

WOMEN TRAVEL MYSTIC SHRINE BURNING SANDS

Supreme Test of Green Shrine Passed in Safely by Shriners' Wives — Masonic Ceremonial Ends.

Blood-curdling shrieks of women in distress rent the air. But hard-hearted men, numbering over 1,500, stood by crying for sheer joy, as they watched their wives, sisters and sweethearts undergoing one of the 27 supreme tests of the Green Shrine in Municipal Auditorium last night.

Fifteen hundred Masons from Omaha and eastern Nebraska frolicked on the playground of Masonry all day yesterday as Tangier Temple celebrated its annual spring ceremonial.

Hostilities began at noon with a luncheon for 450 candidates for the journey across the burning sands of the desert at Tangier Temple.

Parade to Auditorium. Then the novices, in compromising costumes, were escorted by Tangier band, Tangier patrol and members of the Omaha organization in a parade from the temple to the auditorium where the more severe portion of their journey was started.

Every form of torture known to Nobles of the Mystic Shrine was there encountered. The work consumed the entire afternoon followed by a banquet in the auditorium for neophytes and visiting Shriners.

The largest contingent of the class was comprised of Omaha men, but towns out in the state, such as Broken Bow, Crawford, Fremont and Bloomfield sent delegations which totaled near 300.

Women Join Throng. Women were included in the final part of the day's fun. By 8 p. m. the auditorium was ablaze with brilliant colors of evening gowns, red fezzes of Shriners dotting the throng as thickly as the poppies in Flanders fields.

Music by the temple band opened the evening's entertainment. Tangier patrol, in evening attire, then put on an exhibition drill, after which every woman in the audience was conducted to the center of the floor for inception into the Green Shrine.

Honorable Potentate Earl R. Stiles, assisted by his entire divan and members of the patrol, then assisted the women to assume their obligations, and their journey by caravan over the burning sands began.

Dainty Scimitars Awarded. Here the blood-urlding shrieks, as husband, brother and sweetheart stood heartlessly by.

Each woman, upon completion of her perilous trip, was given a dainty scimitar, crescent and star, and pronounced a "Shrinee in good standing."

Dancing concluded the ceremony. The followers of terpsichore tripping the light fantastic far into the morning.

Officials of Tangier temple pronounced the ceremonial the most successful in the history of the organization. It concluded an entire week of Masonic ritualistic work in Omaha of conferring degrees in Scottish Rite.

Nine Men to Receive Bravery Citations at Fort Omaha Today

Citation for bravery, due to their conduct in fires at the hydrogen plant at Fort Omaha January 13 and 23, will be conferred on six enlisted men and three civilians at 9 a. m. today at the fort.

The citations, which bear the signature of Maj. Gen. William Menoher, director of air service, and which were forwarded by direction of President Wilson through Secretary of War Baker, will be presented by Lieut. Col. Jacob Wuest, commanding officer at the fort, at special ceremonies to be conducted on the parade ground.

The fires in the hydrogen plant were caused by ignition of cylinders of hydrogen gas. In spite of the dangers of fire and explosions, the men stuck to their posts until the fires had been extinguished. Those named to receive certificates for bravery are Sergeant (first class) Lester H. Hall and Privates L. F. Bowen, J. E. Perkins, W. J. McCracken, Joseph Malinowski and William T. Dunn. Civilians included are Thomas K. Jensen, Arthur J. Lindberg and J. J. Tanek. Dunn and Jensen, who is in charge at the plant, were severely burned.

Four Community Centers Gave Programs Last Night

Community center programs were given last night as follows:

Mosmouth Park Community Center. Concert and entertainment by South High school orchestra and dramatic playlets, directed by Mr. R. H. Johnson.

Edward Rosewater Community Center. Community singing and games, led by Burton E. Titchel.

Piano Selections—Helen Kunde. Dancing—Maxine and Faustine Potts. Thirty Minutes in the Hawaiian Islands—by the Kiwanee club of Hawaiian players, directed by Miss Goldie Wawter.

Talk—"The Standard Bread Loaf," Ed A. Smith. Additional numbers provided by Mr. A. Timmerman.

Benson Community Center. Vocal Solo—Mrs. John McTaggart. Character Impersonations—Harry Lauder and O'Hara—By John McTaggart. Highland Dancers—Major George Macdonald.

Highland Dance—By Pipe Major George Macdonald and his Highland girls. Play—"In Want of a Servant"—By the ladies of the Degree of Honor. Reading—Raymond Johnson.

