

JAMES SAMMIS EFFECTED GRAND EXALTED RULER

By Vote of 592 Iowa Man Defeats Herrmann, Who Had 529 Votes

All the Herds Unite in Great Street Demonstration When Election Is Announced

LOS ANGELES, July 13.—The grand lodge of Elks today elected the following ticket: JAMES U. SAMMIS, exalted ruler, Lemars, Ia. WARREN G. SAYRE, leading knight, Wash. Ind.

Detroit was selected as the meeting place of the grand lodge in 1910. The balloting for grand exalted ruler was extremely close, Sammis receiving 592 votes and Herrmann 529.

At the Sammis headquarters in the Alexandria the band began playing "Dixie," and almost at once the music was drowned in a wild burst of voices. For five minutes the wildest tumult ensued and the successful candidate appeared at the railing of the balcony over the lobby and spoke to the excited throng.

Others of the successful candidates appeared in turn and then the shouts of the multitude broke out again. The streets leading to the headquarters were soon a seething mass of humanity. Bands appeared as if by magic from every hand and the marching clubs formed and began a parade through the principal streets.

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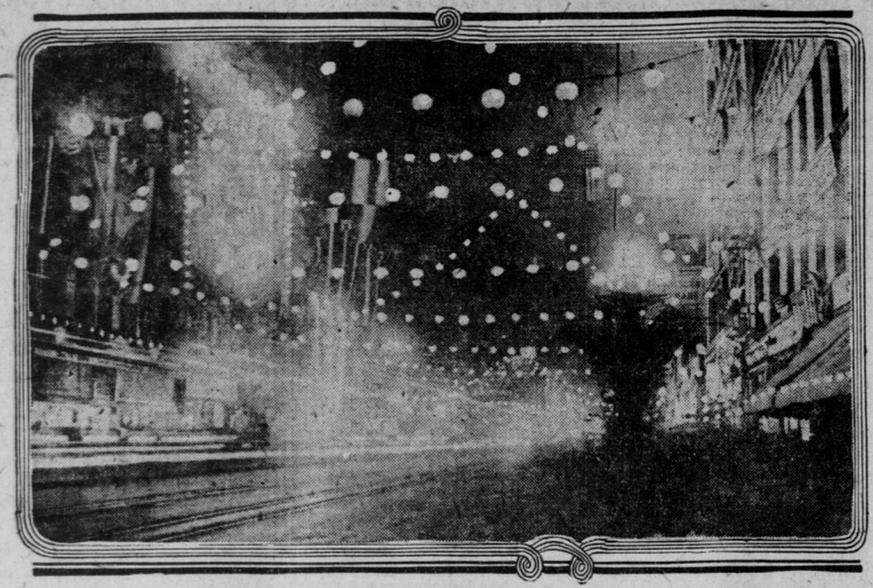
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Election of New Leader One of Hottest Fights in Elks' History



Broadway, Los Angeles, illuminated at night during the visit of the Elks to that city.

EVELYN THAW AIDS HUSBAND IN COURT

Wife of Stanford White's Slayer Refuses to Testify of Threats Against Her Life

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 13.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, as pretty as ever, petulant and dressed in the familiar blue which she affected so much during the trial of her husband, Harry K. Thaw, for the murder of Stanford White, was on the stand for more than an hour before Justice Mills in the supreme court here today, subpoenaed by the state in its fight to keep Thaw in the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan.

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DISCRIMINATION IS NOT ALWAYS BARRED

Interstate Commerce Commission Says Railroads Can Limit Amount of Free Baggage

WASHINGTON, July 13.—All discrimination is not forbidden by the act to regulate commerce, but only such discrimination as is undue. This in effect was a decision of the interstate commerce commission announced today in the case of the Herbeck-Demer company against the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the Pennsylvania railroad.

The complainant is traveling salesmen who carry about 1,250 pounds of baggage, on all over 150 pounds of which they have to pay excess fare.

