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PARADE FOR AIRMEN IN THE ROCKAWAYS WHEN THEY RETURN

Big Celebration and Welcome Arranged by Military and Civic Organizations.

The day of the return of the three naval balloons to the Rockaway Point Naval Air station, whatever that day may be, will be a holiday throughout all the towns in the vicinity of the station.

Plans for the celebration were drawn tentatively this afternoon at a meeting of a committee of business men and Rockaway Board of Trade members in the office of Jacob Straus of Rockaway Park.

Stores will be closed and houses decorated at Rockaway Beach, Rockaway Park, Belle Harbor, Neponsit and other places along the line of march of the parade.

At the air station the returning aeromats will be saluted by companies of soldiers and sailors. There will also be a squadron of seaplanes and several blimps if the arrival is by day.

The parade will start at Hammel station and proceed to the air station. The children of the towns will stand before the schools to see the procession.

The reviewing stand will be at 120th Street and Washington Avenue, Rockaway Park. Among those invited to occupy it are Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Gov. Miller, Mayor Hylan and other city and State officials.

In the parade will be the New York City Police Band, reorganized; the Coast Defense Band from Fort Hamilton, the band from St. John's Orphan Asylum, Brooklyn; a detail from the air station, a company of soldiers from Fort Tilden, 400 members of the Daniel M. O'Connell Post of the American Legion, under Commander Hubert Murray; the 24th Company of the 9th Coast Defense, under Lieut. John R. Murray; the Rockaway Beach Board of Trade members, the Far Rockaway Board of Trade, the Neponsit Club, the Belle Harbor Property Owners' Association, and many lodges.

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AVIATORS' WIVES KEEP UP COURAGE DESPITE DELAY

Letters From Hinton Telling of Experience Create Wide-spread Interest.

Mrs. Stephen A. Farrell, whose husband, from all accounts, was the most exhausted of the trio in their fight against death in the Canadian wilds, said to-day at her home, No. 1701 Woodbine Street, Glendale:

"The fact that no word of any kind has come of me directly from my husband tells me that he must be quite ill as a result of his hardships. I believe his hands must be frostbitten, otherwise I am sure he would have written me something. His experiences have undoubtedly told heavily on him.

"I cannot believe that if he had been in his right senses he would ever have talked of suicide, as is related in Lieut. Hinton's letter. It may have been this suffering made my husband delirious and that he talked without knowing what he said. In Lieut. Kloor's letters there is no mention of suicide talk by my husband. All he said was that Mr. Farrell was so weak that it might be necessary for him to ride part of the way from Moose Factory to the railroad. I am thankful that my husband is even well enough to travel, but I do not expect to hear anything more about him until official word comes to me."

Mrs. Farrell is at present under quarantine in her home, her daughter being ill of scarlet fever. For this reason, when Lieut. Farrell returns he must either remain away from his home until the quarantine is lifted or submit to quarantine himself. Only in this way will he be able to see his wife and daughter. Great interest is felt in the letters written by Lieut. Hinton and published under copyright in The World yesterday. One was to his wife. These letters came by carrier to Cochrane, Ont., and were mailed from there. In the one to his wife, Lieut. Hinton said:

CLERK ASSUMES BLAME FOR BILLS IN CRAIG CHARGES

Declares Responsibility is Chargeable to Him, and Not to La Guardia.

TOLD TO BE CAREFUL.

Employee in Board of Aldermen Also Absolves Stenographer—Messages Explained.

William O'Connor, a Legislative clerk, who for nineteen years has been an employee of the Board of Aldermen, in a statement this afternoon took full blame for Comptroller Craig's charge that Aldermanic President La Guardia had spent \$390 of taxpayers' money for his personal, political and stock market telegrams.

"Whatever responsibility there is for the failure to eliminate the telegrams set forth in the communication of the Comptroller," said O'Connor's statement, "is chargeable to me and not to the President" (meaning Mr. La Guardia).

Likewise, O'Connor fully absolved from all blame Miss Marie M. Fisher, stenographer to Mr. La Guardia, who, he said, always very carefully checked up personal telegrams of the Aldermanic President, after he had specifically requested her to separate them from official wires chargeable to the city.

President La Guardia also issued a statement in which he explains that there was only one bill for telegraph charges and not monthly statements, and that therefore the mistake of charging personal telegram calls to the city occurred but once.

