

AK-SAR-BEN MEN BACK FROM BIG FAIR MEETING

Omaha Exposition Admitted to Membership In Two Associations—Inspect Coliseum Plans.

J. D. Weaver, secretary of Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, and Charles L. Trimble, secretary of Ak-Sar-Ben Exposition Co., attended the annual conventions of the American Association of Fairs and Expositions and the International Association of Fairs and Expositions held at Chicago December 2, 3, 4 and 5.

These organizations have a membership of 80 fairs and expositions throughout the United States and Canada. The Ak-Sar-Ben Exposition Co. was admitted to membership.

The conventions were addressed by Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, Gov. E. L. Phillips of Wisconsin, Gov. W. L. Harding of Iowa and Mayor Thompson of Chicago, and fair topics were discussed by the secretaries and managers of the state fairs throughout America.

All state fair secretaries were present at the Ak-Sar-Ben exposition joint hands with them in an effort to make for the central at an additional point for exhibition in all fair departments.

Mr. Weaver and Mr. Trimble also attended the International Live Stock show at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, which proved to be the largest and most wonderful display of live stock ever placed on exhibition. More than 300,000 persons passed through the gates during this show and in addition more than 50,000 people enjoyed the horse show held at Dexter Park each night.

The best show horse stables in America were represented and society and fashion set the seal of their approval upon the horse show by their presence.

Mr. Trimble and George B. Prinz, architect for the Ak-Sar-Ben Exposition company, secured data and plans of the cattle barn at the International Stock show, Chicago, and went to Columbus, O., to inspect the coliseum building on the grounds of the Ohio State fair with a view of duplicating these structures on the Ak-Sar-Ben field. The Columbus coliseum was created in 1917 at a cost of \$225,000, and is considered the grandest building of its kind in America. It has a seating capacity of 5,300 and is described as the last word in coliseum construction.

Six Million Deadweight Tons of Ships Built In U. S. During the Year

Washington, Dec. 13.—At the end of this year the 12-month ship construction program of the shipping board will net 6,000,000 deadweight tons, Chairman Payne said today.

Vessels under active construction on December 2, the chairman said, numbered 2,314, keels for 2,240 of which had been laid with a deadweight tonnage of 12,926,486. Of the total number of ships included in the board's entire construction program, 1,910, with a deadweight tonnage of 10,494,047, had been launched on December 2, and 1,674 actually had been delivered to the shipping board, making a total deadweight tonnage of 9,189,236 up to December 2.

"The majority of our ships are good and are performing excellent service," the chairman stated. "Class for class, they compare favorably with the ships of foreign nations."

Paris Men Welcome English Beauties Over Women's Protest

Paris, Dec. 13.—"Men have the inalienable right to feast their eyes upon the feminine beauties of all nations."

Such was the reply of the fashionable Epantant club to the protest against the display of English beauty beauties at the Marigny theater here, when French women rose in indignation and cried:

"Aren't there enough beautiful women in France?"

"What object is there in beauty unless it is destined to fascinate men?" inquires Maurice De Kobra, speaking on behalf of the club.

"From the earliest times man has never admitted that it is his duty to find his mate within his own country's borders. The boulevardiers of Paris and all France emphatically claim the right to welcome the beauties of all nations."

Police Dissatisfied Because They Don't Get Promised Pay

Failures to get the salaries promised them by Police Commissioner Ringer when they entered the department is causing great dissatisfaction among the police appointed since the riot of September 28 and several of them say they will resign unless they get the promised \$125 a month instead of \$100 which they are receiving.

J. M. Kirk, one of the new men who has been on the force as a motorcycle officer, handed his resignation to Chief Eberstein yesterday. He said he couldn't live on the salary.

He has taken a position in the delivery department of a department store.

Chicago Bank Employees To Get 10 Million In Bonuses

Chicago, Dec. 13.—More than \$10,000,000 in Christmas bonuses will be distributed to employees of Chicago banks and stores during the coming week.

The distribution ranges from 5 per cent of yearly salary on the smaller stores to as high as 15 and 20 per cent in others.

