

### KEOKUK WOMAN TO HELP RED CROSS

Mrs. Alice Meigs Orr Will Accompany Her Husband to His Diplomatic Post in France and Aid There.

### MAJ. MEIGS' DAUGHTER

Her Husband is Second Secretary to the American Embassy and is Going to Take up His Work.

A Keokuk woman will be at the front in the European war. Mrs. Arthur Orr, formerly Miss Alice Meigs, daughter of Major Montgomery Meigs, of this city, will join other American women in France and will assist in the work of the Red Cross there.

Mrs. Orr's husband, who is a resident of Elvaston, Ill., will take up his duties at the French capital as second secretary to the American embassy. He is an aviation expert and enthusiast, as well as being attached to the diplomatic corps.

The Chicago Tribune of yesterday contained the following notice of the Orr's departure from that city:

Arthur Orr of 2126 Lincoln parkway, president of the National Aeroplane company and an aviation enthusiast, is on his way to Paris with his wife and family to take up his duties as second secretary to the American embassy at the former French capital. Mrs. Orr, who was Miss Alice Meigs, will join the large number of American women engaged in Red Cross work in France. Mr. Orr, who graduated from Princeton, in 1906, held a post in London during the last administration, and at one time held an office in the orient. He is a member of the Aero club of Illinois, the University, Saddle and Cycle, and other local clubs.

Keokuk will have a number of representatives in the foreign countries. Owing to the prominence of Mrs. Orr in this city before her marriage, the work of the American Red Cross women at the front in France will be watched with greater interest.

### ROTTENNESS OF POLICE FORCE

More Evidence Uncovered in Chicago Where Officers of the Law Protected Criminals for Blood Money.

### CONFESSIONS ARE MADE

Indicted Police Raise the Cry That They Are Being "Jobbed by a Bunch of Crooks" and Claim Innocence.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Thirty members of the Chicago police department, including several higher-ups, may be under indictment before the present grand jury investigation of alleged graft and rottenness is concluded, State's Attorney Hoyne announced today.

Four new indictments are to be returned today, Hoyne announced, based on the confessions already given the grand jury by Barney Bertsche, convicted head of a gang of clairvoyant swindlers, and Professors Frank and Jimmy Ryan, clairvoyants. The December grand jury met today to hear the confession of Clarence E. Class, ex-pugilist and alleged promoter of fake prize fights and the latest "squealer" to turn state's evidence, according to Hoyne.

Captain John J. Halpin, former chief of the detective department; Lieutenant John H. Tobin and former Detective Sergeant Walter O'Brien who were indicted Saturday, announced that they would surrender themselves in court today and give bond. All three denied the charges placed against them and asserted that they had "been jobbed by a bunch of crooks."

Fearing that an attempt might be made to assassinate some of the "squealers," Hoyne took extra precautions today and armed guards followed Bertsche, Class and the two Ryans to and from the state's attorney's office. Detectives were trying to trace telephone calls to the homes of three members of the grand jury who were

threatened with death if they voted indictments in the police scandal. The confession by Class, Hoyne said, involved a number of police officials and patrolmen who were not hit in previous statements. Class, according to Hoyne, admitted that he operated a "pay off" joint where crooks congregated and where policemen came to receive protection money. Class produced a sample of the card of identification given to crooks who paid protection money promptly and therefore were "in right" with the police. To prevent them from being counterfeited, each card was perforated twice with a punch of special design that was kept locked in Class' safe.

### Y. M. C. A. ITEMS

Sunday Afternoon Meeting. The meeting Sunday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian Association was only fairly well attended, the weather being very unfavorable, and those who were present were splendidly entertained by the able, eloquent and inspiring address by Mr. H. E. Griffith of Knox college, Galesburg, Ill. The subject of his address was "The High Seat in the Kingdom," and he applied it to men in their different ambitions and struggles for promotion and place.

He referred to the disciples and their meeting with the great Leader. There were some of them seeking places at His right and others at His left. The ideal manner of deserving promotion and gaining a high seat is by service unselfishly given. A man helps himself by helping others—by earnest, active, unselfish service for, not himself, alone, but for the uplift of the great brotherhood of man, and in aiding to induce mankind to recognize the idea of this great brotherhood.

