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RETAIL JEWELERS ANNUAL MEETING HERE NEXT WEEK

Third Convention of State Dealers Will Be Held In Stratfield.

Demonstrations of the wearing of jewelry will be one of the features on the third annual convention of Connecticut State Retail Jewelers' association, which will be held at The Stratfield next Tuesday.

The convention will be called to order by President Davis at 11:30. Order of business will be reading of minutes; president's report; election of new members; reports of delegates and committees, and demonstrations of the wearing of jewelry.

The afternoon session will be called at 2:15. Unfinished business and new business will be taken up and the election and installation of new officers will also take place.

At 6:30 there will be a reception in the ball room. It is expected that many members will bring their wives. The banquet will be at 7 o'clock.

There will be demonstrations of the wearing of jewelry at the banquet. The executive committee will provide automobiles Wednesday morning for all members of the association who desire to visit the factories of the International Silver Co. or the Whiting Manufacturing Co.

The members in the Bridgeport district are: F. Lyman, chairman; C. Howard Daley & Co., Danbury; M. J. Buechler, The Button-Clippant Co., Danbury; and G. W. Fairchild & Sons, Otisville.

Dr. Carroll Not Yet Ready To Go To Work For Charities Board

Dr. Francis P. Carroll, newly elected as the physician to the outside poor, for the Charities department, at \$1,500 a year, will not assume his new duties April 1.

The United States government has asked on what terms the Federal Telegraph Co. would lease its high power wireless station at El Paso.

OLD CORNS cause a great deal of suffering these cold and changeable days.

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ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

1904—Joe Gans defeated Jack Blackburn in 15 rounds at Baltimore. This was the first time Blackburn had suffered defeat, although the Kentucky colored boy had been scraping good members for several years.

1905—Blackburn fought another draw with Langford, and the following year he fought six fast rounds with Gans in Philadelphia. He went along until 1909, fighting frequently, when he got mixed up in a brawl with some colored gentry.

He was charged with shooting a man and sent to prison, but was pardoned the latter part of 1913. Since then he has been traveling over America, meeting all comers, but owing to his color he has had to be content with fighting second-raters.

Blackburn was one of the best boxers in the country up to the time of his imprisonment. Although he never weighed over 145 pounds, he had tackled middleweights and heavyweights, and he was never knocked out and never defeated, save by Joe Gans. Blackburn was born in Versailles, Ky., and is 33 years old.

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SHipyARDS AT MYSTIC BOUGHT BY N. Y. FIRM

Mystic, Conn., March 25.—Formal purchase of the MacDonald Shipyards here by Pendleton Brothers of New York City, ship brokers and owners of a fleet of 86 sailing vessels, was announced today.

The transfer is effective at once. The yard has been sold to the lumber business of Pendleton Brothers and the new owners will start the keel of two four-masted vessels, each to be about 300 feet in length. The craft will be limited as soon as the lumber arrives.

The contracts for lumber for the vessels have been placed with Fred A. Barnes of Old Mystic.

The MacDonald Shipyards was the property of Michael MacDonald, who died three months ago. The yard was then run by his son Wallace who died two weeks ago. The surviving sons are Frank and John.

BIG FIRE IN HAVERHILL

Haverhill, Mass., March 25.—The Hunkley block, a five-story building on Merrimac street, was destroyed, early today by fire which raged for three hours and which for a time threatened the entire business district.

The Woolworth Company's store, the clothing establishment of Rowe & Emerson were burned and several business houses were damaged. The loss was estimated at \$75,000.

High Cost of Modern Baseball Club Little Realized By The Fans

(Lowell Courier-Citizen.) Few fans appreciate the terrific cost of modern big league baseball. We will take for 1916 the case of Capt. Huston and Col. Ruppert, Yankee owners.

So far they have invested this season \$130,000 for new players, over two-thirds of whom will be sent back to the bush.

Their Polo Grounds rent for the year is \$55,000. Their salary list, with Baker and Magee added, will be at least \$110,000. Training camp expenses will be another \$6,000. Hotel bills, traveling expenses and other incidental costs, including office help, which last year amounted to another \$50,000 at the least.

Total this and you will find what the two Yank owners are up against—a mere matter of \$361,000, or in that neighborhood.

These figures may be a trifle high—but we doubt it. For most of the expenses recounted are known to the exact figure. You can see from this what chance a loser for a second division club has in making any money.

You can understand now why Connie Mack could put over four winners in five years and still lose money.

It might be argued that salaries are not high, but perhaps they are. But not comparatively. Try Cobb, the greatest of all players on attack, at least gets \$15,000 for 150 games. Cobb works 150 games of 100 minutes each—15,000 minutes for \$15,000—a dollar a minute. Quite a difference, since the margin of pay is 1500 to one.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Haven, March 25.—Forecast: Fair tonight, Sunday unsettled, probably showers.

