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## FROM MANY STATES

### Prominent Masons in Attendance at Eighth Annual Convention of George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

The city of Alexandria is honored today by the presence of distinguished members of the Masonic fraternity who have come from various states in the Union to attend the eighth annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. An informal reception was tendered to the delegates and visiting brethren at the Masonic Temple last evening, where old friendships were renewed and matters of interest to the craft in general discussed.

The opening business session convened this morning at 9:30, the address of welcome being given by the grand master of Virginia, E. L. Cunningham. An eulogy was also delivered at that session on the late president of the association, General Thomas J. Shroyock, by Warren S. Seipp, grand lecturer of the state of Maryland. Other business was disposed of and at 12:30 luncheon was served by a committee of the ladies of Martha Washington Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The afternoon session convened at 1:30.

Another session will be held this evening at 7:30 at which the Master Mason's degree will be conferred and a bust of Washington will be presented to the association as a gift from the late General Thomas J. Shroyock, the presentation speech being made by Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville. The bust is of bronze and was copied from the Houdan statue of Washington which stands in the rotunda of the State Capitol at Richmond. Tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 the annual pilgrimage to Mount Vernon will be made.

Among those in attendance at the convention are the following:

- Wilber A. Scott, past grand master of Rhode Island; Henry F. Reese, grand high priest, of Alabama; P. K. Bauman, past grand master, Fredericksburg, Va.; Thomas J. Day, past grand master, Wilmington, Del.; Harry W. Lowz, past grand high priest, Wilmington, Del.; Wm. F. English, grand master, Hartford, Ct.; Geo. A. Kies, past grand master, Hartford, Ct.; Louis A. Watres, past grand master, Scranton, Pa.; James B. Wood, past grand master, Charlottesville, Va.; Geo. T. Bryan, past grand master, Greenville, S. C.; Myron H. Landifer, Rockville, S. C.; William W. Wanamaker, grand master, Orangeburg, S. C.; Julian F. Spearman, grand chaplain, Anniston, Ala.; W. J. Reynolds, grand master, Westhope, North Dakota; F. E. Harrison, past grand master, Abbeville, S. C.; Joseph Lindsay, grand recorder, Chester, S. C.; Louis H. Fead, grand master, Newberry, Miss.; James E. Dillon, past grand master, East Tawas, Mich.; Chas. H. Burns, past grand master, of Maryland; Wm. Booth-Price, Baltimore, Md.; Wm. L. Boyder, Washington, D. C.; Warren S. Seipp, grand lecturer, grand lodge of Maryland; Edwin B. Hesse, District of Columbia, D. C.; J. D. Matlock, Ensley, Ala.; Elmer E. Beane, Chicago, Ill.; John H. Cowles, past grand master, New York city; Geo. H. Conover, Iowa; J. C. Keiper, past grand master, District of Columbia; Henry Banks, past grand master, Georgia; Wm. F. Rowe, past grand high priest, Georgia; Robert F. Teague, grand master, Alabama; E. L. Cunningham, grand master Virginia; George E. Corson, grand high priest; Geo. F. Norfleet, grand master, North Carolina; S. M. Gatty, past grand master North Carolina; Geo. A. Beauchamp, grand secretary, Alabama; W. D. McChesney, past grand master, Staunton, Va.; Chas. E. Baldwin, past grand master, District of Columbia; T. John Newton, past grand master, District of Columbia.

### Notice of Meeting.

A very important meeting of all branches and auxiliaries of the Alexandria Chapter of American Red Cross will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday evening, February 25, 1918, at 8 o'clock, p. m. Every member is urged to be present. Ruth S. Williams, Secretary. 45-4t.

### At Your Call.

Spanish mackerel, cod fish, lake trout, and fresh herring on sale tomorrow, and the balance of the week. Geo. E. Price and Co., Phone 321. 45-1t.

## WOMEN'S MASS MEETING

### Members of the Billy Sunday Party in Washington to Hold a Meeting in This City Next Sunday.

An enthusiastic meeting of the ladies of the committee of arrangements for the women's mass meeting which is to be held by the members of the Billy Sunday party at the Methodist Church South in this city on Sunday afternoon next at 3 o'clock, was held at the residence of Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett yesterday morning.

All arrangements have been completed and everything points to a record breaking meeting. The business men have been especially interested and committees have been formed in the various stores and industries of the city looking to a large attendance of the young lady clerks in the different places of business. Already the lady clerks at Swan's dry goods store and Woolworth's have asked for reservations and will attend in a body. Many other stores are expected to form similar organizations. The teachers of the city schools and the High school girls are also expected to send large delegations.

