory to the meeting of the party caucus Wednesday. The conference centered about the opposition of the progressive group of senators to the selection of Senators Penrose of Pennsylvania and Warren of Wyoming as chairmen of the finance and appropriation committees, respectively.

Only Few Radicals.
Leaders of both the regular and progressive groups tonight said the situation apparently was unchanged except as to number of the latter group willing to carry their opposition to Senators Penrose and Warren to the floor of the senate.

Several senators considered as belonging to the regular group asserted that but two or three progressives would carry their attack to the floor, while the progressives said they did not know how many of them "would go the limit."

Senator Borah of Idaho, leader of the forces opposing Senators Penrose and Warren, said he would "never vote for Penrose," but added that he was unable to speak for the others, who declined to say whether they would go beyond the party conference.

The progressives were said to have admitted their willingness to support Senator Smoot of Utah for the appropriations committee, but refused to favor him as president pro tem.

The Utah senator was understood among both groups as willing not to seek election as president pro tem. Senators Johnson of California and Lenroot of Wisconsin were mentioned by the progressives as acceptable to them for president pro tem, but neither has signified a willingness to seek the office.

Notice Given Lodge.
Formal notice of the attitude of the progressive group was given to Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader, by Senators Borah and Johnson, and it was understood that they were told by the party leader that their fight was solely one for consideration at Wednesday's conference.

Senator Norris of Nebraska was one of the members invited to confer over the situation.

FIVE MEMBERS OF OUTLAW BAND ARE EXECUTED

Took Part in Raid at Cananea, Mexico, in Which Officers Were Killed; Strengthened Border Patrols.

Douglas, Ariz., May 12.—Five members of the band of 22 outlaws which raided Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, Friday morning, killing five policemen and capturing 100 prisoners and loot totaling about \$30,000, in value, were reported in Cananea today to have been captured by Sonora troops under General Carlos Plank, Sunday, and to have been executed immediately. No official confirmation could be obtained, however, General Plank has been in the field with his command of 300 cavalry and is reported to be scouring the Sierra Azul district, where the bandits were believed to have sought refuge, with great thoroughness.

As a precautionary measure, two troops of the First United States cavalry, under command of Maj. Wilson Heaton, were sent to San Bernardino ranch, 16 miles east of Douglas, to strengthen the border patrol as a precautionary measure.

This was done by order of Brig. Gen. Howard R. Hickok, commanding the Arizona military district. Other border patrols to the west of here are understood to have been strengthened also.

The Sonora government is reported to be taking similar precautionary measures by sending small colonies of soldiers to the mining camps and border towns of northern Sonora with orders to co-operate with the civil officials, should it be found necessary to repel bandit attacks.

Jerry Howard Would Bring Frank Kennedy Into Court

Jerry Howard has asked County Attorney Shotwell to file criminal libel charges against Frank Kennedy, state labor commissioner, because of an article which appeared in Kennedy's publication, the Western Laborer.

Howard brought the paper to the county attorney's office and Shotwell promised to look into the grounds for the charges. The article does not mention Howard by name, but speaks of disloyalty in Douglas county, in connection with legislation. Howard was told by the party representative in the last legislature.

Local Engineers to Meet At Fontenelle Tuesday

The recently organized Omaha chapter of the American Association of Engineers will hold a meeting at the Hotel Fontenelle Tuesday evening.

Though the national organization has been established for some time, the local chapter had its inception about a month ago. Since its establishment nearly every engineer has been enrolled in the local chapter. More than 75 men are now on its membership rolls.

Edgcomb Recommended for Structural Engineer

The Nebraska Association of Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers has recommended to City Commissioner Zimmerman, R. E. Edgcomb, for the structural engineer in the city building department. Rodman M. Brown will leave the city building department next Thursday to be associated with a firm of contractors. Edgcomb returned from military service January 1 and has been employed in the city engineer's office. Zimmerman asked the local society of civil engineers to recommend a competent man for the vacancy.

