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LETTER CARRIERS MAY HAVE A UNION

Employees of Moline Postoffice Holding Referendum on Question of Joining Labor Movement.

Mail carriers in Moline are taking a secret referendum on the advisability of becoming affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, as the result of a conference held last week, at which time the matter was fully considered. It is expected the result of the vote will not be announced until the latter part of the month.

Most of the carriers are strongly in favor of the Madden bill now pending before congress, which calls for a boost of \$150 a year for the men. Their present pay ranges from \$300 to \$1,500 a year. Some of the Postoffice carriers do not believe that the increase provided for in the bill is large enough.

Plans for the formation of a tri-city association of mail carriers are also being pushed, and a committee was named to take up the proposition with Rock Island and Davenport.

DAVENPORT BOY IS KILLED TODAY NOON

Daniel Joseph Johnston, a Davenport 7-year-old boy, was killed at noon today when he ran in front of an automobile as he left the Sacred Heart school building.

The driver of the car, Dave O'Connell, manager of the Jeffrey service station here, is not being held. He declares that the Johnston boy was pushed in front of his car as he neared the intersection.

MILK PRODUCERS IN ARGUMENT OF CASE

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Milk producers of Illinois and adjacent states opened their case at the opening session of the regional milk commission inquiry this morning.

W. S. Warren, dean of the Cornell Agricultural college, was the first of array of experts marshaled by Charles E. Densen, attorney for the producers, to tell of the increased cost of fodder and other dairying necessities. His testimony occupied most of the first day's session.

The testimony of the producers will be followed by that of the distributors and other interests.

MABERRY IS SERGEANT

Elmer Maberry has been assigned to duty as night desk sergeant of East Moline police. He is the senior patrolman of the night force. His advancement is due to recent changes in the personnel of the force, as a result of which J. F. Maberry, former night sergeant, is assigned to day duty.

CHIEF GIVES DINNER

Chief T. J. Schaefer of East Moline police was host at a noon dinner Saturday evening at which the members of the police and fire departments and Dr. E. F. Johnson, mayor, were guests. The dinner was served in the quarters of the fire department. The chief provided food and all of the essential trimmings.

DAYLIGHT HOLDUP

Almer Young of Hocking, Iowa, reported to East Moline police yesterday that he had been held up about noon in an alley near Fifteenth avenue and Thirtieth street. About \$1 in cash and a bottle of whisky was taken from him. He was, he said, beaten by a young man and knocked down and his money taken from him. Last evening F. Much was arrested by Moline police as a suspect in the case. He has been held on a charge of disorderly conduct and the hearing continued 10 days in order to have the victim present. The charge may be made one of robbery.

WHAT'S HIS ADDRESS?

Officers of Moline lodge No. 133, I. O. O. F., are trying to ascertain the whereabouts of Harry Bennett of Moline, who enlisted in the United States navy last spring. The last time Moline friends of the young man heard from him he was in a hospital at Havana, Cuba, suffering injuries which he incurred in the service of his country. The Moline lodge has sent gifts to all of its members who are in the military and naval service with exception of Bennett and his address is desired immediately.

BATTILERS ARE FINED

Fines of \$10 and costs, amounting to \$31.55, were imposed on Felix Lopez and Cyrolo Sandabol, principals in a knife battle Saturday morning in the Silvis railway yards, at the hearing Saturday afternoon before Magistrate A. A. Niles. Charges against Nick Agle were dismissed. State's Attorney F. E. Thompson conducted the prosecution and he questioned the men also with reference to the murder of Bartello Fallon last June. Some new light on the murder case was obtained, but the information is not yet of a definite nature.

ELKS ARE UNITED IN PRESENT WAR

Judge Henry C. Ward, Sterling, in Memorial Address Says Duty of Living Is to Be Patriotic.

Declaring that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is unitedly standing behind the government in the present crisis and that Uncle Sam can depend on its patriotism and loyal support, Judge Henry C. Ward, Sterling, in his address at the annual memorial services of Moline lodge No. 555, yesterday afternoon announced it as his conviction that the great war is to end all right, although it may take several years to bring about the breaking of the militarism which has been so strongly entrenched in Germany.

Judge Ward made it plain that the living could pay the departed no greater tribute than in being true to the nation in the present emergency. He showed that the Elks is a distinctively American organization with the American flag as its emblem and as such believes in the principle of government by the consent of the governed, which is one of the cardinal issues at stake in the world conflict.