It was urged that when a railroad charged the same amount for carrying a passenger without baggage as it charged a passenger with 150 pounds of baggage it was discriminating against the former in violation of law.

The commission held that the discrimination cited was not unlawful and that the railroads had a right to stipulate the amount of baggage to be carried.

This was denominated as an unjust discrimination, but members of the board desire to adjust this difference if the law will permit it.

In the meantime neither carriers nor shippers will be able to determine the rate basis that may be established finally by the commission.

This situation places the business of the Pacific coast in an unsatisfactory condition.

AERIAL DASH OVER ENGLISH CHANNEL

French Aviator Will Attempt to Fly From Calais to British Isle

CALAIS, France, July 13.—Herbert Latham, the French aviator, made repairs on his machine tonight, which was slightly damaged in making a practice flight, and contemplates a dash across the channel tomorrow at daybreak. Instructions have been given to the torpedo boat destroyer Harpon and the tug Calais to be in readiness at 5 a. m.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Orville Wright late today was unsuccessful in two attempts to maneuver his aeroplane at Fort Myer. The small area of the field and the unfavorable direction of the light wind were largely responsible.

A new aeroplane of the monoplane type is being built in Washington by John H. Smidley of Bridgeport, Conn. The monoplane is 32 feet across from tip to tip of its wings and weighs 250 pounds, with an 18 horsepower motor installed.

One of its features is the position of the propeller, which is placed in the exact center of the machine. A new method of control is used, consisting of two planes in front of the machine, working with different angles and controlling both lateral and vertical movements.

The lifting surfaces are curved. The machine is constructed of bamboo and a light canvas impregnated with a rubber solution. Smidley expects the monoplane to develop great speed.

ETAMPES, France, July 13.—M. Bleriot, one of the French aviators who is planning to fly across the English channel, left here this morning in his aeroplane on a cross country flight in an attempt to reach Orleans and win the French Aero club prize of \$2,800.

STRIKING JAPANESE SURRENDER—Honolulu, July 13.—All of the Japanese laborers at the Waimanalo plantation, who struck yesterday and who made a demonstration against County Sheriff Jarrett when he arrested five of their leaders, returned to work today.

ART MUST STEP ASIDE WHEN THE COIN IS NEEDED

Arts and Crafts Club Turns From Lofty Idealism to Money Wooing Stunts

"A Merry Widow's Roadhouse" May Go Far to Raise the Plebeian Mortgage

Finding that the esthetic and artistic entertainments given for raising funds to meet the mortgage of the Arts and Crafts club have been financially unsuccessful, the literary and artistic colony of Carmel-by-the-Sea have finally decided to stoop from their lofty position of idealism and resort to the plebeian tactics which strangely raise the money. Therefore July 24 there will be portrayed "A Whirl," which among its acts will include such materialistic stunts as "A Merry Widow's Roadhouse," a fictitious police court, in which malefactors, and particularly those of great wealth, will be put through the vulgar but satisfactory process of being fined.

LESNON TAUGHT BY PLEBS "The Whirling Widow's Roadhouse" is the result of painful observation. At Carmel-by-the-Sea is another colony composed of those who are strictly and emphatically not poetical and who prefer to go through life in the usual way. This colony formed the Manzanita club, as distinct and apart from the arts and crafts of the noble foreheads. The Manzanita club erected the town hall and then, very imprudently, proceeded to make it a paying proposition. They gave no exhibitions of wild flowers; they raved not over the impressionist school.

Rather did they lean toward masquerade balls, to attend which each gentleman was requested to pay for self and lady. This was prosaic, but the farhands came in force and the money rolled in. The literary ones attended these affairs also, but it was with ill grace, and it was palpably evident that far rather would they be enticed over Bergdorf's yellowed canvases. And so vice versa. The Manzanita attended the pottery exhibit, the Dutch lunch, the wild flower exhibition and the lecture on the impressionist school. But what they held their opinion.

