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MANNERS AND OUR MILITARY

There is an unwritten, or maybe it is a written, rule at the Naval and Military Academies that the cadet in uniform may not carry the wrap or the parcel of the lady he is escorting. It is presumed to be un-military, unfitting to the dignity of his uniform and the stern quality of his profession.

FUTURE HEROES IN BRONZE

Has anybody stopped to think of the fearful task that this war is preparing for the sculptors and painters of the future, when they shall be called upon to depict the military heroes in "action, more action," as the movie impresarios say.

THE CHRISTMAS SENTIMENT

Christmas holds a unique place as a yearly celebration. The observance of other holidays has changed, but Christmas has yielded none of its original sacredness. It is now, as at first, essentially a religious day.

THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Washington set the pace this year in restoring, in one neighborhood, a community celebration of Thanksgiving. Today it is making a new history with a celebration, city-wide in its scope, of Christmas.

MILITARY SCHOOLS TO FEATURE PARADE

Inaugural Heads Plan Preparedness Demonstration as Part of Big Pageant. Plans to make the military schools section not only a striking feature of the inaugural parade, but a preparedness demonstration for the nation.

LETTERS TO GOVERNORS

Seek Information on Participation of National Guard and Other Military Bodies.

Chairman Harper began preparation today of letters to governors of the forty-eight States, asking them to be expected to take part in the parade, and the number of boys such schools may send.

DANGEROUS PROPAGANDA

Doubtless the Washington Government knows, but the American people does not know, that there are sinister reports about the origin of many stories in recent months calculated to create a breach between the United States and Japan.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Charles A. Douglas, chairman; Frank B. Noyes, John P. Story, Jr., vice chairman; H. Rosier Dulany, Jr., secretary; Edward D. White, Chief Justice Supreme Court of United States; Willard Saulsbury, President of the United States Senate.

WHAT'S ON PROGRAM

Many interesting events of importance are scheduled. Today: Chanukah celebration, Adah Israel Temple, 11th and I streets northwest, 7:30 p. m.

JAM IN CONGRESS

AFTER XMAS REST

Legislative Situation So Uncertain No One Can Forecast the Outcome.

RAILWAY PROGRAM PROBLEM

President's Recommendations Likely to Be Blocked in Rush of Short Session.

Unparalleled Congestion Feared.

Proponents of these matters are insistent and not to be backed off the boards with a word or with anything short of a club and a fight.

Surgeons Advocate Insistent.

No Progress on Railway Bills.

Headings on Legislation.

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SONS OF JONADAB ELECT

Travis L. Farley Again is Worthy Chief of Council.

Travis L. Farley was re-elected worthy chief for six months by the Pioneer Council, Original Sons of Jonadab, at its last meeting.

Other officers elected are: Joseph F. Madden, re-elected vice chief; John E. Hogan, patriarch; William G. Carrico, post chief; Charles F. Sudworth, re-elected treasurer; A. F. Saffel, financial secretary; Charles T. Smith, re-elected recording secretary; Charles La Hayne, guide; John F. Hardy, assistant guide; James M. Maloney, inside watch; and W. L. Kingsbury, re-elected outside watch.

Trustees elected were: Edward Mullen, for three years; John E. Hogan, for two years, and Charles T. Smith, for one year.

The order will hold watch night services at the headquarters of the organization, 622 Louisiana, avenue northwest, next Sunday night.

CIVIC FEDERATION READY FOR MEETING

Opposition to Preparedness, Guard Mobilization, and Immigration Coming Up.

The opposition of wage earners and farmers to military preparedness, the lesson learned from the mobilization of troops on the border, and the immigration question, are some of the things to be considered by the National Civic Federation at its seventeenth annual meeting in New York in January 22 and 23.

The latest move for peace, which has caused such an economic disturbance, will also furnish the civic leader with topic for discussion.

No Permanent Fixture.

That the dove of peace is not to be regarded as a permanent fixture, even after the present world-war, is indicated in a pre-convention statement issued to the delegates by Ralph M. Easley, chairman of the executive council. Among other things, he says:

There is great need among all the elements of the nation to prepare for possible military complications after the war. The country should be in a strong defense position at the end of the present conflict should not endure, and the United States, according to the prediction of our President, may enter the future big war.

Revolutionary Measure.