Two of the world's largest mail order houses, which last year gave bonuses ranging from 5 to 15 per cent of yearly salaries, announce that they are preparing a special surprise for employees this Christmas.

Christmas Shoppers Have Money and They're Spending Freely in Omaha This Year

Strikes, H. C. of L. and Unrest Don't Seem to Bother the Land of Santa Claus—Happy Crowds Swarm Stores, Buying Everything from Toys to Diamonds—Plenty of Gifts at All Prices.

Oh, merry, merry, merry Christmas! To hear some people talk, you'd think there wasn't going to be any Christmas this year—high cost of living, strikes, unrest and such getting so much free advertising right now.

But, bless you, have you been in the stores? Good gracious Agnes! Did you ever see such crowds? It's all you can do to struggle in through the doors and when you're inside it seems more like a convention than like a store. People everywhere from the bargain basement to the towering top. Not scattered individuals, but big, lively, hilarious, happy crowds, crowds with the real Christmas spirit, 'n'everything.

Record-breaking Christmas. Oh, they're buying this year as they never bought before, say the store magnates. The money is just flowing out for Christmas gifts.

Prices? Sure, they're high. What do you expect just after the big war? But folks have plenty of money to meet the high prices and they're not slow about spending their money.

They're buying everything—pictures, electric luxuries, phonographs, gloves, Japanese art pieces, novelty gifts, telephone screens, floor lamps, table lamps, tables, pianos, furs, cut glass, toilet articles, coats, dress goods, ribbons, bath robes, rugs, mittens, automobiles, automobile accessories, and about 19,000 other things.

Gifts For Fair Sex. The old-fashioned man who bought his wife a sack of flour or a rocking chair for Christmas is evidently not among the Christmas shoppers. The merchants say there has never before been such an outpouring of money by men for gifts for the fair sex.

Jewels of great price, running up into the hundreds, and in some instances, into thousands of dollars have been bought and put away, my fair lady, to surprise you and bring a glad smile to your lips and make you happy and even more adorable in the eyes of your lord and master (laughter) than you were before.

And furs! Have you chanced, accidentally to mention (of course you wouldn't hint for the world) have you just happened to mention the perfectly wonderful furs at that store. You suppose you can never have them but, oh, what wouldn't you give to have them.

Don't you know,—but, of course, you do,—that Archibald, poor, weak man that he is, will gladly mortgage his soul to buy those furs for you. And that's what he is doing—not mortgaging his soul, necessarily, but buying them for you; poor, happy, boob! (Personally, we are a bachelor. Furthermore, your remarks about us fall on deaf ears. We cannot hear them.)

Beautiful Mesh Bags. And gold mesh bags. My, land, how the adoring Benedicts and almost-Benedicts are buying them, say the store keepers! And plain silver mesh bags! And plain silk stockings! Plain, did we say? My word! \$7 a pair! But, still the fair creatures are worth 'em, so the men seem to "figger."

And any number of other gifts for the fair sex are being bought this year in Omaha emporiums as never before.

And the ladies are buying too, for the gents.

Yes, you really must give him something, Madge, mustn't you? It wouldn't look right when he presents you with the gold mesh bag or the furs worth an American's ransom in Mexico. You must give him something.

And so the bedroom slippers, bath robes, cuff links, shirts, socks and slippers and cigar cases and cigar

holders and ash trays are having a very brisk sale in the stores.

Abroad for Toyland! And the various "Toylands" What scenes of bustle and joy they are this year! Can it be imagination, that they have never been so lively before with the excited little ones basking in the contagious joy that comes from seeing the youngsters happy.

It is not imagination. So say the magnates of these emporiums as they come out of their counting houses with broad smiles, rubbing their hands in the coal-conserving atmosphere. The people have money and they're providing their children with the things the childish heart wants.

Here is a toy automobile, operated by the owner's feet on treads and with a "spare wheel" strapped on behind. And the price is just \$65. Here's a very nice doll buggy at \$18!

But don't get the idea that everything in this Santa land is prohibitively high. No, no, no. We just quoted those to give you a little thrill. There are thousands of toys moderately priced and not a great deal higher than they were in the old days.

