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## K. C. COUNCIL SESSION TODAY

### Big Class from All Over Arizona to Attend the Major Degree Initiation Today—Work to Be Followed by Banquet

One of the largest and most important gatherings of the Knights of Columbus ever held in the state, will begin this morning when the entire lodge of Phoenix with forty candidates under escort and a number of prominent members from all parts of the United States will attend St. Mary's Cathedral at 7 o'clock for early mass.

This will be followed in the afternoon by the administration of the first, second and third degrees. This is the fourth initiation in the state of this nature. The first degree will be administered by Grand Knight J. T. Whitney and staff from the local council. The second degree will be exemplified by P. M. Kelly, district deputy of Bisbee, and staff, while the third degree will be put on by R. W. Kramer, fourth degree master, from Kansas City, and staff.

The last feature will be a banquet in the Pythian Hall at which time there will be speeches by Hon. R. E. Morrison, of Prescott; John H. Morgan, district deputy for this section; P. M. Kelly; R. W. Kramer; John Keeley, of Los Angeles; P. J. Moran, chancellor of the Flagstaff lodge, and others. Among the visitors other than those mentioned are Grand Knight Phillippson, of Tucson; Grand Knight M. P. Kelly, of Toronto, Canada; John Dann, fourth degree captain of Muskogee, Okla.; William Daze, grand knight, of Winslow; Jacob Fischer, of New York City; William Traux, of Los Angeles, and M. A. Murphy, charter fourth degree captain of Houston.

## WILSON TO SIEZE PORTS

aroused to unite the warring factions and entrench him in office.

Mexican constitutionalist representatives here in communication with Secretary Bryan are inquiring as to the trend of events. From well informed sources it is said the constitutionalists will not under any circumstances unite with Huerta, but will maintain their status quo in the territory they now control if the United States take no offensive action against them. The ambassador and ministers, too, who are eager to learn the purpose of the American government, were supplied with information by the state department. A summary of the developments was

cabled to all American legations and embassies for the information of foreign governments.

In the meantime the Atlantic fleet continues steaming southward to the Mexican ports. No orders were issued to the army.

The determination to force a definite reply from Huerta, ending the tolerance toward his dilatory tactics, is emphasized strongly in the day's developments. It was a day of action in official circles, reminiscent of many of the scenes of 1898, for at no time since has the president threatened to ask congress to use the army and navy forces to enforce the foreign policy.

The knowledge that the Mexican situation had reached the turning point, spread throughout the national capital. For two hours, while the clerks deciphered long messages from O'Shaughnessy, half a hundred correspondents waited in the corridors of the state department for an inkling of its contents.

Secretary Bryan sent for Secretary Tumulty. The president had gone to play golf, expecting no development until noon. Bryan and Tumulty conferred briefly, then hurried to a waiting automobile and were soon speeding toward the Virginia hills, where the president was playing.

In the meantime the White House had telephoned to the golf club, and secret service men ran out to the ninth hole and communicated the message. The president abandoned the links and got into his big motor car. On the way toward Washington he met Bryan and Tumulty. The party sped back to the White House.

Officials at the state department meanwhile described Huerta's message as "inconclusive." Though the text of Huerta's answer was not made public, other officials described the dictator's attitude as "very obstinate" and insisting on the simultaneous salute. Naval officers said there was no such thing as a "simultaneous salute." Apologies are given in a salute of 21 guns fired at intervals of ten seconds, after the completion of which the party of officials returned the salute.

That Huerta had merely "suggested" and "inquired" also was revealed and officials found they had interpreted his previous "inquiries" under suggestions and promises.

When the president reached the White House, Postmaster General Burleson was waiting. Acting Chairman Shively of the senate foreign relations committee arrived a few minutes later. They studied Huerta's message only a few minutes and were unanimously agreed on a reply which was dispatched to Charge O'Shaughnessy. It was couched in strong language, and its tenor was indicated by the public statement issued from the White House, saying that unless Huerta had "yielded" the president would lay the situation before congress.

Official business was interrupted at the White House, callers being turned away with the statement that "grave business" was being considered.