Lincoln Community Center. Mandolin and Guitar Selections—Opal Smith and Margaret Minnick. Reading—Helen Kunde. Popular Piano Selections—Clarence Gardner.

Song—Charlotte Stephens. Piano Selections—Miss Maxine Pecha. Games and Dance—By Mrs. Potts. Mandolin and Guitar—Opal Smith and Margaret Minnick.

Dancing—Maxine and Faustine Potts.

Gen. McIntyre Returning.

Manila, P. I., March 25.—Maj. Gen. Frank McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs of the War department, sailed for San Francisco Friday on the U. S. A. transport Thomas after a six weeks' inspection in the Philippines.

Off Ag'in, On Ag'in, Gone Ag'in—Finns Ag'in! Alibi Stuff at St. Paul Foils Chicago Police, Too

"Off ag'in, on ag'in, gone ag'in" Finns ag'in. Omaha police are sympathizing with Chicago police. Efforts were recently made to return three Finns from St. Paul, Minn., to face charges of robbery in connection with the holdup of the Benson bank December 31. Alibis beat the game. Chicago police also failed to have the alleged bank robbers extradited on charges of highway robbery, according to a telegram received yesterday by Chief of Police Eberstein from William B. Hughes, representative of the Nebraska Bankers' association in St. Paul. Chief Eberstein made two trips to St. Paul accompanied by nine witnesses in an effort to have the Finn brothers extradited here. Through legal technicalities, Governor Burnquist of Minnesota refused to honor the extradition. The following telegram in reference to the attempt made by Chicago police to have the Finn brothers extradited was received by Chief Eberstein: "Same story as in our case. Two Finns tell about being on coast but do not introduce any witnesses for bank. "Three positively identify both Finns. Two others identify Mike Finn. "Governor Burnquist accepts Finn's manufactured alibi giving Illinois time to disprove them. "WILLIAM B. HUGHES." One of the Finn brothers is better known as Thomas McKay, alleged leader of the bandit gang that held up and robbed the Malashock jewelry store two years ago.

CHARGE DANIELS TRIED TO CONCEAL NAVY SHORTAGE

Refused to Approve Increase in Department Personnel, Witnesses Declare.

Washington, March 26.—Two naval officers—Rear Admiral C. P. Plunkett and Capt. J. K. Taussig—testified before the senate investigating committee that for two years prior to the entrance of the United States into the war, Secretary Daniels steadily refused to approve an increase in personnel and the Navy department generally attempted to suppress reports of a man power shortage. Admiral Plunkett declared he argued with Secretary Daniels on the personnel question for two years without making an impression. The recommendation of Admiral Dewey, as head of the general board, for a large increase in enlisted strength was turned down, said Captain Taussig.

Asked regarding the condition of the fleet in April, 1917, Admiral Plunkett said the ships in commission were in as "good condition as could be expected," but shortage of men and constant changes in gun crews had greatly interfered with gunnery and had prevented sending to sea many ships which should have been in full commission.

Says Orders Not Obeyed. Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher told the board of inquiry that his orders directing the escorting of the convoy which included the transport

Antilles, sunk off the French coast in October, 1917, were not obeyed by Lieut. Com. F. N. Freeman, commanding the escort.

Fletcher told the board that he had no knowledge that Commander Freeman had put to sea with part of the convoy until Freeman's report of the sinking of the transport came in.

The order issued to Freeman was presented in evidence. It directed him to proceed with four converted yachts from Brest to St. Nazaire to take out six homeward bound craft, including the Antilles.

On reaching St. Nazaire, Commander Freeman found only the Antilles, Savannah and Henderson, all troop transports, ready. The City of Atlanta was to sail later in the day. Admiral Fletcher said he received a telephone report from Commander Baldwin, naval port officer at St. Nazaire, that Freeman, with two yachts and the three transports, had proceeded, leaving a third yacht to convoy the City of Atlanta when ready.

Prohibit Circulation of French Coin in Switzerland

Paris, March 26.—Delegates from the leading European powers, after a long discussion regarding the monetary situation on the continent, have decided to prohibit the circulation of French silver coins in Switzerland and the circulation of Swiss silver in France.

The reason for the decision is the scarcity of French silver coins in French trade. The silver money, it is said, is being accumulated by unscrupulous persons who export it to Switzerland, where, although 100 French francs in paper money are worth only 40 Swiss francs, 100 French francs in silver are worth par in Swiss money.