"As if," they thought, "as if Lewis could not paint 20 pictures like that in one day," Lewis being the town painter who has left much of his handwork on the surrounding fences. And who shall judge of the silent sarcasm with which the exhibition of wild flowers—377 varieties—was received? And it was freely intimated that there was not a single piece of artistic pottery in the entire cabbode from which one could conveniently drink a cup of coffee.

AND THEY HAVE MONEY Thus the sentiment grew and the breach widened. Recently the time came to collect more funds to meet the embarrassing mortgage held in the so-called hands of Attorney Frank H. Powers. Wild flowers were suggested. Alas! The rank materialists who possessed the money cared not one tinker's button for wild flowers learnedly designated by their Latin names. The thought of pottery produced a shudder and the plan of a lecture on the impressionist school a howl of dismay. Therefore was it decided to have the widow's merry whirl at the roadhouse or something akin. Just what the whirl will turn to is a mystery. There are several girls in the cast, however, who, mounted on unpretentious pligs, will go forth selling magazines issued for the occasion. Art would give, some say, a vaudeville show, some talent and some amateurs. Backing the scheme are George Sterling, Fred Becholdt, Arnold Genthe, Ferdinand Bergdorf, W. Greer Harrison and a party of college students. Judge Buck of Stockton will do the fining.

SHAH'S THRONE TOTTERING AND FALL IMMINENT

Nationalist Forces Are Now in Possession of Nearly All of Teheran City

Cossacks Alone Offer Any Sort of Organized Resistance to the Invaders

TEHERAN, Persia, July 13.—Recent events in Turkey are being repeated in Persia. The constitutionalist forces are now in possession of the greater part of Teheran, which they entered this morning without encountering any organized resistance.

WHILE SARDARASAD AND SIPHADAR, the leaders in the movement, concentrated the attention of the royalists by demonstrations to the west, a strong body of nationalists and Bakhtiari made their way unnoticed around to the north, from which point the capture of the capital was not difficult. The royalists are badly situated to make further resistance and the Cossacks, under command of Russian officers, remain outside the city, entirely cut off from their comrades.

The strictest discipline is being maintained by the nationalists. The nationalist leader, in a note to the Russian and British legations, guarantees security of life and property to foreigners, adding that nothing is demanded from the shah but a real constitution. Siphahdar already has summoned the members of the Mellis to witness the opening of parliament.

THE INVADERS lost only one map while making their entry into the city. The loss to the royalists is unknown, but can not be heavy, as the Cossacks were the only defenders to offer resistance. They are keeping up a desultory fire tonight and occasionally are making use of their armory. There is much ill feeling against the Russians and the nationalists are endeavoring to prevent any incident that might justify a Russian force entering the city.

WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT The occupation of the Persian capital by the nationalists today is a direct result of the insistence of the Persian people that the shah govern the country under the constitution of January 1, 1907.

The shah signed this constitution when he ascended the throne, but from the first he showed an inclination to disregard it and finally withdrew it.

FIGHTING THE COSSACKS LONDON, July 13.—A dispatch from Teheran says that the nationalists attacked the Cossacks in the barracks and Artillery square for two hours this evening without succeeding in capturing the positions. The combat was fiercely waged, the Cossacks using sharpshooting. A body of the shah's troops, losing his throne, Great Britain, in conjunction with Russia, consistently urged him to re-establish the constitution, the failure to do which has placed him in his present uncomfortable position.

Great Britain's further action will be confined strictly to safeguarding British interests. It is believed that Russia will act similarly.

ACCUSED OF ARMENIAN MASSACRES—Constantinople, July 13.—An imperial trade today orders the trial by court martial of Djevd Bey, former val of Adana; Mustapha Pasha, the military commander at Adana, and Youssef Bey, governor of Jelibekhet, in the vilayet of Adana, on the charge that they were implicated in the Armenian massacres of last April.

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