Though the audience was not large, it was appreciative and the address was listened to with the closest attention.

### Interesting Address.

Friday evening Mr. B. A. Shuman, general secretary at Buenos Ayres, South America, was tendered a supper and reception at the Y. M. C. A. which was attended by a number of men. Mr. Shuman has been in his present position in South America for thirteen years, in a prominent field and is well acquainted with the conditions and needs of that country. Just now when the United States are looking out for an extension of commerce and industrial progress, his address is timely and instructive to all classes of our people and will be read with

interest by the citizens, even those who were so fortunate as to hear it. The substance of the address is given below:

### Mr. Shuman's Address.

It is difficult for us to realize here in North America that there are only two cities of our own larger than Buenos Ayres which now has a population of 1,500,000 and that with a new subway running for eighty squares in one direction and electric trains equal to those of the New York Central out of New York City soon to run in another direction on one of the improved railways, that it is a city which equals our own cities in its modern and up to date aspects. I consider the establishment of a branch of the National city bank of New York City within the last few weeks to be one of the longest steps ahead in the simplification of our commercial transactions and, consequently, in the strengthening of our relations with the Argentine and with other South American countries. It is fitting for us of North American countries, who can make the eagle scream so loudly and who with some reason place so much confidence in ourselves, it is fitting for us to commend an administration which is statesmanlike enough and far seeing enough to have been willing to accept the mediation proposed by Ambassador Naon of the Argentine Republic in the name of the "A. B. C." It permitted the Argentine, Brazil and Chile to mediate for us with Mexico. Our ready acceptance of this offer made a profound impression in the south and did a great deal to overcome the effect of the misinterpretation of the Monroe doctrine and of the propaganda which some down there are stirring up; warning the South Americans against the so-called Yankee aggression.

The attitude of the serious minded Argentine leaders is indicated by the fact that, when the mediation conference at Niagara was about to begin its work, the then minister of foreign relations of Buenos Ayres called Senator Ugarte into his office one day, he who had been touring the republics of South America, to warn the people against us and had been making capital of every slightest incident in our treatment of other Latin people, and told him to keep quiet in order not to interfere in the slightest with the progress of mediation.

While we are considering the strengthening of our trade relations with South America and notably the Argentine, we do well to recognize the fact that they are seeking our leadership in many things. Some years ago one of our strong men was called by the Argentine government to take charge of the meteorological department (weather bureau). He still conducts a most efficiently organized work in that line and with most of his employes Argentines. A few years back Engineer Corthell, who had been associated with Eads, in the construction of the jetties of the Mississippi river, went down there at the behest of the Argentine government to study with them the currents of the river Platte and to suggest means of employing their channels and overcoming the hindrances to easy navigation into the docks of Buenos Ayres, a really difficult problem.

At present Mr. Wilbur M. Hayes, who was assistant minister of agriculture under President Roosevelt, is down there directing the study of dry farming and other improvements in their methods of agriculture, while a group of North American agricultural students, graduates, are working on the insect pests with a view to their extermination.

Every year we send an army of expert machine men down there to every part of the republic to teach the Argentines how to use our agricultural implements.

When Dr. Emilio Frere, national deputy and banker, president of the Musco Social Argentine, first asked President Roosevelt to visit the Argentine, the request was refused but he tried again, saying "we want you to come down here to say to our people just the things you have been saying to your own people at home." In this some of the strong leaders, represented by Dr. Frere, were asking for our leadership in the teaching of civic righteousness and the principles of true democracy. It is true, indeed, that they, perhaps without admitting it and almost without recognizing the fact, are seeking our leadership in the development of a better Argentine and, while in spiritual things this is not so noticeable, yet our experience in the Y. M. C. A. work and in the other lines there, is making us feel that they welcome our leadership in these things also when it is offered in the right spirit.