Fielder Claims His Dog and Lands Behind Bars

H. C. Fielder, 702 1/2 South Twenty-fourth street, saw the dog he lost four months ago yesterday afternoon in Frank Olander's photograph studio. Fielder insisted on seeing the dog home, according to police, but Olander objected. Fielder drew a loaded revolver. He was arrested and charged with carrying concealed weapons and threatening to kill. Olander was held for complaining witness. Olander lives at 1714 Charles street.

HUNS HAVE TWO COURSES OPEN IN PEACE TREATY

Must Accept or Reject as it Stands, But No Middle Ground for Germans Say Allies.

Paris, May 12.—The German delegation has handed the council of nations the German plan for a league of nations. The plan was drawn up by Professor Schueckin, and the principal feature is an international parliament composed of ten representatives from each nation.

The first exchange between Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau and the allies was considered a preliminary skirmish to the main battle and as disclosing the allied position as, in effect: "Accept the treaty as it stands, or reject, one or the other, as there is no middle ground."

This was the prevailing view in conference circles generally after the four notes had been analyzed. The head of the German delegation also was thought to accept this construction, as reports were that he was giving his chief attention to the formulation of a complete treaty of peace which he would present as a counter project in about five days, instead of seeking to amend or modify the terms of the allied treaty.

(Since the foregoing was written, however, the two additional notes by Count Brockdorff-Rantzau were dispatched.)

This counter-treaty would be treated the same as the German plans for a league of nations, neither of which will be considered, the only question being the acceptance or rejection of the allied treaty.

The German plan for a league of nations, which the reply to Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau said had been referred to a committee, had not reached the committee on the league of nations today, but members of the committee said it was generally known to have been drawn by Professor Schueckin of the German delegation, and that it was in the form of a general thesis on the merits of a world parliament which would seek to bring about the proportionate limitation of armaments of all nations alike, on sea as well as on land, and an equality of economic conditions—bringing about a sort of economic brotherhood.

"The project," a member of the committee said, "has only academic interest, as the committee will not examine or consider it, for it has no purpose to let the Germans confuse the allied project, which has unanimous support."

Aetna-Life Insurance Co. Buys More V-Loan Bonds

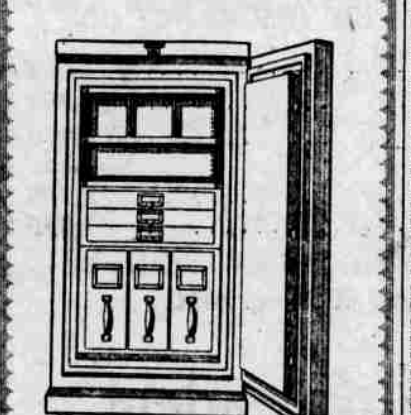
In behalf of the Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., H. E. Sorenson, general agent of the company for Nebraska, has bought \$5,000 Victory loan bonds. The Aetna company with its affiliated companies has bought this issue \$9,000,000, which makes a total of \$33,000,000 of all Liberty bonds bought by the Aetna and affiliated companies. The total number of subscribers embodied in this sum on the Aetna partial payment plan is over 150,000 and the amount subscribed by these is over \$15,000,000. M. G. Buckley, president of the company, had personal supervision of the financing of this large sum to aid the government.

Federal Officers Arrest Convicted Bootleggers

Frank Arthal, 1911 U street, and Joe Lirce, 511 South Twenty-first street, were turned over to federal authorities after being fined \$100 and costs each by Judge Foster, sitting in the South Side court, on a charge of illegal possession and transportation of intoxicating liquor Monday.

The men were taken into custody by South Side police officials when it was discovered that the two one-gallon paint cans which they were carrying contained liquor instead of paint. They were arrested as they stepped off an incoming freight car near the Union stock yards.

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AT THE THEATERS

IN the striking one-act play, "The Purple Poppy," Valeska Suratt, is the stellar attraction this week at the Orpheum. One of the authors of the play is Paul M. Potter, who dramatized "Tribby." Miss Suratt is surrounded with an excellent company. The attraction gives the star an excellent opportunity for the display of her dramatic gifts. One of the charming acts of the current bill is scored by the charming vocalists, Virginia Lewis and Mary White. George Yeomans has an unique monologue. He fools the audience into supposing that other players are to appear with him in a sketch. The big society night audience last evening was much taken with the show.