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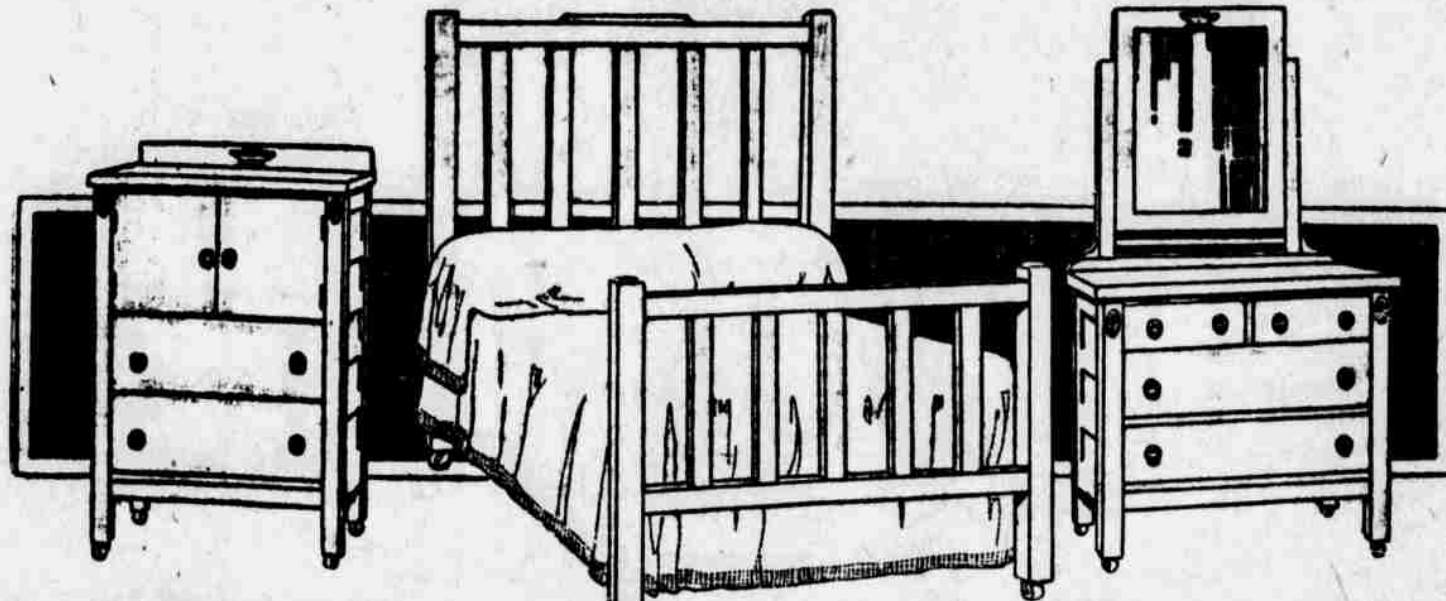
The following have been named to serve as a reception committee to meet W. J. Bryan today when he comes from Fremont to deliver an address in the City Auditorium:

Harland L. Mossman, I. J. Dunn, Lysle I. Abbott, John Fitz Roberts, T. B. Murray, F. L. Weaver, F. B. Marshall, Henry Gering, William Yancy and C. R. Sherman. Mr. Mossman, who is chairman of the local Bryan democratic faction, will preside. Local speakers will be Mrs. E. B. Towl and Albert E. May, candidates for district delegations on the Bryan national convention ticket. Ward and precinct workers will occupy stage seats. C. W. Bryan and George W. Berge of Lincoln are expected. W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, candidate for national committeeman in opposition to Arthur F. Mullen, will speak. "Mr. Bryan's Omaha speech will be quoted far and wide over the country," asserted Mr. Mossman. The following women will also greet Mr. Bryan when he arrives here: Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Mrs. E. B. Towl, Dr. Jennie Callias, Mrs. Fannie Manning, Mrs. C. J. Roberts, Mrs. Ed P. Smith, Mrs. E. E. Thomas and Miss Belle Dewey.

Confer On Cleanup Mayor Smith and City Commissioner Butler conferred yesterday on the annual spring cleanup. The mayor asks citizens to begin to give thought to the cleaning of basements, yards and alleys.