It was two o'clock before the ultimatum to Huerta had been put into cipher and dispatched from Washington. Officials estimated it would be delivered in Mexico City early tonight. Allowing time for its consideration by Huerta, and his advisers, it was not

believed any answer would be ready before late at night at the earliest, and could not reach here until some time tomorrow.

In the meanwhile the aides at the navy department went into secret conference, completing plans for the movement of warships and marines. Rear Admiral Victor Blue, acting secretary navy, forwarded to Rear Admiral Badger on the flagship Arkansas at head of the fleet proceeding to Mexico, the text of President Wilson's telegram giving Huerta until six o'clock Sunday evening. It was also forwarded to Rear Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz, who will communicate it to Rear Admiral Mayo at Tampico. Rear Admiral Howard, commander of the squadron in the Pacific and West Mexican waters will also be notified.

The fourth marine regiment on the Pacific coast was ordered southward. The armored cruiser South Dakota with 240 marines was dispatched from Bremerton to Mare Island, where the remaining 600 marines will be divided with the collier, Jupiter. Then the two crafts will steam to San Diego to await further orders. The two powerful new dreadnaughts, Texas and New York, are at New York and although not under orders, are ready to start to Mexico on twelve hours notice. The Virginia, Georgia, Nebraska and Rhode Island, now at Boston, would be ready by the end of the month.

The transport Hancock already has arrived at Tampico with 800 marines. The cruisers Des Moines and San Francisco, the gunboat Dolphin, the scout cruiser Chester, the transport Buffalo and the Cyclops are already there.

At Vera Cruz, Rear Admiral Fletcher has the battleships Florida and Utah, the transport Prairie, with a large complement of marines. The battleships under Rear Admiral Badger are reported off Key West and are to arrive Tuesday. On orders from Washington they could reach Tampico on Monday. It was generally agreed, however, that the force now at Tampico and Vera Cruz is sufficient to carry out any plan of action President Wilson may direct.

#### "NULOS."

#### Doing Away With Luck in Auction Bridge

It has long been admitted that the only blot of auction was the fact that its luck percentage was too high, writes Florence Irwin in the April Strand.

"The man with all the high cards could take the stakes whether he played well or poorly; he could defeat superior players because he held the good cards against them. This was hard on the superior players; also it was the flimsiest kind of victory for the victor. No good sportsman wants to win on cards alone.

Of course, expert players could make more on good hands and lose less on bad ones than inferior players. But not even experts could beat luck.

Chess is a perfect game because it is 100 per cent skill and no per cent luck—it depends on no throw or dice nor fall of cards, of fate of the chess

player lies in his own hands.

I have heard the luck and skill percentage of auction variously placed, from twenty per cent skill to eighty per cent luck to fifty per cent for each. Personally, I should place it at forty for skill and sixty for luck. Whatever it is, the luck percentage is admitted to be discouragingly high. Any movement which would lower it would be a boon to auction; it would dignify the game, raise it to the chess level, and wipe out its only discouraging feature. "Pianola" hands think that play themselves are not inspiring. With a long run of such hands on your own side your victory loses its savor—your winnings are a gift, and not an achievement; with a long run of such hands against you there is small pleasure in the game—all your efforts go for nothing, and the only thing you can do is to put up as good a fight as possible against the steamroller in the adversaries' hands. In spite of all your pluck, you are flattened to a pancake.

But when the game is neck-and-neck, when the play of every card is vital, then you get Auction in its perfect form.

#### A DESPERATE CASE

Quoth she: "I've gone to lake or beach for summers nine or ten, To flourish as a summer peach, And flirt with summer men."

"In summer things are just sublime; The men would flirt and joke, But autumn always came in time, And ended things in smoke."

"There's nothing in a beach career; Nine ham campaigns I've waged, I think I'll stay in town this year, And try to get engaged."

#### THE BREAKFAST FOOD FAMILY

John Spratt will eat no fat, Nor will he touch the lean; He seems to eat of any meat, He lives upon Foodine.

But Mrs. Spratt will none of that, Foodine she cannot eat; Her special wish is for a dish Of Expurgated Wheat.

To William Spratt that food is flat On which his mater dotes, His favorite speed, his special need, Is Eats Heaps Oats.

But Sister Lil can't see how Will Can touch such tasteless food; As breakfast fare it can't compare, She says, with Shredded Wood.