Connecticut: Partly cloudy to night and Sunday. Moderate east winds.

The western disturbance now forms a long trough of low pressure extending from Texas northward to Michigan. It is causing cloudy and unsettled weather with local rains from the Rocky Mountains eastward to Ohio and from the Gulf to the Canadian border.

Pleasant weather continues along the Atlantic coast. There has been a decided rise in temperature during the last 24 hours in the central and eastern districts. Several places in the southern and western districts reported thunderstorms.

ALMANAC FOR TODAY Sun rises 5:48 a. m. Sun sets 6:10 p. m. High water 3:12 p. m. Moon rises 12:22 a. m. Low water 9:06 p. m.

ALMANAC FOR SUNDAY Sun rises 5:46 a. m. Sun sets 6:11 p. m. High water 4:18 p. m. Moon rises 1:23 a. m. Low water 10:25 p. m.

Subscriptions to the fourth German war loan totaled more than \$2,000,000.

VEL OF SECRECY MARKS CAMPAIGN TO CAPTURE VILLA

Battles Reported With Bandits, But Pershing Continues Unbroken Silence—American Columns Near Junction With Carranza Forces and Villa is Reported Surrounded.

El Paso, Tex., March 25.—The reiterated claim that Francisco Villa was surrounded, made at Mexico City early today in a message received there from General Luis Gutierrez, Carranza's commander-in-chief, only served to make the situation in the field more puzzling from the viewpoint of the border.

According to the telegrams from General Bertaui, made public here by Consul Carter, the American columns are co-operating with the Carranza forces and formed part of the circle drawn around the bandit chief, General Gutierrez, however, made no reference to General Pershing's troops.

The most curious feature of the whole situation, the question why General Pershing made no report on the battles said to have been fought remained unexplained. While the story of the surrounding of Villa and his followers might be dismissed as premature, it is known that the American columns have penetrated the territory where the Villa bandits are operating and word is eagerly awaited from General Pershing of the first clash between the bandits and the troops of the United States.

The veil of mystery which has dropped over the operations around Namiquipa was rivaled by the continued insistence of the reports that General Luis Herrera had turned his arms against the de facto government.

The latest news to be brought here from Chihuahua came with the arrival of Charles R. Yeats, an American mining man who reached here from Chihuahua City on an early morning train. Yeats said that Herrera was not in the Mexican state capital when he left and that he appeared as much in the dark as to his whereabouts and intentions as El Paso.

"I have lived 20 years in Mexico," he said, "and never fell certain from one day to another where any leader stood. They are all individualists and pay little attention to any central authority. It is positive that Herrera was bitterly opposed to the entry of American troops into Mexico and openly accused Carranza of being false to the national honor of Mexico, but

whether he has gone as far as actual revolt, I cannot say." Yeats said that there was grave unrest in Chihuahua and a rising tide of hostility against Americans but that Carranza had no intention of attacking. As far as El Paso is concerned interest seems about equally divided between events in the interior of Mexico and the wild alarms over the border situation which seem to pass the morning only to revive to renewed life and vigor every nightfall.

These alarms were given impetus last night when it was learned that two companies had been ordered to report to the police headquarters in full marching order. After having been kept at the police station for a short time they were sent to the court house where they passed the night. At the same time the military patrols on the streets were enforced. No explanation would be given of these measures and it was impossible to learn if there was any fear of an outbreak either here or in Juarez. The officers refused to discuss the matter and the soldiers said they knew that they had been ordered to march and knew no more than anyone else where they were going or why.

The movement that was started yesterday by federal officials to put a ward on sensational reports being sent from here regarding local conditions gathered force today when the city council took up the consideration of an ordinance to fine any person or corporation who sends out untrue reports calculated to injure the city. The federal officials have protested to the state department at Washington and have advised the imposition of a penalty when the local city council was drafted by Mayor Tom Lea, following the publication of a story in an outside newspaper that El Paso was in a practical state of anarchy.

The ordinance provides for a fine of \$200 for any individual, firm or any corporation who sends out any false and alarming news regarding the situation here. It is bitterly opposed to the entry of American troops into Mexico and openly accused Carranza of being false to the national honor of Mexico, but

Pastors Will Open Midday Devotions For Lent Monday

The devotional services to be held by the Pastors' association during the balance of lent, will begin on Monday at the First Methodist Episcopal church, where all the meetings are to be held. The first speaker will be Rev. J. P. Wagner, pastor of Summerfield Methodist church, and president of the Pastors' association.

