

BIG DEMAND MADE FOR FLAGS TO USE DURING G. A. R. WEEK

All Washington Will Be Swathed in Red, White, and Blue, Says Chairman Gans.

All Washington will be swathed in flags, bunting, and other decorations during the G. A. R. encampment, September 27 to October 2.

This became evident today when the decorations committee, of which Isaac Gans is chairman, reported that the demand for flags had been unusually heavy and that the supply of about 1,500 flags furnished by the War and Navy Departments probably would be exhausted several days before the curtain rises on the encampment.

Today, at the request of Chairman Gans, light energetic and active Boy Scouts were designated to assist in distributing the flags. The scouts are Stuart Coates, Mark Shoemaker, John Voss, Walter See, Howard Derrick, Evans Grogan, Donald O. Wolf and Edward Shely.

The decorations committee, with headquarters in the Bond building, is furnishing flags free for use during the encampment. The standards are being loaned to business men and individual residents who are required to sign a bond for the safe return of the large standards.

Flag Stores Opened. In addition to the decorations committee's activity, several stores have been opened in different parts of the city where flags, bunting, and the portraits of Union leaders in the civil war can be purchased.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles, grand marshal of the parade to be held beginning at 9 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, September 29, has invited all the retired army and navy officers who are in the city to ride with him at the head of the parade.

Decorators Were Busy. Decorators and other workmen were busy at the Emery building today getting it into order for the reception and business session of the veterans.

Wednesday evening the survivors of the Fourth Army Corps will hold a meeting in G. A. H. Hall to make arrangements for the reception and entertainment of veterans of that organization coming from distant cities.

Announcement was made today that the National G. A. R. Association, composed of 9,000 members, will hold one of its business sessions on Monday, September 27, at the Emery building.

The committee on hospitality to the national patriotic instructors is composed of Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball, chairman, Col. John McElroy, Capt. Osborn H. Oldroyd, Mrs. Anna M. Roberts, Clement A. Lounsbury, Major J. B. Merwin, Mrs. Lida A. Oldroyd, Miss Rose M. Bell, Mrs. Lewis Smith, Harley C. Speelman, Miss M. Genevieve Spencer, Mrs. Ella L. Washburn, John E. Weather, Mrs. Christine Walton Dunlap and Mrs. Ida M. Cline.

The patriotic instructors' Association is composed of men and women whose duty it is to see that the American flag is not desecrated or put to improper use, to have a banner placed on every school house in the U. S. to see that flag day is fittingly observed each year, and to instill patriotism in old and young alike.

Invitations were received in Washington today for two big receptions to be given during encampment week. On the evening of Wednesday, September 29, Mrs. Mary A. Jameson, national president of the G. A. R., will hold a reception in the Willard Hotel in honor of David J. Palmer, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. All the members of the women's organizations which have been invited to attend this function.

Will Give Reception. On the evening of Thursday, September 30, the New York department of the Women's Relief Corps will give a reception at the Raleigh Hotel, and will entertain the commander-in-chief, all departments and comrades of the G. A. R., the national president, all departments and members of the Women's Relief Corps, past national officers, and all members of the auxiliary organizations of the G. A. R. This will be one of the biggest social affairs incident to the encampment.

Another large function will be the reception tendered by the G. A. R. at Palmer and all members of the G. A. R.

Catholic Priest Will March With Veterans



REV. VALENTINE F. SCHMITT.

Rev. Valentine F. Schmitt, national president of the Woman's Relief Corps in the rounds of the Capitol from 9 to 10 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, September 29, will be assisted in the receiving line by members of the national staff and Mrs. Mabel Palmer, domestic president of the department of the potomac, W. R. C., and Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball.

Col. John McElroy today received word that the Maryland delegation of G. A. R. veterans would make its headquarters in the Harrington Hotel. All Maryland veterans in the city will assemble there at 9 o'clock on the morning of Monday, Sept. 27. The Marylanders who will march in the parade will reach Washington early on the morning of Wednesday, September 29. The marchers will be headed by the band from St. Mary's Industrial School, and will be in charge of Senior Vice Commander James E. Vansant.

