

TRIBES GATHER AT ORABI FOR HOPI CEREMONY

Snake Dance Announced by Indian Courier for August 30—Crowd Already Gathered—Navajos Drift in by Hundreds

(Special to The Republican)
INDIAN WELLS, Ariz., Aug. 17.—Mo-umu-na, an Indian courier, who has just arrived here from the Mesa of the Hopi, brings word that the annual Snake Dance will be held at Orabi, the thirtieth of the month, instead of August 17, as was first announced. The courier bore credentials, which make his announcement official.
E. L. Graves of Phoenix, who is here now says that once more the attendance will break all records, for already the people are gathering. Advertised by the tourist agencies for the seventeenth, the dance has drawn a splendid crowd, men and women from all over the earth, who are waiting along the main line, or encamped among the Mesas.
Navajos, to the number of five hundred, or more than have ever gathered for a like event, are already on the trails between the Hopi villages and their own country. It is the custom of the eastern race to gather up the sacred corn meal, sprinkled about the serpents before the concluding movement in the dance, and pack it in little snakeskin bags as charms against the evil spirit. The scramble of the Navajo boys for this meal is like that of street gamins for pennies.
About the Dance
The Moki or Hopi Snake Dance, held alternate years by custom, and now every year for revenue, is a prayer for rain. The ceremonial is nine days in length and takes in almost every form of worship, known to the semi-barbarous tribes. Fasting, public prayer, incantation by the priests, rites, the dances themselves and the purification—all these are items on that nine day bill.
Weeks before the dance, the young men scour the mesas and the plains for rattlesnakes. They gather an immense quantity of the reptiles, and divide them in one of the khivas. All these nine days, the elders remain in the underground chapel, intoning their prayers to the gods, and performing rites unknown to any man but an accepted member of the priesthood. Not even Theodore Roosevelt, the great white chief, who was initiated into the Eagle Clan last fall, were all the rites made known. Mr. Roosevelt did see, however, the washing of the snakes, a ceremony in which the initiate handled the deadly reptiles as though they had been harmless. Said Mr. Roosevelt immediately after climbing out of the khiva: "They were real rattlers and had not been deprived of their fangs."
On the morning of the dance, the Hopi runners—those lithest of human beings—are gathered at the edge of the river—or arroyo, where the sear corn patches of the Hopi battle against the heat of the painted desert—and are started off on a heart breaking race to the top of the Mesa. In the opinion of experts in training, this two mile grind up the rock sides of the almost unclimbable butte is the most strenuous short contest man can engage in, and the preparation for the event must occupy months of the hardest sort of training.
Early in the afternoon of the dance, the ceremonial place is cleared, and a hideously painted warrior conceals two bags of snakes in a clump of fresh cut cotton wood boughs. Before this clump is always a hollow cavern, with a plank fastened over its narrow mouth. This symbolizes the hole, from which legend says the Hopi sprang in the beginning of time.
The Antelope priests come forth from the khiva first, and circle the plaza, rattling those swishy sand-filled gourd rattles and chanting in low voices. Then comes a line up along the side, and a long monotonous stamping, all the time accompanied by the swish of the gourd and the guttural singing.
Suddenly, like the eruption of a volcano, come the snake priests, bursting forth from the khiva-top. They too parade around the plaza, but in silence, and finally come to rest behind the Antelope priests who are still singing and stamping their right feet. At last the monotone is interrupted, and with shrill yell, the snake men leap upon the bundle of cottonwoods, and seize their writhing serpents. In pairs then, they circle the plaza, one man carrying the snake in his teeth and the other irritating the serpent with an eagle feather switch. For half an hour does this continue, then suddenly at a signal, the priests dump the wriggling snakes in a heap. Another rushes out and sprinkles a perfect circle of cornmeal about the pile, and more atop the rattlers.
Priests are in waiting, and at another signal, rush in seize great fistfuls of snakes and then proceed to tear away in the four directions. Casting the snakes upon the rocks at the Mesa-edge concludes this part of the dance.
Of what comes later, Peter Clark MacFarlane, writing in Collier's last year says, "It is purification, and is too thorough to be described here." The process includes a brief and tedious bath and the administration of a strong emetic. This is thought to prevent the poison of the snakes from harming the dancers, though few enough of them are bitten.
The writer saw one old Hopi receive the fangs of a good sized side-winder in his cheek. When he yanked the snake away, a little flake of skin and flesh was torn out between the fang bites.