Tuesday the meeting will be in charge of Rev. H. D. Gallaudet, who has just resigned as pastor of North Congregational church. Wednesday Rev. E. A. Burnes, pastor of Washington Park Methodist church, will speak. Rev. J. R. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist church, will speak Thursday, and Rev. E. R. Cooper of the English Lutheran church on Friday.

The meetings will begin at 12:30 promptly and will last only twenty minutes. All, regardless of church affiliations, members or not, are invited to attend these services, and the meetings will be given each day by the pastor leading.

Relief Committee Thanks Contributors To Aid of Jewish

Through the columns of the Farmer the people's relief committee wishes to offer thanks and appreciation to those that helped in making the Purim Day collection for Jewish war sufferers a success. The total collected was \$224.25, which was forwarded to the main office in New York from where it is distributed to the countries suffering as a result of European catastrophes.

The fund is divided in proportion to the Jewish population of each country. Due to the appreciation of European money on international exchange, every 25 cents of American value brings to the countries in distress a sum that can buy the necessities of life for one person for a day.

At the party of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, 705 Barnum avenue, given in honor of their new-born son, \$16.10 was collected. At the party of Mr. Feldman, \$2.85 was collected, and at Mr. Ratner's, \$4. At wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Ofshinsky of Bunnell street, \$20 was donated.

Automobiles Burn In Fire At Barn

Flames from a garage lamp in the garage of William Rappaport, 805 Seaview avenue, at 9:41 last night, ignited gas fumes escaping from the engine in an automobile in the garage and the building took fire.

FRENCH FROM SALONIKI ALONG SERBIAN FRONTIER

Berlin, March 25.—The Berlin Tageblatt's Macedonia correspondent says that French forces from the entrenched camp at Saloniki have been showing activity in the neighborhood of Glevogel on the Serbian-Greek frontier where they fired 10 shots from heavy guns against German-Austrian pioneers who were repairing bridges. The shots did no damage. The French also carried out a bombardment in the vicinity of Doban. A number of small skirmishes between patrols have taken place, the correspondent says.

FATHER HUSSION TO TELL HISTORY OF IRISH IN WAR

St. Charles Church Curate to Recount Feats in Days Fro m1861-1865.

A brilliant recounting of the doings of soldiers of Irish birth during the Civil War will be given in the Plaza theatre one week from tomorrow night. The speaker of the evening will be Rev. James V. Hussion of St. Charles church on East Main street. The affair will be under the auspices of Division No. 1, A. O. H. U. Father Hussion has the reputation of being one of the foremost orators in the Roman Catholic diocese of Hartford.

He has appeared before the public on many occasions and each time he has had to deal with many of the recorded but forgotten doings of the Irish race.

His subject on this occasion will be "Irish Loyalty to the Union in 1861-1865." He will reveal the names of many Irish residents at that time, some of whom are now living. He will center chiefly upon the gallant work of the Ninth Conn. Regiment of Irish Volunteers and the wonderful deeds of the gallant 69th Regiment of New York. He will describe several battle scenes and will include a brief account of the memorable ride of Phil Sheridan.

His subject will be a novel one. Father Hussion has been preparing his lecture for the last six weeks. Tickets for the lecture and concert are now on sale and may be purchased at Hartigan's drug store, 93 Fairfield avenue or from members.

NIGHT SESSIONS TO AID CONGRESS IN SPEEDING JOB

Washington, March 25.—Steps to speed up Congressional action on the administration's legislative plan so that adjournment may be had early in June were being taken by House Democratic leaders today in accordance with a party caucus decision last night. President Wilson has urged an adjournment before the national political conventions.

The plan calls for earlier daily sessions of the House and night sessions whenever necessary. The business of all special days in the week except "Calendar Wednesdays" will be dealt with at night sessions, and the tariff committee bill will be made a part of the proposed general revenue legislation. The order of bills is: Appropriation, with provision for national preparedness; revenue, with anti-dumping provision, tariff commission, shipping and rural credit legislation; the Philippines and Porto Rican bills, conservation, Mississippi river relief measures and a corrupt practices act.

Speaker Clark expresses belief that if the majority members work harmoniously the session may be brought to a close in June.

DR. DUESING GIVES EMPEROR'S CROSS TO CHARITY BAZAAR

A huge reproduction, in wood, of the iron cross bestowed by Emperor William for bravery, has been ordered by Dr. Herman Duesing, of this city, as a gift to the bazaar soon to be held here for the benefit of the German workers among the war sufferers of the Germanic allies.

Jacob Schaedler, aged 80, who despite his many years still is active in business, will turn out the wooden cross which upon a stout pedestal will reach a height of more than 7 feet. The cross will measure 30 inches across. It will be painted to resemble iron. The pedestal will be of wood.