"The American flag is emblematic of freedom and liberty under the flag," he continued, "it stands for government by consent of the governed and there will be no end to this war till the principle of government by consent of the governed is established on the earth. The Elks stand beneath the Stars and Stripes and support the flag. They are one of the bulwarks of the country, pledged to the flag and to the government. Our flag will some time represent the freedom of the human race. Selfishness, greed, love of power, will not down of itself, it must be crushed down. There will be a long war in consequence, but through the blood that will be spilled the purpose of the Great Creator will be fulfilled."

An eloquent tribute to the departed was given by O. E. Child. Miss Lottie Harrah gave piano numbers, Mrs. John Goodmansson vocal selections and Mrs. Fred Leavens a harp solo.

BEN DE JAEGER IS APPOINTED CHIEF

Desk Sergeant Formally Appointed Head of Police Department, Successor Oscar M. Bisant.

At the meeting of the Moline city commission this morning Sergeant Ben De Jaeger was formally appointed chief of police, succeeding O. M. Bisant, whose resignation was accepted, the change to take effect Jan. 1. It had been previously understood that the change would be made at once, but the council has decided to wait until the first of the year.

Obituary

Frank Lehoucq, 218 Fourth avenue, Moline, died at a local hospital last evening. He was taken to the hospital Friday. Bright's disease is thought to have been the cause of his death.

Mr. Lehoucq came to Moline from St. Louis, Mo., three years ago and was engaged in the real estate and insurance business. He was not married. Mr. Lehoucq was born in Belgium Sept. 1, 1854, and came to America 35 years ago. The only known relative in America is an aunt, Mrs. Ver Straete, of St. Louis, who is now on her way to Moline. Surviving him in Belgium are his parents, one brother and one sister.

Funeral of Dr. J. M. Wyland. The funeral of Dr. J. M. Wyland was held yesterday afternoon at the home, 830 Sixteenth street, Moline. Rev. R. S. Hancy officiated. The pallbearers were Edward Huntington, Albert De Schepper, Carl Miedke, Henry Schumaker, Edward Malone and Frank Carpenter. Interment was in Riverside mausoleum.

Mrs. Charles DeMinck. David DeMinck, 1422 Seventh avenue, Moline, has received word of the death of his mother, Mrs. Charles DeMinck, at Ipswick, S. D., Saturday. She was a former resident of Moline, leaving 12 years ago for South Dakota.

Andrew Bratt. Shock received in a fall he suffered Saturday, when he sustained a broken thigh, resulted in the death today of Andrew Bratt, aged 80 years, at his home, 431 Fourth avenue, Moline. He had been a resident of the city nearly a half century, having been employed 40 years by Deere & Co. He is survived by five children: Hulda Frances, Della Shalberg, Hilda Hufford, Hattie Crossley and Carl Bratt.

Verda Katherine McLain. Verda Katherine McLain, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLain, 2007 Third avenue S., East Moline, passed away yesterday at the Silvis railway yards, at the hearing Saturday afternoon before Magistrate A. A. Niles. Charges against Nick Agle were dismissed. State's Attorney F. E. Thompson conducted the prosecution and he questioned the men also with reference to the murder of Bartello Fallon last June. Some new light on the murder case was obtained, but the information is not yet of a definite nature.

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SCENE IN "THE WHIRL OF GIRLS"—PALACE



WAR CERTIFICATE PLAN IS POPULAR

Herbert Helmbeck is First Plover City Purchaser of Savings Stamps Now Being Sold.

To Herbert Helmbeck, 340 Sixth street, Moline, goes the honor of being the first Moline to purchase a war savings certificate. The new plan of the government to encourage the people to save \$32,000,000 annually through small amounts became operative today. Purchases can be made at the postoffice or any of the sub-stations, and those who were unable to buy Liberty bonds are expected to be attracted by this financial scheme.

VETERANS TO MARCH IN BODY TO MEETING

Plans have been made for members of R. H. Graham post, G. A. R., and Moline's volunteer training unit to attend in a body the patriotic mass meeting at the gymnasium, Rock Island, this evening. The veterans will meet at the post headquarters at 7 o'clock and march to the gymnasium accompanied by a fife and drum corps. The training corps unit will meet at the Moline club and also march to the gathering, which is to be addressed by United States Senator J. Hamilton Lewis.

CHILDREN DEPOSIT \$158.84

During last week, Moline school children saved \$158.84, according to a report of the deposits. The statement follows:

STATESMEN OF MANY NATIONS IN PARIS WAR CONFERENCE



Left to right, above: Premier Clemenceau, Premier Orlando and Premier Lloyd George. Below: Premier Venizelos, Baron de Broqueville, Col. E. M. House, Baron Chinda and Premier Costa. Prominent statesmen of many nations now at war with Germany are taking part in the great interallied war conference at Paris. Among the leading figures at the conference are...