Mr. La Guardia says the total of the personal calls which he claims were charged to the city through O'Connor's mistake, was not \$390. From the \$390 total, he says, there must be a deduction of \$209 for official telegrams sent by the Board of Aldermen to the Legislature while legislation was pending on rent relief bills. These telegrams, Mr. La Guardia says, were signed by the Acting President of the Board and the majority and minority leaders. Mr. La Guardia himself was in Albany at the time.

There is another reduction of \$5.97 for the calling of a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen last summer. Mr. LaGuardia claims. His personal telegrams amounted to an average of three or four a month, he says. At the very beginning of his Administration, he asserts, he emphatically instructed O'Connor to keep personal and official telegrams separated.

In his statement O'Connor in part said: "President LaGuardia has several times instructed me, and in my presence instructed Miss Fisher, his personal stenographer, to be very careful to see that none of his personal telegrams were charged to the city. "These Western Union bills were all submitted to Miss Fisher to check up the President's personal items, and she subsequently gave me a check to the Western Union Company in settlement of the checked items. She also paid over, in cash, to the representative of the Western Union Company the cost of the Scarborough telegrams of March 26. I told the Western Union Telegraph Company to render new bills eliminating those personal items, which was done, and these corrected bills were subsequently O.K.'d and sent through to the Finance Department for payment without the knowledge of President La Guardia."

15,300 "YANKS" IN GERMANY

Sentinel New Can't Tell How Long Troops Will Remain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—There are still 15,300 American soldiers in Germany, Senator New of Indiana, member of the Military Affairs Committee, told the Senate to-day during consideration of his resolution to stop appropriations until the army reached 175,000.

"How long after March 1 will they remain there?" Senator Lenroot, Wisconsin, asked. "Not long, I hope," replied Senator New.

Lieut. Louis A. Kloor Jr., pilot of the balloon, sent his first message from the frozen north, is a happy young man. She appears to be not more than eighteen years old.

"I think it is just wonderful that they came through it all alive," she said yesterday. "I can tell from Mr. Kloor's letter that the suffering must have been intense, or he would not have described his experience as 'passing through the tortures of hell.' But all's well that ends well, and I suppose that I, as well as all the other friends of the three men in the balloon, should be extremely thankful that things were not any worse. The men came through alive, and they have brought news home to the Army-Navy, and that ought to be enough."

SENATOR JOHNSON TO FIGHT TO SAVE DIRECT PRIMARIES

Will Take Stump in States Where Move is On to Return to Convention Methods.

By David Lawrence

(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (Copyright, 1921).—Senator Hiram Johnson of California is turning his guns "on the forces of reaction" which are aiming to eliminate the direct primary system and go back to the convention method of selecting party candidates.

Senator Johnson sees in the attitude of Gov. Miller of New York and the utterances of other Executives a concerted attack on the primary system which he does not intend to pass by without a fight. Speaking to-day of the recent speech of Charles Evans Hughes defending the primary system, he said: "It was a brave speech for a man coming from New York to make."

Discussing the citadels of "reaction" in America, Senator Johnson said that if the fight against the direct primary were successful it would eliminate progressivism altogether in American politics. With the removal of the direct primary system and a return to the convention methods, Mr. Johnson believes politicians will be able to do about as they please.

FLAGRANT FAULTS FOUND IN PRIMARY SYSTEM

Unquestionably some flagrant faults have been found in the primary system, especially in the West, where the Non-Partisan League has captured the well-advertised names of the old parties and turned things upside down, but in the efforts to cure such a situation the foes of the whole primary system of nominations have come to the fore. Modification and destruction, however, are two different things, and the friends of the primary here are unwilling to admit that its ills are irredeemable.

This is no sudden determination on the part of Hiram Johnson. He told the writer in Sacramento during the campaign that he was far from satisfied with the way many of the delegates to the Chicago Convention last June disregarded the instructions of the people. He had very little comment to make about the way Senator Harding was nominated, for the California Senator was engaged in the business of helping to defeat the pro-League attitude of the Wilson Administration. Now that the election is over and the Republican Party is in power, Mr. Johnson emerges with the cause of progressivism at his bosom, clinging desperately to it, to be sure, in an age which will admit its ills are irredeemable.

On New Year's Day burglars went into the jewelry store of MAX SLOTEMAN, No. 1312 Broadway, within a block of the Hylan home, and stole nine dozen rings and other pieces of jewelry valued at \$4,062.