SWISS WANT GOLD BUT NOT FOR WAR

Loan Would Not Come Under Government Prohibition

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, again today made representations to the state department in behalf of his government for a loan of gold from the United States. Switzerland is in a state of siege with practically all her male population under arms, facing a serious situation in regard to feeding her army.
The imputation that this country might involve the United States in violation of neutrality by using its proposed loan in war means was ridiculed by Ritter. He said, aside from the question of national honor, Switzerland's domestic financial stringency is such that she must have fluid currency to restore normal conditions at home.

SERIES OF HOLD UPS OF NEUTRAL VESSEL

But Laden with Refugees She Was Allowed to Proceed

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]
NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam, flying the Dutch flag and with 2029 passengers aboard, mostly American refugees, arrived after being held up three times by warships of belligerent nations.
On August 8, five hours and a half out from European shores, the Nieuw Amsterdam was stopped by a Dutch torpedo boat destroyer. Forty minutes later a shot passed her bow, and three British warships surrounded her. Yesterday, when 376 miles east of Sandy Hook, the cruiser Essex came alongside after the Nieuw Amsterdam had slowed down in response to two shots from the British guns. Each time she was held up the passenger liner satisfied the warships she belonged to a neutral nation and was allowed to proceed.
The Nieuw Amsterdam brought to New York 2029 passengers, most of them Americans. Coming across, Captain Baron did not attempt to conceal his vessel's identity, and at night she burned all lights as usual. Last Wednesday she sighted a liner with four stacks, painted gray, flying no flag, and speeding toward England. Captain Baron believed her to be the Cunard vessel Mauretania in attempted disguise.

FINANCIAL SITUATION BEING STRAIGHTENED

Rapid Restoration of Normal Conditions

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]
NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Further progress toward normal conditions was manifested in the domestic financial situation. Although the resumption of open trading is still a matter of conjecture, private business in bonds was slightly more active. Dealings in stocks is almost wholly limited to contracts entered into before the exchange closed and these are now reduced to a minimum.
Encouragement is expressed over the complete understanding between the administration at Washington and banking interests as to the necessity for immediate remedial measures. The abandonment of the French loan is accepted as the only course consistent with the country's attitude.
Savings banks announced that very few depositors have availed themselves of the sixty-day withdrawal clause and all excitement incident to this has passed. It is learned that some leading members of the clearing house have not availed themselves of certificates, using only emergency currency.
According to advice from the middle-west, that section is threatened with a tie-up of cars resulting from the embargo on grain at many ports. Foreign exchange is again normal.

FOREIGN VESSELS MAY FLY U. S. FLAG

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—Congress passed the emergency shipping bill which authorizes the president to admit foreign built ships to American registry so that commercial fleets may sail the seas under the protection of the American flag while the belligerents of Europe are at war, scouring the seas for prizes. The president will sign the bill tomorrow.

The conference report was defeated because of the provision which admitted to coastwise trade all the foreign built vessels taking American registry within two years. As finally passed, the bill authorizes the president to suspend certain provisions in emergencies.
War Insurance Bill Next
WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The creation by the government of a war risk insurance bureau to facilitate shipping across the Atlantic while the war goes on, will be proposed in a bill which will be introduced in the house tomorrow. The bureau will be part of the treasury department with a war risk of government will carry insurance on vessels, cargoes of grain and provisions now awaiting shipment. It is thought unlikely that many vessels will avail themselves of the new registry provisions until the government provides war risk insurance.