The following ladies are at the head of the different sections: Mrs. C. C. Carlin, Chairman; Mrs. Herndon, Real Cross, Mrs. Thos. Robertson, D. A. R.; Miss Cummings, Cameron Club; Mrs. W. J. Morton and Miss Carlin, High School; Mrs. Frank Lambert, Business Women's section; Mrs. Chas. Bendheim, Jewish Council of Women; Mrs. Clifton Howard, Committee of Arrangements; Mrs. Louis Duffy, Ushers; Mrs. Klipstein, Manufacturers; Mrs. George Schwarzmann, Eastern Star; Mrs. Joe Schwarzmann, Women in Industry.

The object of the meeting is to bring the women of the city together as a means of preparing for the large influx of women who will be employed in the city in the near future. A Business Women's Council will likely be formed as a result of this meeting whereby the welfare and comfort of women and girls will be augmented.

An invitation has been extended to the Business Women's Council of Washington which has been formed as a result of the Sunday meetings and has been accepted and a delegation of fifty of these business women will attend in a body and will be entertained for supper by Mrs. Barrett at the close of the meeting.

The principal speaker will be Miss Miller, of the Sunday party and the music will be under the direction of Mrs. Asher, who will sing some of her beautiful solos. Mrs. Asher is one of the leading members of the Sunday party and a life long friend of Mr. and Mrs. Sunday.

### Artillery Active.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 21.—An American infantryman was killed on Wednesday by a stray bullet and three artillerymen were slightly wounded by German shrapnel.

The German artillery has become very active and an average of 700 to 800 shells are now thrown daily against the American positions and the territory lying to the rear. It was estimated today that the German gunfire is about three times as heavy as it was when the Americans first took over the sector. The concentration of Krupp's was made necessary by the activity of the batteries supporting our trenches. There was a slight ground haze on Wednesday which interfered somewhat with the artillery.

German airplanes were active. Three of them approached a village behind the American lines, but were driven off by the Yankee high angle guns and machine gun fire.

Flares thrown up Wednesday morning revealed a group of Germans just outside the German barbed wire in "No Man's Land." The signal was given for a barrage fire, and for ninety minutes the American artillery was active laying it down.

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

### The prayer meeting at the Anne Lee Memorial Home will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

A youth named Taylor, employed at the moving picture building on the south side of King street, between Fairfax and Royal, fell through a skylight about two o'clock this afternoon and was seriously injured by being cut on the left arm by broken glass.

Sarah, wife of John T. Langley, who had been in failing health for some time, died last night at the residence of her brother, Wm. H. Woodfield, 512 Cameron street. Besides her husband she is survived by seven children. She was a daughter of the late William H. and Mary A. Woodfield. The body will be removed to her late home, 318 north Royal street, where the funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### Tomorrow will be "Cherry Day" in Alexandria.

As has been the custom for the past three years, miniature cherries will be sold on the streets of the city tomorrow—Feb. 22nd—for the benefit of the Alexandria playgrounds for the children. Put an extra dime in your pocket tomorrow morning so that you may have it ready for the young lady who will call on you with the cherries. She will appreciate it and you will be doing something for the good of the children of this old city.

### Collector John M. Hart, of Roanoke has sent the following notice to the local collectors in this city, Deputies Birrell and Pickett:

"You are advised that an extension of time has been automatically given by the Department for the filing of income and excess profits forms. These forms are now due in this office on or before April 1st. Forms will be mailed to all taxpayers upon receipt of same from Washington." Mr. Birrell and Mr. Pickett will be at the federal building in this city after March 1st for the purpose of assisting any who may require their services in filling out their returns.

### THINKS SON WAS MURDERED.

William S. Garlock Doubts That Train Killed His Boy.

Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 21.—William Statton Garlock is not satisfied with the theory that his son, Frank S. Garlock, who was found dead along the Western Maryland Railroad near Hagerstown, was killed by a train. He thinks young Garlock was a victim of foul play, and police are following up fresh clues, said to have been found. On the night he was killed Garlock took refuge in the vestibule of a house and aroused the owner, stating that he was followed by three persons. It is said young Garlock would have been a witness in a sensational case had he lived.

### "Ghosts of Yesterday."

In "Ghosts of Yesterday," the Select Star Series photodrama which will be shown at the Richmond Theatre tonight Norma Talmadge rises to really great heights of emotional acting in the portrayal of the two parts which fall to her in that production. Dual personality roles are rare because of the high artistry they call for, but in this picture Miss Talmadge verifies the praise which she has earned. Her performances have always brought forth. First as Ruth Gramme, the poor little seamstress, and later as Jeanne La Fleur, the wanted Bal Tabarin cabaret singer, she delineates both characters with remarkable fidelity.