Assurance was given today that a sufficient number of cars would be available along E street northwest to accommodate the large crowd which will visit Fort Stevens, near Brightwood, and attend the reunion of the Sixth Army Corps there on Tuesday, September 28.

Members of the Military Order of the Medal of Honor and all other medals of honor men will attend an informal meeting and reception to be held by the United States Medal of Honor Club in the Sterling Hotel on September 28.

Announcement of the invitation was made today by President James M. Schoemaker, of the Military Order of the Medal of Honor. The invitation includes every holder of a medal of honor, regardless of his affiliations, and is presented to all such men by members, by election, or by legal possession of a dead soldier's medal of honor.

General Grant was colonel of the 11th Ohio Regiment during the civil war, and also served as brigade commander and temporary commander of the Sixth Army Corps. He was repeatedly wounded and killed in the war, but is expected to attend the forthcoming encampment. He was for many years a Congressman from Ohio, and commanded a division in the Spanish-American war.

Work of decorating the Pension Office for the encampment has already begun. The decorators have a huge task before them, but are expected to complete it by the end of the week.

WEST VIRGINIA TO GREET ITS VETERANS

Old Soldiers to Be Lavishly Entertained by Washington Society During Camp.

West Virginia veterans of the G. A. R. will be lavishly entertained by Washington's West Virginia Association during the forthcoming encampment. Arrangements have been completed to present each of the veterans with a handsome souvenir badge, bearing the seal of West Virginia and the emblem of the G. A. R., and to entertain them at a banquet.

Former Senator Nathan B. Scott will be taken on an automobile sightseeing tour, visiting all the places of interest in and about Washington and the nearby battlefields.

The arrangements for entertaining the West Virginia veterans are being handled by the following committees: Judge George W. Atkinson, chairman; Gen. W. W. Scott, vice chairman; Capt. Edwin Frey, Capt. James M. Pipes, Capt. James A. Macaulay, Capt. Joseph E. Hart, Capt. Henry C. Duncan, Capt. James F. Stone, Col. C. H. Livingston, Col. J. William DeGrange, Henry S. Baker, A. B. Wells.

FATHER SCHMITT TO PARADE WITH G. A. R.

Pastor of St. Joseph's Church Among First to Enlist for March.

Conspicuous among the Washingtonians who will march with the Department of the Potomac in the G. A. R. parade, September 29, will be the Rev. Father Valentine F. Schmitt, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Father Schmitt was born in Bavaria, May 4, 1844. At an early age he came to America to study for the priesthood. At the outbreak of the civil war he left his ecclesiastical studies to join the 100th Pennsylvania Volunteers, being assigned to Company B. Although not of military age, he was allowed to enlist because of his size and development.

The 100th Pennsylvania Volunteers were known as "Roundheads." They derived this appellation from the fact that they wore the caps of the Covenanters who came to this country from England. The Covenanters were Scotch-Irish. They fought with clean-shaven heads and opposed the aristocracy, the members of which wore flowing wigs.

The 100th was assigned to the Ninth Army Corps known as "Roundheads." They were not distinguished in twenty-three battles. At the close of the war Father Schmitt, who is a member of the Union Veterans Union, with only one man who was actually in battle are eligible, resumed his ecclesiastical studies at St. Mary's Industrial School.

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Names Publicity Board For Defense Conference. Announcement was made today by Frank B. Lord, chairman of the publicity committee of the Conference on National Defense, to be held in Washington following the encampment of the G. A. R. The list includes more than 100 of the leading newspaper men of Washington papers and correspondents of out-of-town papers.

Woman, As Soldier, Killed in a Duel. Amazes Belgian Adversary When She Leaves a Last Message For Her Husband.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The strange story of a German woman who disguised herself as a man, fought in the German trenches and then engaged in a duel with her own husband, was brought here tonight from northern France.

A Belgian soldier found himself engaged in a death combat with a "Buche" in a narrow communication trench near St. Julien. His adversary was taller and heavier than he, and he brought here tonight from northern France.