EIGHT CABLE WIRES OF WESTERN UNION

Badly Tied Up By English Censorship

[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]
NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Inquiry at the offices here of three great trans-Atlantic cable companies developed the fact that on all fifteen submarine lines between North America and Europe, traffic is still badly congested. The congestion, it is said, is due primarily to the requirements and restrictions of censors at European terminals.
The Western Union Telegraph company's system of eight cables is in better condition than at any time since the establishment of the censorship, it is said. The requirement that the address and full name of addressee be written as well as the full name of the sender is causing much congestion on this system, although it is said that at least once in every twenty-four hours the lines are clear.
Delivery of messages to terminals in Europe, however, does not necessarily mean that they will reach their destinations immediately. One day last week the London office of the Western Union reported that two thousand cablegrams had piled up there awaiting the inspection of the censors. The entire system of Western Union cables to south Europe is similarly affected, practically all terminals being in British possessions.
Abolition of code messages worked great hardships upon the Western Union as well as other systems. Prior to the war a great number of commercial and private messages were sent in code, the object being to reduce the number of letters to be transmitted.

SUPREME CONFLICT

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are expected to leave for the front in ten days."
LONDON, Aug. 17.—The Paris correspondent of the Reuter Telegraph company sent the following dispatch: "In a review of the military situation the Temps points out that French troops did not debouche on the plain by the valley of Bruche, which is barred by the fortress Molsheim, in Alsace, twelve miles southwest of Strasbourg, but says it has been necessary to occupy the valley as otherwise it might be utilized by the Germans."
ANXIETY OF THE POPE
ROME, via Paris, Aug. 17.—Notwithstanding his weakness, the Pope has insisted upon receiving from the papal secretary of state Cardinal Merry Del Val, a complete report of the war situation, the latest news from the front and possible developments. The pontiff has expressed his most ardent desire to do anything in his power to check bloodshed.

ANCIENT WRONG TO BE RIGHTED

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(Tuesday)—The Paris correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company learns that the Russian emperor will sign a proclamation at an early date giving Jews in his dominions equal civil and political rights with other subjects.

Another British Prize

RIO JANEIRO, Aug. 17.—The British cruiser Glasgow captured the Hamburg-American steamship Santa Catharina, which sailed from New York July 25 for South American ports.

Reported Naval Engagement

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A Paris dispatch to the Daily Telegraph says: "There is a reported engagement between a British and a German warship off the Canary Islands. It is stated that the German cruiser captured a German ship collecting munitions of war."

And Brazil, Too

RIO JANEIRO, Aug. 17.—The Brazilian minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Lauro Muller, has instructed the Brazilian minister at Berlin to demand from the German government explanations and punishment of those responsible for the attack by German soldiers on Bernardino Gampo, the ex-president of the state of Sao Paulo.

OUR LESSENING RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—An indication of the effect of the European war upon American customs revenues was given today in the treasury statement, which showed that the receipts of \$11,118,643 so far this month are about \$4,500,000 below the income for the same period last year.

WHERE ALICE FAILED

Husband (to second wife): "You don't cook like Alice, my first wife, used to do, Mary," he said, in tones of gentle, exasperating reproach. "No; it seems to me you can't cook like she used to do." On another occasion he remarked: "You are not as smart at getting about as Alice was. You don't appear to catch on where she left off." About this time a heavy rolling pin came in contact with his head. "What do you mean by that?" he exclaimed, in agony. "I am doing the work that Alice neglected," she replied, with evident satisfaction. There was more peace in that household afterward.—Exchange.

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VILLA ASKED BY THE U. S.