### PRESS EAST OF JERUSALEM.

### British Make Two-Mile Advance on Front of Fifteen Miles.

London, Feb. 21.—The British army in Palestine made an attack Tuesday east of Jerusalem, advancing two miles, on a front of 15 miles it is announced officially. The communication follows: "On Tuesday morning we advanced to the attack on a frontage of 15 miles east of Jerusalem. By evening all objectives had been secured, to an average depth of two miles."

### Special Notice.

The members of Fitzgerald Council, Knights of Columbus, will attend the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members, Friday, Feb. 22d, at 8 o'clock a. m., in St. Mary's church. 45-1t.

There were no cases of interest in the Police Court this morning.

On account of the fuel situation, the annual meeting of the Alexandria Sunday School Association, which was to have been held on Tuesday, February 26th, has been postponed until some time in April or May.

Following the custom established in the past, there will be a solemn memorial mass for deceased members of Fitzgerald Council, Knights of Columbus, in St. Mary's Catholic church, tomorrow, Feb. 22d, at 8 o'clock a. m., which all the members are expected to attend in a body.

After a joint meeting of the committee on finance and police, of the city council, held last night, at which members of the board of police commissioners were also present, it was stated that a favorable report will be made to the council on the petition of the policemen asking for an increase of \$10 per month in their salaries.

Lawrence, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brawner, residing on Queen street, was struck by an automobile at Prince and Alfred streets about noon today and seriously injured. The little boy was taken to the Alexandria Hospital, where it was found his hip had been broken and that he had been injured internally. The driver of the automobile soon vanished and the police are endeavoring to identify him.

The executive committee of the Washington Birthday Association, accompanied by members of the organization and friends, will journey to Mount Vernon tomorrow, Feb. 22d, for the purpose of placing a wreath on the tomb of Washington, in accordance with their annual custom. They will leave on the special car "Mount Vernon" immediately after the departure of the regular train for Mount Vernon which goes about ten o'clock. Those who are to go are requested to meet at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

### MILLION SURPLUS.

Exact Amount \$1,099,522.85, According to Statement from Auditor. Money for Roads.

A statement from the auditor's office shows the estimated surplus of the state for the year beginning on March 1, 1918, to be approximately \$1,099,522.85.

The estimated revenue of the commonwealth available for appropriations during the year beginning March 1, 1918, and ending March 1, 1919, exclusive of inheritance tax, which is devoted to public schools, is \$8,835,000.

In the light of these figures it is expected that the appropriations available for state highways will be in the vicinity of \$1,000,000.

If it so develops, this with the additions from federal aid will swell the total available for the coming year to in excess of \$1,500,000.

The advocates of the good roads system have contended all along that this, with the general use of convict labor, will be all that the state highway commission can profitably expend in one year.

### Washington-Virginia Railway Company Notice of Change in Schedule.

Effective Saturday February 23rd, cars will leave Alexandria and Washington every ten minutes from 6:00 a. m., to 8:40 a. m. Every twenty minutes from 8:40 a. m. to 1:20 p. m. Every ten minutes from 1:20 p. m. to 7:40 p. m. Every twenty minutes from 7:40 p. m. to 12:00 midnight from Alexandria and 12:40 a. m. from Washington. No change in cars leaving Alexandria from 5:00 a. m. to 6:00 a. m.

Cars leave Mt. Vernon 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:35, a. m. and fifteen minutes after each hour until 11:15 p. m.

Cars leave Washington for Mt. Vernon 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20 a. m. and on the hour until 10:00 p. m. and 11:20 p. m.

C. F. HAYDEN, General Passenger & Freight Agent. 45-3t.

### Oriental lodge, Knights of Pythias, will hold an entertainment in Pythian Temple, 219 Cameron street, for four nights commencing March 25th.

A special feature for Tuesday evening will be the awarding of a valuable prize to the lady appearing in the best native costume of any one of our allied countries.

At the regular meeting of the board of lady managers of the Alexandria hospital, held on Thursday last, the resignation of Mrs. R. N. Ballenger as president of the board was accepted with much regret. After many years of faithful and devoted service, owing to ill health, Mrs. Ballenger felt compelled to resign. Mrs. L. Wilber Reid was chosen to fill the position and Mrs. Samuel A. Wallis was selected as vice president.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Emma E. M'Cuen, widow of John F. M'Cuen, took place this afternoon from Grace Church, following services at B. Wheatley's chapel. The services were conducted by Rev. Edgar Carpenter, assisted by Rev. J. S. Meredith, of Norfolk. The deceased died in the latter city on Monday. She was for a long time a resident of Alexandria, where she had many friends and acquaintances. She is survived by a son, Clarence Melvin M'Cuen.