Here are skates and big wagons and little wagons and sleds both flexible and otherwise.

Rocking horses and rocking geese and rocking rabbits. Velocipedes both rubber tired and steel tired. Doll chairs, doll beds, doll bureaus, doll rolling pins, doll clothes lines, doll wash tubs and wash boards.

Trains of tin and wood and iron, trains that run on rails by electricity and steam and go through tunnels, and turn switches. Fire engines, trucks, delivery wagons. Taxicabs for dolls, ambulances, lawn mowers, machines guns, tanks, soldier outfits, windmills, steam engines, derricks, buzz saws, 10-pin outfits, teddy bears, menageries, outfit boards, croknoles, boards, moving picture outfits, chemistry outfits and the great tribe of structural toys whereby everything can be built from bridges to automobiles.

And in the line of "eats" for Christmas there is no end to the rare dainties which have been devised for the appetites of the merry holiday that is coming.

Christmas trees are setting briskly though, it is said, not so briskly as in former years. The Christmas tree is in favor as it was once upon a time.

But remember this, that the Christmas of 1919 is breaking all records for the amount of gifts bought and the splendor and daintiness of the gifts.

It looks like a fine Christmas in this part of the country.

CALAMITIES NOT DUE TOMORROW, AS PREDICTED

Planet Expert Refutes Claim Of Popular Scientist That Disturbances Will Occur December 17.

New York, Dec. 13.—According to Harlan T. Stetson of the Harvard astronomical laboratory the world need fear no calamitous effects from a peculiar configuration of the planets that will take place on December 17.

A widely published statement by a popular meteorological scientist recently predicted that there would

be many dire and portentous results from certain electrical disturbances to be produced through planetary attractions for the sun on that day.

Such things as floods, electrical storms, riots and other disturbances of far-reaching effect were to be the lot of the world on the fateful day, said the scientist who gained access to the press and thereby aroused the fears and forebodings of the timid throughout the land. To all of these predictions Dr. Stetson says there is no foundation, declaring that they are based upon nothing more substantial than "hot air."

What disturbs the astrologers is the fact that on December 17 all the planets, with the exception of the earth, will lie in an approximate line with the sun, and all of them except Uranus will be on the same side of the sun. Uranus will be nearly opposite.

In other words, as the planets revolve around the sun at different rates of speed, it will happen that on December 17 a line drawn from the sun through Mercury, the nearest planet to it, will pass very close to Venus, Mars,

Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune also. They will be strung along in approximately the same plane and approximately the same line, like so many points of one spoke of a wheel.

Meanwhile, Uranus will be on the same line, but on the other side of the sun, like the point on the spoke directly opposite. The astrologers have an idea that the attraction of the planets for the sun, coming all from a single direction, will raise tides in the molten sun and produce electrical disturbances, which, in turn, will affect the earth in any appreciable way.

"As to the electrical disturbances, there is no reason to expect any of these, either," George Ellery Hale director of the Mount Wilson observatory, an eminent American investigator of the subject, has not as yet found any relation between planetary motions and sun spots, which are mainly electrical. Therefore, we may very safely say that the situation on December 17 will be no exception to this rule.

There is absolutely no scientific foundation for predicting any of the other phenomena such as riots, which have been described as pos-

farther side. In other words, D2-d2 amounts to a good deal in this case. No Scientific Foundation.

"But," continues Dr. Stetson, "the planets which are supposed to affect the sun, are at such an immense distance from it, that the distance from them to the near side of the sun, and that from them to the far side of the sun, are practically equal, and the tidal effect resulting from this difference is small enough to be negligible, and certainly too small to affect the earth in any appreciable way."

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abilities. We can rest assured that our lives will remain untroubled on December 17 by anything which could be traced to the position of the planets."

Two Americans and One Englishman Taken by Villa

Eagle Pass, Tex., Dec. 13.—Two Americans and an Englishman are reported among the men taken by Villistas in the raid last Tuesday on Muzquiz, state of Coahuila, and who are now held for ransom.

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