Fights 60 Police Six Hours; Then Suicide. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—After a six-hour battle between sixty police and George Nelson, wanted for complicity in the robbery of a Los Angeles bank, Nelson's bullet-riddled body was found at dawn stretched on a cot in a rooming house, where he had barricaded himself.

Horse's Tail Caught in Pulley Belt—It Is Shot. COVINGTON, Ind., Sept. 13.—While thrashing at the farm of Jesse Cook, south of here, one of the horses used in hauling grain to the machine, swished its tail so that it was caught in the belt on the drive pulley. The tail was wound around the pulley and the entire tail bone with several joints of the spinal column was pulled out. The animal was shot to put it out of its misery.

Dormitory Ready At Bliss School

New Fireproof Building to Be Opened at "Housewarming" Next Friday.

The new fireproof dormitory of the Bliss Electrical School at Takoma Park, which was erected at a cost of \$60,000, has now been completed, and will be thrown open to inspection at a "housewarming" Friday evening from 7:30 to 10:30.

The structure is one of the most imposing in Takoma and will accommodate sixty students. The construction is of hollow tile and reinforced concrete, being thoroughly fireproof throughout by reason of the cement floors and iron stairways filled with cement.

A 500-gallon boiler with separate heater will furnish abundant hot water for the showers and bathtubs which have been installed. Instead of closets in the rooms, each student will be provided with a sanitary steel wardrobe with tumble lock. A stationary vacuum cleaner has also been installed.

The school year will begin on September 22, and the present enrollment, which is a large number of flags to be sold in all parts of the city by members of women's patriotic societies, the sale of flags will be under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Andrews, chairman of the woman's citizens' committee of the G. A. R. encampment.

RAILROAD CASHIER KILLED AND ROBBED. Body of Man Who Had Been Carrying Roll of Bills Found With Only 30 Cents.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Sept. 13.—Was John Yost, cashier for the Philadelphia and Reading Company in Philadelphia, murdered? The authorities of his home town, Collegeville, as well as Coroner McElathery and District Attorney Shelve are endeavoring to learn how he came to his death.

Yost's body was found along the Perkiomen railroad tracks early yesterday by the crew of a milk train. He had a roll of bills, Hotel Proprietor Wells and others in the bar noticed this, and also recall that a stranger stood beside Yost and closely watched the man enter the bar.

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W. E. Estes, of Bayonne, N. J., Goes to Aid of John C. Holmes For Old Friendship Sake. MT. VERNON, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Strapped arm to arm, E. W. Estes, of Bayonne, and John C. Holmes, of Mt. Vernon, lay on a cot in Mt. Vernon Hospital. The surgeons had just opened an artery in the wrist of Estes, and his rich, life-giving blood was flowing into the veins of Holmes, lighting up the pallid face with the first glow of color he had had for months.

TWO CLAIM GIRL AS HER MOTHER. Mother and Daughter Each Declare Child Is Hers in Court Dispute. NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Magistrate Cobb was confronted with a problem not unlike that which King Solomon was called upon to decide, when two women came before him, each claiming to be the mother of the same child.

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Stands will also be erected at all the principal street corners, and a delegation of flag sellers will go with the members of the Chamber of Commerce on their excursion.

Chairman Harper has received a number of additional contributions to the fund. They include Emma Jennings, \$50; Charles H. Merrill, \$5; Dewey Hotel, \$75; Walter W. Warwick, \$10; Newton Pierce, \$5. Through the efforts of Dr. Sam E. Lewis, these contributions were raised: Dr. John Contas, \$2; Dr. Philip L. Roy, \$10; Dr. G. J. Lyman, \$10; Dr. J. B. Nichols, \$10; Dr. William G. Moran, \$10; Dr. William Earl Clark, \$10; Dr. Charles W. Richardson, \$10; Dr. N. F. Barnes, \$10; Dr. E. L. Lamb, \$10; Dr. E. Y. Davidson, \$5, and Dr. Sam E. Lewis, \$5.

These contributions were gratefully accepted by Chairman Harper, who caused the expenditures here to be run on the balance a close race and the chairman of the various committees have had to prune down their plans considerably to keep within the limits and leave a slight surplus for emergency expenses after the encampment actually begins.

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