Rev. Father Fitzpatrick preached an eloquent sermon on "Death" before a large congregation at the mission services being held at St. Mary's Catholic church last night. The priest graphically portrayed the death of a man who throughout life has followed God's commandments and compared it to that of the man of the world who lives alone for the material things of life with no thought of the future. His sermon was listened to with close attention by the large congregation attending. Rev. Father Cronin delivered a short instruction on "Catholic Education" previous to the sermon by Father Fitzpatrick.

### Hertling's Speech Awaited.

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—Word from Berlin as to the Reichstag proceedings was eagerly awaited today, as this was the day on which Chancellor von Hertling was scheduled to make this new peace speech.

It was expected that the address would be a reply to the recent war aims speeches of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson, but that the chancellor would devote a considerable part of it to the Ukrainian peace, the renewal of hostilities against the Bolsheviks under the offer of the Lenine-Trotsky government at Petrograd to give fresh consideration to the terms of the central empires.

### 200 LIVES LOST IN QUAKES.

Many Buildings Also Are Destroyed in China.

Amoy, China, Feb. 21.—Reports reaching here yesterday from the districts visited by earthquakes last Wednesday show some loss of life and heavy damage resulting. Two hundred deaths were reported from Swatow. The number of persons injured has not been tabulated. One-fifth of the buildings, it is said, were destroyed and the remainder damaged. Great damage was reported from Chong Chow Fu and delta towns, exact details of which were lacking.

### THRUST INTO GERMAN LINES.

### Bring Back Over 400 Prisoners—U. S. Gunners Busy.

Paris, Feb. 21.—French detachments made a heavy attack on the Germans in Lorraine yesterday, entering the German lines over a large front and capturing more than 400 prisoners, according to the war office announcement last night.

### Go to Purcell's and Save Money.

Five pounds white Karo syrup 45c. Eggs 58c dozen. Country butter 48c. Pulverized sugar 10c lb. Hundred pounds flour sugar \$8.32. Meal 5-1-2c. Flour 7c lb. Virginia buckwheat flour 8c lb. Oats 10c package. J. E. Purcell, 117 south Henry street. 45-3t.

### Notice.

I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by any one but myself. C. E. Mason. 45-3t.

## AFTER THE RAILROAD WILL LEAVE CAPITAL

### State Corporation Commission Holds Hearing in Alexandria to Listen to Complaints Against Washington and Old Dominion Railway.

The hearing on the complaint filed by Colonel Elijah B. White and other citizens of Loudoun county against the Washington and Old Dominion Railway, was begun at 10 o'clock this morning before the State Corporation Commission in the courtroom of the Corporation Court in this city. The proceeding is unique from the fact that this is the first time in years the State Corporation Commission has held a judicial hearing outside of the city of Richmond.

All the members of the commission are present—Commissioners Garnett, Rhea and Forward—together with special representative E. E. Cone, Civil Engineer Burton Marye, Electrical Engineer Judson C. Dickerman, and Samuel W. Blizger, the commission's bailiff and court officer.

The petitioners, who include many citizens of Loudoun county, allege that the Washington and Old Dominion Railway is giving such poor service on its electric line between Washington and Bluemont, that many people are being damaged and even ruined in their business enterprises. Feeling among them is intense and they are present in Alexandria today in large numbers. They are represented by E. Hilton Jackson, of Loudoun, while the company is represented by its attorneys.

Among the people in attendance at the hearing were residents of Great Falls, Ashburn, Leesburg, Herndon and Clark's Gap, besides citizens of Alexandria.

### SLAYER IN CHAIR.

### Pays No Heed, Even to Priests, as He Goes to Execution.

Trenton, Feb. 21.—For the murder of Henry D. Rider, brother of A. J. Rider, the "cranberry king," near Hamlington, Giovanni Iraca paid the penalty Tuesday night with his life. Promptly at 8:15 he was led to the electric chair, preceded by two priests and flanked by two deputies. He sank into the chair without a murmur and without opening his eyes. During the brief period required to adjust the straps the clergymen tried in vain to attract his attention, but he would neither look at the crucifix held aloft by one nor make response to the exhortations of the other. Iraca was given only one contact of the fatal current, but this was prolonged.