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notes is passed in ordinary business transactions.
There is a disposition on the part of the public not to accept bank notes of the issue of July 25, which are guaranteed by six per cent for ten years gold bonds, or notes issued by the Huerta regime through banks then located in the territory controlled by the constitutionalist army. Paper of the constitutionalist army is freely circulated and accepted.
A commission composed of representatives of clearing house banks has asked Carranza to define the government's attitude toward the present tender. It is believed that a provisional ruling will be made tomorrow permitting the resumption of banking operations.
Wednesday was declared a national holiday in honor of the entry into the capital of the main body of the constitutionalist army with Carranza, the new provisional president. Elaborate preparations are made for the inauguration of the new regime. Reconstruction plans are under way and it is expected that through freight and passenger service will be resumed over the National Railway lines by way of Laredo and El Paso within a fortnight.
Funeral services by the constitutionalists were held over Madero.

WE'LL NOT MIX

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the conditions imposed upon Germany might be extended so as to include the cession to Japan and to her ally, Great Britain, of all these island groups gathered in by Germany during the past quarter of a century.
Germany recently tried to indicate to the United States government the community of interests that exists between the two in their Asiatic holdings. Last week this took the form of a suggestion that the eastern waters and shores be neutralized by mutual consent.
It is the Japanese belief that the German government will take full advantage of the week's time allowed in the ultimatum for a reply. This is founded upon the scarcely concealed belief that the reply will be a firm and unequivocal refusal to admit the Japanese right to dictate to Germany her attitude in the Far East. The intervening time, it is believed, will be spent in hastening the defenses of Tsing Tau, the single German station, in planting mines in the sea and in placing the German fleet in position under the guns of the shore fortifications.

YOUTHFUL BANDITS GO THROUGH BANK

(ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH)
PITTSBURG, Aug. 17.—After a running battle with an automobile load of armed strikers, two youths who looted the Homestead National bank escaped in a high power racing car. Police are searching the country for the bandits. Two detectives were wounded in the battle.
Although bank officials refuse to say how much the loss was, a package containing \$1000 in bills, dropped by the robbers in their flight was recovered. In making their escape from the bank the robbers seized a preacher's car standing at the curb. Although the spark plug was removed one of the youths replaced this with one of his own. During the operation the cashier fired on them from the bank window. Later the pair abandoned the car for one of greater power, left earlier in the day with a farmer's boy.

LEIPZIG WILL HAVE COMPANY

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 17.—Under orders to follow the German cruiser Leipzig, the Japanese cruiser Idzumo left the harbor with her decks cleared for action. Captain Moriyama, the commander, made no secret of his orders.
"If the Leipzig remains near San Francisco we will remain there, too," Leipzig goes to Samoa or any other port, we will follow."

JAPAN WILL OPERATE NEAR HOME

LONDON, Aug. 17.—A statement issued by the British official press bureau says: "Any action that Japan takes against Germany will not be extended beyond the China seas, in and in placing the German fleet in position under the guns of the shore fortifications."

FULL OF FIGHT

Departure of the Leipzig from San Francisco
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—"We shall engage the enemy wherever and whenever we meet him. The number or size of our antagonists will make no difference. The traditions of the German navy will be upheld."
Such was the parting speech of Captain Haun, of the German cruiser Leipzig tonight to a group of newspaper men aboard the man of war, which, with 575 tons of coal, sufficient to carry her to Apia, Samoa, the nearest German port, lies at anchor ready to put to sea before her twenty-four hours of grace expires an hour after midnight.
Fresh meats, provisions, water and coal were taken aboard today. There was a hitch when Collector of the

KILLED HIMSELF

Rather Than Be Killed in the European War
[ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH]
SEATTLE, Aug. 17.—Rather than go back to Austria and fight in the European war, Frank Groeger, employed in a meat market at Auburn, sixteen miles south of here, committed suicide by drowning himself in the White River.
Groeger's body was found several days ago, but was not identified until today when George Krouse, Groeger's employer, made the identification. He told the coroner that Groeger told him he would commit suicide rather than return home to fight.

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