This device will be used as a means of obtaining funds. Nails of iron, silver and gold will be sold to the generously inclined patrons of the bazaar, at 10 cents, 25 cents and 50 cents respectively. These will be driven by the purchasers, into the wooden cross, and when the bazaar is over, the cross will be retained by one of the local German societies as a memento of the unselfishness of Bridgeporters by birth of descent bound to the Germanic allies.

It is estimated that the cross will also cost the giving of 35,000 nails. It is planned to hold the bazaar the second week in May.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Wilson Marshall, Jr., entertained a large party of young friends in the Marshall residence, Marina park, at a Spring dance last evening. The house is the former home of P. T. Barnum. Cut flowers decorated the house. Red predominated in the private grill room where supper was served and Easter flowers were used in the Louis XIV ball room. The dance is an annual affair. The one last evening was one of the prettiest that Mr. Marshall has given. Mr. Marshall Sr., assisted his son in receiving the guests. A number of dinner parties preceded the dance.

The Four Leaf Clover club dance, another festivity for the young people who are at home from school for the spring recess, will be held this evening at the Brooklawn Country club.

The engagement of Miss Linda Christe Ginnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Ginnard, of 24 Sanford avenue to Dr. S. Treat Stanton of Norwalk, has been announced.

A masquerade soiree will be given Monday evening at Germania hall by Bertha lodge No. 59 and Kroener lodge No. 368, D. of H. The officers of the lodges are acting as committees for the affair.

The Missouri Supreme Court issued a peremptory writ ordering the secretary of state to issue a license to Wabash Railroad to do business in Missouri.

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Banks Was Checker Shark At 5 Years; Plays at Y. M. C. A.

"Say, is that fellow same?" "Doesn't he have someone in the audience help him to do it?" "He hypnotizes the players, doesn't he?" "Isn't he a nut?" These are a few of the questions that the secretary at the Y. M. C. A. last night was asked when Newell W. Banks, America's champion checker player met and defeated 16 of the best checker players in the city at the Y. M. C. A. last night.

Not one man was able to best the young champion at the game that has been hitting Bridgeport's indoor sports so hard.

Tonight he will play 40 boards in the lobby of the association, and as Banks plays chess almost as well as he plays checkers, he will be glad also to include the chess players in his simultaneous play. Tonight the number of game tables will be increased to accommodate the number of players who will take part in the exhibition. Checkers will also be arranged to seat the spectators. All persons who desire to play with the champion are requested to advise Mr. Kupper at the association so that a seat at the game tables may be reserved.

Banks was taught to play by his father, who was champion checker player of the Middle West. At five years he is credited with having played a game that would make some of them sit up and take notice, at nine years of age, still coached by his father, he played his first exhibition of blind-fold playing. A little later he challenged his father and the checker sharks of the Middle West forced Newell's daddy to accept the challenge and the outcome of the matter was that Newell annexed the laurels worn so many years by his father.

In 1909 Banks took the American championship from Hugh Henderson. Their match consisted of 50 games, 43 of these games were draws, and games won 4-3. Banks was at this time only 19 years old and was considered the best player that the world had seen for many years. In 1914 Banks again met and defeated Henderson in a return 20 game match. This time Banks drew 12 games and won 4 out

of 5. Banks was by no means satisfied with the laurels which he had won and so started out to annex the world championship title. He therefore challenged Alfred Jordan, the English champion, and was the only claimant of the crown and the match was played in 1914. There was also a side bet of \$1,000. The result of this match was a draw. The score being 3-3 and 36 draw games.

Theatrical Agent's Liason Ends in the Divorce Court Here

Because of his friendship for Miss June White of the "Around the Map" company, Leander Shaw Herrick, a New York theatrical booking agent, was a defendant in divorce proceedings heard yesterday afternoon before Judge Gager in the superior court. The action was brought by Florence Howes Herrick of Stamford, who was awarded a divorce on the ground of infidelity. The court ordered Herrick to pay the plaintiff alimony of \$1,600 a year. A private detective told of finding Herrick and the chorus girl in a room at the Hotel Cumberland, New York.

Lena Kern Reese of this city was given a decree from Joseph Reese of this city. Cruelly was the ground. Mrs. Reese, who married the defendant in 1904, was granted the custody of two minor children.

The court allowed Kathryn Vollmer Castro of this city a divorce from Robert Castro of West Orange, N. J. Diversion June 1, 1912 was alleged. The couple were married June 16, 1909.

EMBARGO ON WEST COAST TRADE TO SOUTH AMERICA

New York, March 25.—The United Fruit Co. has placed an embargo on all shipments to the west coast of South America, south of Callao, Peru. This followed the declaration of similar embargoes by two of the steamship lines operating between Panama and the west coast and results from the inability of the west coast lines to keep pace with heavy shipments.

The New York court of appeals adjourned for its spring recess until April 10.