The murder of Rider took place in October, 1916, when an attempt was made to hold up an automobile in which his brother was taking several thousand dollars to pay off workers in his cranberry bogs. There were supposed to be 7 bandits, or a woman. Besides killing Henry Rider, the fusillade of bullets wounded A. J. Rider, his daughter, Mrs. Elsie Smithers, who pluckily seized the wheel of the car, and the driver, a man named Riggs. Iraca had been reprieved by the Governor in order that his testimony might be used to convict others in the gang, but in this it failed.

### HUTCHESON BLOCKS PEACE.

### Carpenters' Head Refuses to Accept Terms of President.

Government officials and heads of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners failed to come to an arrangement yesterday on the claims of shipyard carpenters, but at the shipping board offices last night it was said a settlement was not far off.

Acceptance by William L. Hutcheson, president of the carpenters' organization, of the principle of the open shop during the war, against which he has fought, was the most important development at a conference between the carpenters' leaders, members of the shipbuilding adjustment board and General Manager Piez, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Hutcheson still refuses to leave to the adjustment board, as requested by President Wilson, the question of deciding conditions of labor. He has not signed the memorandum signed by seventeen other union heads, giving the adjustment board full authority to adjust all differences.

The union executive asked that the carpenters be permitted to name a special representative on the adjustment board. Other trades have no special representation.

## AMERICAN AMBASSADOR FRANCIS AND ALLIED ENVOYS TO VACATE PETROGRAD.

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—American Ambassador Francis and the allied envoys at noon today were preparing for a quick departure from Petrograd. They were overwhelmed by the sudden news of Lenine's and Trotsky's "willingness" to sign the German-dictated peace. They declared, however, that even a separate peace would not mean a break between Russia and the allies.

Washington, Feb. 21.—The above dispatch said Ambassador Francis and the allied diplomats were to leave for "San Francisco," which may have meant "San Francisco," but was garbled in cable transmission. This would be the only comparatively safe route they could travel. On the north the Finnish revolution is under way, on the east and southwest the Austro-Germans are advancing, while on the south the Cossacks are threatening.

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—The Russian armies are concentrating in Vitebsk, under General Bonchbruyevitch, to halt the German invaders.

(Vitebsk is a Russian province, bordering on Courland, and Livonia. Its capital of the same name is about 250 miles from Riga, and 300 miles south of Petrograd.)

Commissioners of the Russian army on the whole front have ordered demobilization halted and wired the soldiers in Petrograd: "Do your duty; defend the revolution."

By an overwhelming majority the Bolshevik and revolutionary Socialists of the Left in the central executive committee voted to defend Petrograd at all costs. A mobilization of all workers is being considered.

The information was flashed to the Smolny Institute that if the majority Socialists do not break with the German government the independent Socialists will start a civil war. The Germans have occupied Hapsal (a seaport on the Gulf of Finland, fifty-eight miles southwest of Reval) and arrested all the officials and members of the Soviet.

### Anger Over German Piracy.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Increasing evidence of Norway's anger over the sinking of Norwegian ships and the killing of her sailors by German submarines is shown in an official statement issued today by the Norwegian legation. Figures compiled by the Norwegian government and cabled today to the legation show that from the beginning of the war to December 31, 1917, Norway lost 702 vessels of a gross tonnage of 1,031,778 tons, by submarines and mines, while during the same period fifty-three ships disappeared. The Norwegian government believes that two-thirds of these latter ships were lost by war measures.

The number of sailors who have perished as a result of German submarine activity is 875, while 700 more were lost when the fifty-three ships disappeared. At the close of last year Norway has thus suffered a total loss of 1,575 sailors through German war measures.

### Spring-Rice's Death.

London, Feb. 21.—A hint of suspicion that Sir Cecil Spring-Rice's death was due to other causes than heart failure, and that poisoning by enemy agents was suspected, is contained in a question propounded in the House of Commons yesterday. Noel Pemberton Billing asked if an inquest was to be performed, in view of the fact that Spring-Rice had been instrumental in the Caillaux-Bolo Pasha disclosures.

The speaker replied that Mr. Billing's question would have to be in writing, and would be answered in regular order. According to the formal statement of Dr. Thomas Gibson, who attended the late ambassador at Ottawa, Canada, the diplomat's death was due to heart failure, the result of strenuous exercise during the day, when he had been skiing with a party of young people.

### Death Notice.

Died, on Wednesday night, February 20, 1918, Mrs. John T. Langley, aged 47 years. Funeral notice later.