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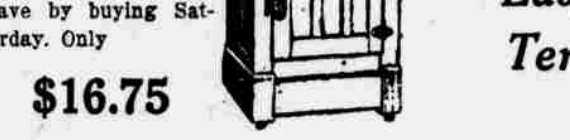
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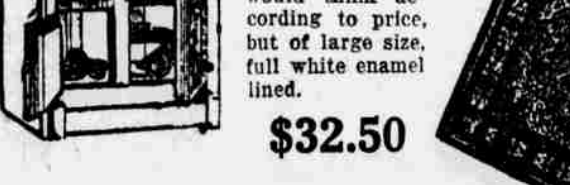
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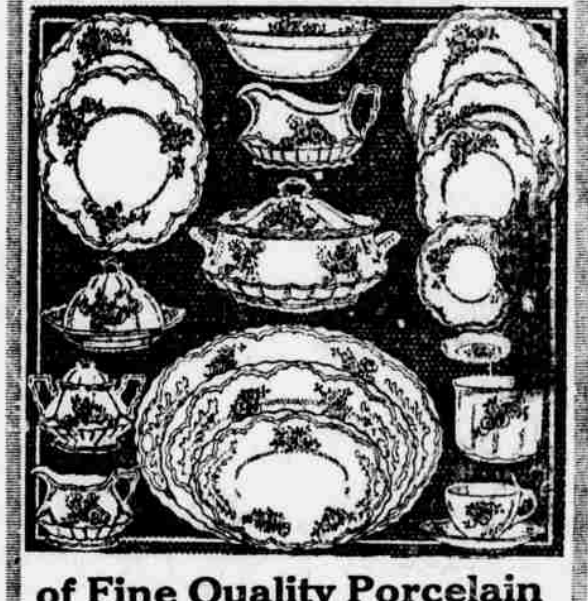
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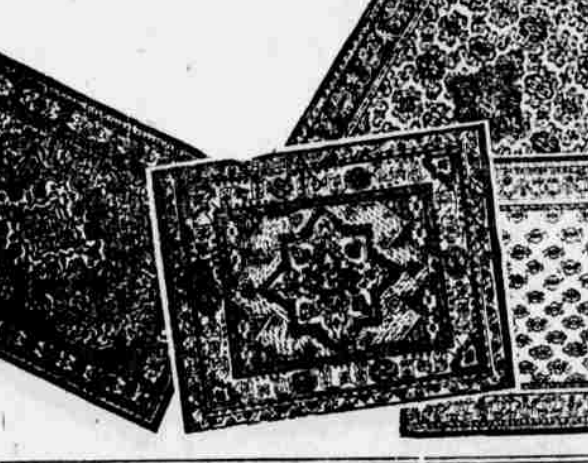
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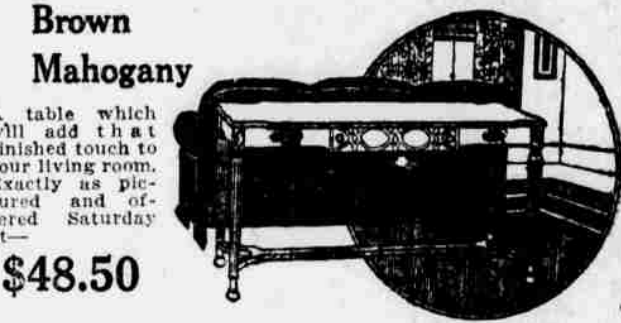
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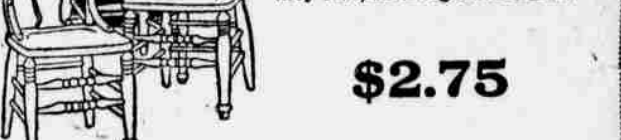
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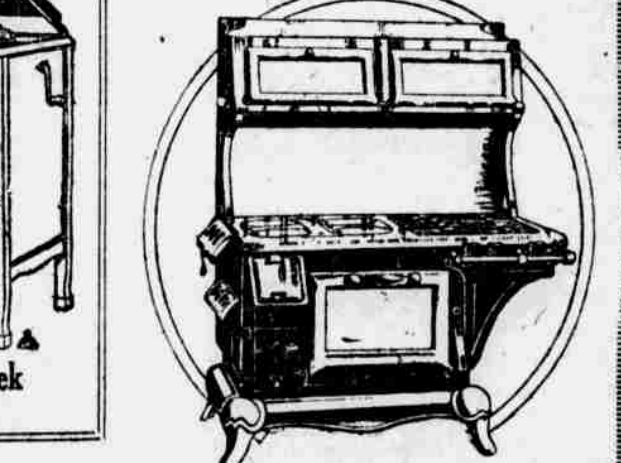
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