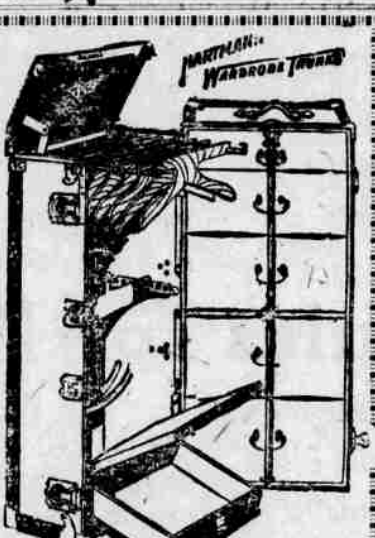
Once captured by cannibals, only to escape by a hair's-breadth, the Johnsons discovered a tribe of pigmies, watched head hunters bury their old people alive, looked with civilized eyes upon strange, primitive races for the first time. Through it all they managed to keep their motion picture camera; and the resultant film is the most amazing thing ever exhibited. "Cannibals of the South Seas" which will be shown at the Brandeis through Wednesday is rife with the spirit of adventure, the lure of azure seas and green savage isles, the undying romance of Conrad, Stevenson and London.

Mme. Catherine Breshkovsky, who is now on her second visit to this country, will lecture on the cause to which she has devoted her life—"Re-Claiming Russia." This wonderful woman has been called by admiring thousands throughout the world, "the little grandmother of the Russian revolution" and "the grand old woman of Europe" is making a special appeal on her present tour of America for the war orphans of Russia. Some of the prizes needed are school supplies, pencils, paper, maps, globes, sewing machines, knitting machines, thread, needles, pins, buttons, etc. Mme. Breshkovsky will lecture at the Brandeis next Thursday evening, May 15.

"The Musical Railroaders," a masterpiece of stage craft and ingenuity, one of the best offerings of its kind ever presented in vaudeville, headlines the bill at the Empress the first half of this week. Mr. Russell as the station master, with a love for music, manages to while away his leisure moments by inventing new ideas in instruments, and practically every appliance used in the railroad business is a musical instrument which these two clever musicians play together. A great number that proves one of the big hits of the bill is the society and whirlwind dancing, equilibristics and ugglings, introduced by Chiyu and Chiyu, a Japanese man and woman.

Sergeant Ferris Suffers Light Stroke of Paralysis

Police Sgt. Ezra Ferris, champion revolver shot of the department, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis Sunday. He left last night for Hot Springs, Ark., under orders of his physician.



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AMERICAN BANKS INTERESTED IN CHINESE LOANS

Organization of New Consortium Considered Triumphant; U. S. May Protect All Interests Secured in Good Faith.

Washington, May 12.—Organization of a new consortium for financing Chinese loans, announced today in Paris dispatches, is regarded in official circles here as a triumph for the new American principle of extension of the scope of participation in international financial arrangements.

At the State department it was said officially that under the new consortium the government practically, if not in specific terms, guarantees the investments of the banking group interested. It was announced that if the terms of the loan are just and the conditions fair and if China agrees to the terms under which the loans are made, this government would assure the bankers that the United States would protect all the interests secured in good faith.

Banks Interested.

Thirty-seven American banks, it was learned, are interested in the loans that will be made to China by the international group. This is understood to have been one of the points contended for by the State department after the United States withdrew from the former consortium. The American representation

was limited to four large New York banks, and no other American banks could secure an interest in Chinese loans. The 37 banks which are to compose the proposed American group are said to represent all the geographical sections of the United States and the same principle is said to obtain in the group of nations represented.

The American representatives at the Paris conference were Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, and Jerome D. Greene of Lee, Higginson & Co., Boston.

CLAIM DAMAGES.
The city council is hearing claims of property owners interested in the Dodge street grading project. The Board of Education claims \$37,000 damages to the high school grounds. The city engineer stated that the damages to the high school grounds would be approximately \$20,000, and another engineer estimated the amount at \$30,000. The hearing will continue several days.

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