SIX DRAFTED MEN LEAVE FOR CAMP

Outsiders Transferred From Other Points for Cautation After a Grand Rush.

A lot of commotion attended the departure of six drafted men from Moline for Camp Dodge this morning. When John H. Coburn arrived at the Sobrbeck building at 5 a. m. and found the outside door locked he was confronted with a problem. A traveling bag belonging to one of the men and the necessary papers were upstairs in Mr. Coburn's office. There was one man in Moline available who held the key to the situation—Christian Terkelson, merchant policeman. This much occurred to Coburn. Escorting his men to a restaurant the excited clerk rushed to the police station and got sergeant Charles Grell on the job.

Police News

Suffering from wounds which he claimed he received from several thugs, Walter Harden, 1339 Fourth avenue, Moline, appealed to the police for aid late Saturday night. It was found that the trouble occurred at the border where a free-for-all battle was staged. The police made no arrests.

AUTO TIRE THIEVES WORKING OVERTIME

Moline auto owners are insisting that some action be taken by the police to stop the thefts of tires. Recently a \$50 tire was taken from the rear of a car belonging to R. S. Hoffer, and Thursday night a robe was taken from an auto standing in front of the Swedish temple, John Sundine also lost a tire from his machine while it was parked at Fifteenth street and Fifth avenue.

LAD INJURED WHEN THROWN OFF WHEEL

In attempting to avoid a street car Clarence Steckel, 18 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steckel, 2005 Sixteenth street, Moline, ran into a truck driven by Emil Gustafson, 1807 Twelfth street, in an accident on Eighth avenue and Fifteenth street in the flow city yesterday morning.

TO SAVE COAL BILL

The Moline city commission this morning bought a device by which it hopes to save \$3,000 a year in coal bills. It is a Palmer forced draft, which has been installed at the pumping station and by which slack instead of screenings can be burned, resulting in a saving of at least 17 per cent in the municipal coal bill. The price paid for it was \$2,307.75.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Mrs. Rose Headstrom has filed suit for divorce against Elmer Headstrom and Mrs. Elizabeth Collis is seeking legal separation from Peter E. Collins. Both actions were filed Saturday in Moline city court.

MOLINE'S SICK

Lutheran Hospital. Mrs. Elizabeth Eakin of Aledo, who was operated on Saturday morning, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Marie Zimmel of Rock Island is improving after an operation. Mrs. Pauline Lubnow of Briar Bluff is convalescing after an operation performed Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Axel Udehn of Moline is recovering from an operation performed last week.

John Carse of Rock Island returned to his home Saturday, recovered from a short illness.

Mrs. William Hemphill, Mrs. Frank Yeoward and Mrs. Clifford Paul, all of Moline, return to respective homes soon from maternity section.

Tri-City Sanitarium. Miss Ada M. Gatchell of Ottawa, Ill., is improving nicely.

F. G. Haire of Rock Island is recovering from his illness.

Grover Hamilton of Erie, Ill., is convalescing after rather lengthy illness.

Glenn Rorick of Wilton Junction, Iowa, is improving.

Leslie Anderson of Andover, Ill., is feeling much better today.

Mrs. E. R. Lauda of Joliet is on the road to recovery.

City Hospital. Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Tenth avenue and Fifteenth street, Moline, are recovering from very severe attack of pneumonia.

John Geisberger of Moline, is improving after operation.

East Moline Society

Pete Ross, the well known policeman, is walking much spryer than usual, as he is the grandfather of an eight-pound girl, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ross Saturday afternoon. The baby has been named Margaret Alice, and both mother and child are getting along nicely.

Sergeant Elmer F. Larson of Camp Dodge, Des Moines, spent the week end with Mrs. Larson. He said Thanksgiving was a big day at camp. A real old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner was served to the boys and 70 guests. The afternoon was spent with entertainment and merrymaking.

The Ladies' auxiliary of the Eagles gave a card party Friday afternoon. There were five tables of 600. Charles Erickson won the first prize, Mrs. Jerry Niles second, and Mrs. Hoessel all cut. The committee in charge served refreshments.

The Ladies' Aid society made more than \$35 at the bazaar held Saturday at the East Moline Power company office. Mrs. McGill of Moline will have the next meeting, Dec. 12.

Sixteen friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Conrad gathered at their home last evening to help them celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary. Five hundred was played and Victor Garis and Mrs. H. A. Roesch won the first prizes, the all-cut favor going to Mrs. W. A. Jones. Mrs. Conrad was presented with several pieces of fine cut glass and Mr. Conrad was given a handsome smoking tray. Late in the evening refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eaton returned Saturday from Shenandoah, Iowa, where they spent Thanksgiving.