THREE BURGLARIES NEAR HYLAN'S HOME

Week's Loot \$7,000 Within Stone's Throw of Mayor—No Arrest and Police Deny.

It was learned to-day that thieves have been active within the last week within a short distance of Mayor Hylan's home in Brooklyn, getting loot valued approximately at \$7,000. Not an arrest has been made, and the police deny the robberies.

On Thursday night thieves broke into the pawnshop of Henry L. Gross & Bro., at No. 1489 Broadway, and stole jewelry, and other goods valued at \$2,000.

MILLER TO TAKE UP PROHIBITION FIRST

Its Enforcement to Be Only Subject Governor Will Mention in Message Wednesday.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Prohibition enforcement legislation will be the first subject considered in the message Gov. Miller will send to the Legislature when it reconvenes on Wednesday night, the Governor said to-day. He did not make any statement regarding his recommendations.

ONE KILLED, 2 HURT AT GRADE CROSSING

Victims of Collision Between Train and Automobile Declare Watchman Was Asleep.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Jan. 10.—One man is dead and two are in the hospital as the result of a freight train hitting the automobile in which they were riding at the Broadway crossing of the New York and Long Branch Railroad. The safety gates were open, and it is charged that the watchman, John Cavaglia, was asleep in his shanty.

42,000 FOR LOSS OF LEGS.

Verdict for Boy Run Over by Eighth Avenue Trolley Car.

Miss Margaret French Wed in Italy To Philadelphia Military Attache



The marriage in Taormina, Italy, to-day of Miss Margaret French, daughter of Daniel Chester French, New York sculptor, to William Penn Crosson of Philadelphia, Chief of the Military Mission at Belgian Headquarters during the war, was announced in private cable messages received here. United States Ambassador Johnson and Mrs. Johnson attended the ceremony and Franklin Gantner, Councillor of the Embassy at Rome, was best man.

WAR HERO, AGE 15, WINS COURT AID

Justice Hoyt to Investigate Remarkable Story of Boy Who Took Up Arms When Ten Years Old.

Jack Steffen, a fifteen-year-old Belgian boy, charged with juvenile delinquency, to-day in the Children's Court told Justice Hoyt of the destruction of his Liege home early in the war. His mother was slain, and of his four brothers and sisters three were slain by the shell that blew up their home, and the fourth went insane, he said. He was ten years old then, but he took up arms with his father, who was shot beside him when he was wounded. He regained consciousness in a German hospital and was kept prisoner throughout the war, working hard and receiving little to eat.

"KISSLESS BRIDE" MARRIAGE REGULAR

Hoyt's Suit for Annulment Dismissed in Supreme Court in White Plains.

Mrs. Estelle Carroll Hoyt, who was one of the original members of the Florodora Sextette, won a court victory at White Plains to-day when Supreme Court Justice Platt filed findings in which he dismissed the action of Arthur S. Hoyt, her husband, for an annulment of their marriage, charging fraud.

WANTS PUBLIC ROOK PILE.

Persons Convicted of Petty Crime to Break Stack in Park.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark., Jan. 10.—Chief of Police Walter Turnbow said to-day he would ask the City Council for authority to place a rook pile in the public square as a result of chains attached to a flagpole in the square.

POETS' LEGIONARIES IN ROIT.

TARANTO, Italy, Jan. 10.—The arrival here yesterday of legionaries from Fiume provoked a manifestation which ended in a riot. One person was wounded and numerous others arrested, general strike is believed imminent.

HE JES' STOLE A RIDE; ALARM OF KIDNAP

Ten-Year-Old "Flipped On" to an Auto and Alarm Was Promptly Sent Out.

"I wanted a ride," was the explanation given to-day by ten-year-old James Hunter of No. 727 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, for having caused the city's entire police force to get out on a false kidnapping chase last night. John Adams of Astoria, L. I., and Thomas McCarthy of Garden City, L. I., who asked James to get them a wrench when their automobile balked near his home, found him seated on the rear seat when they had completed the repairs. James, they said, refused to budge.

Meanwhile the boy's parents, alarmed at his absence, reported to the police that he had been kidnapped by two men in an automobile, and red signal lights flashed all over the city. Every exit from town was guarded and Adams, McCarthy and the boy were found at Colgate and Montgomery Streets. Jimmy's parents wanted to make a kidnapping charge against the two men, but the boy corroborated their story and the police refused to hold them.