The rapid development of our Y. M. C. A. in Buenos Ayres among the Argentine youth and noticeably among those who are students in the large university of Buenos Ayres is a striking indication of this. The young men like the association; its serious and practical administration appeals to them. Leading men in politics, educational and commercial circles back us up most satisfactorily. We have grown in the twelve years from 200 charter members to 1,800 and, of the later number, fully 50 per cent are Argentines so that the Young Men's Christian Association has become, not an exotic transplanted from Anglo-Saxon soil, but it has taken deep root and become a true Argentine institution and is so incorporated into the social life of the capital that it is recognized along side of the native clubs which

depend for a large share of their maintenance upon government subventions. To us, citizens of the United States, it is not necessary to present any other argument for the development of a strong Y. M. C. A. than to point to a city of 1,500,000 which includes 5,000 university students who have come there from the interior and are away from home; it is not necessary for us to go into the question of local morals or to say that Buenos Ayres is worse than any other city. The conditions which are bound to exist in any city of this size are such as to make it necessary that such an institution be established, and it is a satisfaction to note that there are many Argentine leaders who recognize this and are welcoming the initiative taken by the associations of North America which has led to the planting of such an institution in this as well as in seven other capital cities of the continent.

It seems to me that we do well when discussing ways and means for strengthening our trade relations to bear in mind always that the people of the south are seeking our leadership in various departments of their life and to go down there determined to give them this which they feel that they need and to benefit them while extending our own commerce and benefiting ourselves.

High School Bible Class. The high school Bible class will meet tonight at the Y. M. C. A. building.

Social Committee. The social committee of the Y. M. C. A. will meet tonight at the building.

Physical Department. Standing of the Commercial League: Irwin-Phillips ..... 5 0 1,000 Purity Oats ..... 4 2 666 Kellogg-Birge ..... 4 2 666 Huiskamps ..... 3 3 500 M. R. P. Co. ..... 2 3 500 Keokuk Electric ..... 1 4 200 C. B. & Q. ..... 0 6 000 Tomorrow night at 8:10 the last game of the first round of the Commercial League, Irwin-Phillips vs. Keokuk Electric Co., and as a second game, the Carthage Y. M. C. A. Cubs vs. the Keokuk Y. M. C. A. Juniors—a fast lightweight game. Line-up tomorrow night: Irwin Phillips—McQuoid and Venning, forwards; Hopp, center; Starr and Ringstrom, guards. Keokuk Electric—Selfert and Lumberg, forwards; Berryman, center; Montague and Kirchner, guards. The Keokuk Electric have signed two new eligibles for the second half, William Clink and Ed Kirchner. Carthage Cubs—Hartzell and Campbell, forwards; Wood, center;

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**WARNING SENT OUT ON FOREIGN MAILS**

Postoffice Department Suggests That Ocean Ships are Fewer This Year Than at Other Times.

The time is drawing nigh when the fellow whose home is across the "briny deep" will have to consider that the "greyhounds of the Atlantic" are fewer this year than last. Therefore, we have met the former facilities for handling the mails across the seas, on account of the war. He must bear in mind that in ordinary circumstances it takes 38 days to South Australia via London, England, and 28 days via San Francisco to deliver a package or letter. If your "ain folks" are in Germany, France, Great Britain or Ireland, you may count on two weeks before the goods shall be delivered after leaving your hands. Or they may be in sunny Italy or Greece; if so, it would be well to get your packages away the first week in December to assure delivery on Christmas day.

The U. S. postal department is sending out warning to all postmasters that extraordinary measures should be devised to prevent any delay in the dispatch and delivery of mail during the Christmas season; also calling attention to the fact that you will be allowed to mark your parcels "Not to be opened until Christmas," or similar inscription. So ship early and insure the timeliness of your Christmas gifts. The practice of mailing packages late in the hope that they will reach their destination on Christmas day is likely to defeat its own object through unavoidable delay due to congestion of the mails.

All packages should be securely wrapped, so as to bear transmission without breaking or injuring the mail bags or their contents or the persons handling them. Use good strong cord and thick paper. Many articles are damaged in the mails for the reason that they are not properly wrapped to withstand the necessary handling.