The Ladies' auxiliary of the Elks will entertain at a public card party tomorrow afternoon at the Elks' home.

Mrs. J. E. Duval and Mrs. J. A. Phayer will be hostesses to the Loyal Daughters at the church rooms Wednesday afternoon.

The East Moline Camp Fire girls will hold their regular meeting with their guardian, Mrs. C. J. Sorenson, this evening. They will make plans for raising funds in order to fill a Christmas basket for the poor.

Margaret and Myrtle Meek entertained the Sunshine Workers Friday at their home. The girls are working on quilt blocks of which they have about half enough. Games were played and Mrs. Meek served refreshments. The next meeting will be with Fern Murphy, Dec. 14.

Mrs. C. E. Comstock and two small sons, George and Harold, returned to their home in Peoria after spending Thanksgiving with Mrs. Comstock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Driggs, of Watertown.

HIT BY AUTO. G. R. Hind, 335 Seventeenth avenue, East Moline, was struck by an auto Saturday evening as he stepped off a street car at Fourth street and Seventeenth avenue. He was not seriously hurt. The driver of the machine did not stop, but his license number was noted and a warrant may be issued. He is said to reside in Moline.

JAPAN TAKES NOTICE. Tokio—Japan's financiers are showing keen interest in the visit of M. A. Konshin, formerly president of the Bank of Russia and now head of the Commercial and Industrial Bank of Moscow. M. Konshin's visit is ostensibly a pleasure trip, but is considered to have a much more serious purpose, and his party is already referred to as a Special Finance Commission to Japan dispatched by the Russian government to negotiate for the establishment of a Russo-Japanese Bank. The capital proposed is reported to be ten million yen.

TO WIDEN PAVEMENT. Now that the project of the widening of Fifth avenue has been completed, the city council is entering upon a movement to widen the paving on other streets. The new plans include Sixteenth street between Fifth and Eighth avenues, Fourteenth street between Fourth and Seventh avenues. The widening of the pavement on these streets to uniform measurement of 56 feet does not necessarily mean the shortening of buildings, as was necessary in the widening of Fifth avenue.

PUT ON MORE IS ADVICE TO GIRLS

Women Can Help in Coal Conservation by Wearing Heavy Clothing Says Fuel Committee.

"Wear 'em longer and more of 'em." That's the gist of recommendations which the Rock Island county fuel board has received from a committee of the Women's Federated Clubs of Illinois in the latest move to conserve the coal pile.

The committee believes that women should wear more clothes and thus not require so much coal to keep warm. In the communication which the board today received were the following unique suggestions: "The coal situation in Illinois is grave enough to warrant the most studious guarding against fuel waste in Illinois homes. The women should get the most out of each scoop of coal and guard against overheating the house. Remember we are requested not to allow the temperature of the house to reach more than 65 degrees and when possible to do so use wood as a fuel. Whenever possible use the grate fire of an evening in the living room.

"Few women wear warm clothing and the United States has asked us to dress warmer. Men always dress warmer by wearing coats in the house while women sit around and shiver and continue the pouring of more coal on the fire. By more clothing great quantities of fuel are saved."

BUSINESS FIRMS MAY BE LICENSED

Recommendation to Be Made by Committee of East Moline Council.

At this evening's session of the East Moline city council the special committee which has been investigating the question of increasing the pay of city employees will present its report recommending general advances in pay and also proposing, as a means of meeting the increased expenses, the licensing of several businesses not now under city control. It is understood the committee will urge that junk dealers be required to pay a license fee of \$100 a year and that a license for restaurants and coffee houses be required. Other lines of business, it is said, will be mentioned in the recommendations.

It is understood the committee recommends fixing the pay of the street commissioner at \$100, of the chief of the fire department at \$105, and of firemen and police officers at \$95, and materially increasing the pay of employees of the other departments.

It is expected that the ordinances for increases in salaries will be adopted. The council is practically committed to the proposition of raising wages, having directed the committee, by unanimous vote, to prepare such ordinances.

ST. ELOI CLUB CELEBRATES

Members of the East Moline and Silvis St. Eloi club are today observing the anniversary of the club's patron saint. High mass was celebrated at 8:15 in St. Mary's church, the members of the club attending in a body. Following the services there was a parade, headed by a band, and this noon there was a dinner in the Van Dunne hall.

CONNOR, "SKY PILOT OF NO MAN'S LAND," WRITES WAR BOOK



Ralph Connor, author of the "Sky Pilot" and recently a chaplain on the western front, where he became known as the "Sky Pilot of No Man's Land," is the author of a new story of the war. The book is said to give excellent expression to the spirit of North America. In private life Ralph Connor is Charles W. Gordon of Winnipeg.