GOMPERS IN MEXICO FOR LABOR MEETING

Delegates From U. S., Mexico and 15-South and Central American Republics Present.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 10.—Delegates from labor organizations of the United States, Mexico and sixteen South and Central American republics were here to-day for the opening session of the Third Pan-American Federation of Labor conference. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and fourteen other representatives of American labor made up the delegation from the United States.

FOOTPADS ROB HER OF \$733 IN CROWD

Pair Waylay Woman Near Tube Station in Jersey City and Escape.

Mrs. Catharine William of No. 2774 Hudson Boulevard, Jersey City, was crossing the bridge over the Pennsylvania tracks near the Summit Avenue station of the Hudson and Manhattan tubes late last night when two men waylaid her. While one seized her by the throat the other seized her satchel containing \$450 in cash and \$283 in checks made out to her daughters, Gertrude and Catharine, who are school teachers. Mrs. William made an outcry, but although many persons were passing, two motorcycle cops pursued, the men escaped. She said they were about thirty years old.

WILSON NOW WORKS WITHOUT FATIGUE

Can Do Two Hours' Labor Without Tiring—Not Yet Able to Work All Day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—President Wilson is now able to work two hours daily without fatigue, Rear Admiral T. Grayson, his physician, said to-day. He added, however, that the President was not yet ready for a full day's work. Commenting further on the visit to the White House yesterday of Dr. Francis X. Dercum, of Philadelphia, Dr. Grayson said he had called in the specialist because he feared that he himself might have gotten "stale" in his assessment of the Executive's condition. It so happened, he said, that on the occasion of Dr. Dercum's visit the President had one of the best days since his illness.

Advertisement for B. Altman & Co. featuring Choice Satin Charmeuse. Text includes: 'To be continued to-morrow (Tuesday)', 'A REMARKABLE OFFERING of Choice Satin Charmeuse (40 inches wide)', 'presenting a rare assortment of more than forty fashionable colors (including evening shades and the new metallic grays and beiges), as well as all-white and all-black, extraordinarily low-priced at \$2.65 per yard (Sale on the First Floor)'. Address: Madison Avenue - Fifth Avenue, New York. Locations: Thirty-fourth Street and Thirty-fifth Street.

WHAT IS DOING TO-DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE. Kellogg Committee resumes cable hearings.

Finance Committee continues emergency tariff hearings.

Appropriations Committee takes up Sundry Civil Bill.

Immigration Committee resumes taking of testimony on Johnson bill suspending Amnigracation.

Caldor Coal Committee to decide whether to continue hearings.

Foreign Relations Committee members to confer with Senator Lodge on Borah disarmament resolution.

HOUSE. Sub-committees of Appropriations Committee continue hearings on Army, Deficiency, Diplomatic and Agricultural Appropriation Bills.

Committee begins investigation of charges that big corporations are preventing development of Muesel Shoals nitrate plant.

Ways and Means Committee begins hearings on revision of Schedule B of the Tariff Law which deals with pottery and glassware.

Committee on Reform in Civil Service considers legislation to reclassify Government employees.

COOLIDGE ASSURED A BIT OF PATRONAGE

No Senator Has Heart to Deprive Him of His Lone Telegraph Operator.

(Special to The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—When Vice President Coolidge takes the oath of office he will have one piece of patronage outside of the appointment of a secretary and stenographer to handle his correspondence. He will have the name of a lone telegraph operator to man a wire which runs from the Senate corridor to the various Government departments.

Away back in 1875 this job was created and as the Senators could not agree who among themselves was to have the patronage, it was given to the Vice President. The salary was fixed at \$1,500 per annum.

A few years later the perfection of the telephone enabled members to communicate directly from their office desks and the need for a private departmental wire and an operator ended. But this appropriation, like some others, continued, since no Senator was willing to take the initiative in depriving the Vice President of this little bit of patronage.

Every Legislative, Judicial and Executive Appropriation Bill since 1873 has contained the item, and in 1917 the war bonus of \$240 was added, making the salary \$1,740. As for the work, there is none. In 1920, Home Smith, Vice President Marshall's appointee, handled one telegram, representing one minute's work, in twelve months. In 1919 he handled eighty messages, representing a little more than an hour's work in that year. This is about the average for the past twenty years. Scarcely a handful of Senators and Representatives know the job exists, as the telephone has long since taken over its work. But the appropriation, which has cost to date approximately \$50,000, continues and doubtless always will, since no member has the heart to suggest that the single piece of patronage enjoyed by the Vice President be taken from him.