Now, none of these Leander please, He feeds upon Hani Mitts, While sister Jane improves her brain With Cero-Grapo-Grits.

Levergins votes for Father's Oats; Prozgine appeals to May; The junior John subsists upon Unceada Bayla Hay.

Corrected Wheat for little Pete; Flaked Pine for Dot; while "Bub" The infant Spratt is waxing fat On Battle Cere. —Near-Grub.

#### RED M'GHEE SEZ:

The best seats in the stands of the Sandlot league have already been taken. Quite a few season boxes have been engaged and if you are planning to attend the games this summer you'll have to hurry. The attendance at the opening game was one of the largest in the game's history and if you don't believe it just look at the photograph above. It shows a section of the fans in the bleachers, cheering a clever play by Jimmy Smith at third. At least they had been cheering, but the excitement of having a picture taken somewhat distracted them. So the little girls stopped cheering and giggled a little instead.

They have no ladies' days in the National league, but the officials of the Sandlot league are more gallant. Every day is ladies' day here. This is partly because the cheers of the fair admirers are necessary for the best efforts of the performers and then most of the boys over five years old prefer to take part in the game that be more idle spectators. Several of the young men in the picture above are sitting on the bench eagerly awaiting a chance to pinch someone in with a hit in a pinch or to go in and finish the game in the box if the opposition touch up the pitcher too easily. And most any day one of them might come into possession of a new bat and glove and find himself appointed manager of the Sandlot Midgots. Baseball ability goes a long way in the Sandlot league, but a new ball or catcher's mask will discount a great many of the owners' strikeouts and errors.

#### HEARD ON THE WHARF

"So you're going over on the steamer. Aren't you afraid you'll be seasick?"

"Not a bit! You see I've swung around on the straps of crowded trolley cars every day for years, so I'm used to a rough voyage."

#### CHANDLER

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Warren McArthur and Mr. Warren McArthur, Jr., stopped at the San Marcos at Chandler for dinner on their way overlaid by motor from Phoenix to Bisbee, Arizona.

On Easter Sunday Mrs. Wm. Hancock, Mrs. H. L. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hodder, Miss M. E. Leverich motored from Phoenix, and dined at the San Marcos.

On Sunday evening Governor Hunt, F. M. Gold, Thos. Burnier, Fred W. Spence formed a party at supper at the San Marcos.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Marper, Miss Anna Marks, Chas. Korrick and Abe Korrick also formed a dinner party at the San Marcos, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Van Lewen on Monday entertained the following guests at the San Marcos: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnson of Phoenix, and Peter Henrick, and Mrs. Chas. Foss of Flint, Mich.

Also on Monday Prof. and Mrs.



Scene From "Anthony and Cleopatra" at the Lamara Theater April 20-21

Evans of the Evans school, H. Pickering Evans, J. Fenimore Cooper, Jr., Arthur D. Hay of Nahant, Mass., R. H. Gust, Phoenix; T. W. Sablin, Los Angeles; A. G. Bartlett, Manchester, Mass.; G. H. Pendleton, New York City; T. A. Morgan, New York; H. D. Aull, Ladonia; R. B. Curtis, San Diego; Geo. Thornton, North Yakima; Marvin F. Thornton, North Yakima; T. M. Melville, Phoenix; A. W. Seaward, Mesa; E. J. Sanderson, C. W. Reger, Burlington, Iowa; C. F. Gelting, Phoenix; R. S. Anderson, Phoenix; Robt. W. Wathesscheid, Booneville, Mo.; David A. Johnson, Phoenix; R. J. Nunneley, Phoenix; Mrs. M. D. Foster, Phoenix; R. H. Cox, Chas. F. Rose of Marshfield Hills, Mass.; Mrs. Crandall, Peoria, Ill., and Lester Byron, Phoenix, at the San Marcos.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chandler of Mesa and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Baldwin of Mesa were guests of Dr. A. H. Hastings, Tempe; Mrs. J. C. Entz, Mesa; Mrs. Sidney Woods, Chilledale; Maitland Davies, Phoenix; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Julian, Tucson.

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Charles M. Clark of Globe, Champion "Bill" Chauffeur Came Over From That City in Four Hours and Ten Minutes—See the Machine he Drove