"This controversy (referring to the Adamson eight-hour law) was adjourned by an almost revolutionary measure, which, if it remains on the statute books, is likely to result in a number of evils only less harmful than the alternative of the strike."

The federation will also consider the paternalistic proposals, fashioned largely after those of Germany, to insure a better contentment of mind among the citizens of the United States.

Committee reports, the address of the president, and numerous social affairs planned in honor of the women who will attend the convention, make up the program.

NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE

Young Men to Give Annual Dance Next Friday Evening.

The annual dance of the young men of Rockville and vicinity will be held in the opera house next Friday evening. It will be in charge of a committee consisting of Dr. George E. Lewis, Harry E. Clark, Thomas L. Lawson, W. W. Talbot, Vernon Peter, Robert L. Ward, Charles G. Myers, Wilson S. Ward, and C. G. Ward.

The chaperons will be Mrs. William Dorsey, Mrs. Edward C. Peter, Mrs. Alexander Kilgour, and Miss Minnie Lowrey.

Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, of New Orleans, who are on their honeymoon trip, are visiting Mr. Anderson's parents, Capt. and Mrs. James Anderson.

MOTORIST EXONERATED

Coroner's Jury Finds Preasley L. Poole's Death Result of Accident.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by a coroner's jury in the case of Preasley L. Poole, thirty-one years old, a resident of Fairfax county, Virginia, who died at Emergency Hospital Friday morning from injuries received earlier in the day when he was struck by an automobile driven by Charles Renning at Fourteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Poole had been married only a few months, and was employed at the automobile room at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. W. H. Poole, father of the deceased, and a brother, were present at the inquest.

TO SEE MAGAZINE MADE

Managers of Geographic Society to Visit Printing Plant.

The printing of the National Geographic Magazine will be witnessed Tuesday by members of the board of managers of the National Geographic Society and women and children of their families.

According to the announcement of Gilbert H. Grosvenor, director and editor of the publication, they will assemble at 2:15 p. m. at the establishment of Judd & Detweiler, at Florida avenue and Eckington place, and see twelve large rotary presses and all necessary binding machinery in operation.

SENATOR LEWIS BETTER

Illinois Solon Receiving Surgical Treatment at Hospital Here.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, who is at the Garfield Hospital receiving surgical treatment, was reported much better this morning, despite the fact that he passed a rather uncomfortable night.

The Senator was taken to the hospital Thursday. He had planned to spend the holidays in Chicago, but was advised against doing so by his physicians.

RAID GERMAN TRENCHES

General Haig Reports Successful Attack by British.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A successful trench raid in the bluff region south of Ypres is reported by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig. The enemy lost heavily.

The report also detailed a raid by the Germans on British trenches near Gooslinghe after a heavy bombardment, in which there were few casualties on both sides.

In the Ancre, Somme and Loos areas there was a considerable mutual artillery firing.

ALLIES ARE ACTIVE

ON ALL WAR FRONTS

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Thus considered, it will be seen that there is no weakening rest of the allies' lines, that the only successes of the central powers have been in Roumania; that even there they are checked, and that there is every prospect of the war continuing at least through 1917.

Didn't Need Action.

It did not need the stern declaration of King George's speech that the war would be vigorously prosecuted until the security of Europe is established or the more abrupt rejection of Berlin's peace plea by the Russian Duma to show the determination of the Allies to attain their objects, however long it might take.

On the western front, the Belgian, British and French lines are bringing with activity from the North Sea to Switzerland. Never for a moment are the Prussian lines, which have been extended in recent raids made by the British prisoners, physically exhausted, found asleep in their dugouts amid the din of bombardment.

From the Macedonian front, action has extended to the Belgian line, where there have been heavy artillery engagements at He Sas.

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On the Macedonian front fog, rain and mud have prevented any advance by the Franco-Serbian forces in the west, although there have been artillery duels and engagements by Italian cavalry patrols.

Successful Raids.

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On the Italian front there has been more active artillery bombardments in the Trentino and on the Carso plateau, where the Italians are slowly creeping toward Trieste.

On the Turkish front the British on Thursday recaptured F1 Arish in Egypt, ninety miles east of the Suez canal. This move, which was feasible because of the intervention of the British to extend their lines on the Sinai peninsula, and, perhaps, to invade Palestine and Syria from the south.

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