

IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.

The Templar Knights Stormed and Captured the City.

'T WAS A CONQUEST OF PEACE

Whose Victories are More Renowned Than Those of War.

GRAND COMMANDERY MEETING

Took Place in the Afternoon, Having Been Preceded by a

GRAND STREET DEMONSTRATION

In which Several Hundred Brilliantly Uniformed and Perfectly Equipped and Drilled Knights Took Part--Receptions by the Two Local Commanderies Occurred Last Night--A Joint Reception and Dance the Concluding Event--Louis N. Tavenner, of Parkersburg, the New Grand Commander--Osiris Temple, Mystic Shrine, will "Hold the Boards" this Afternoon and Night.

HE Knights of the temple--The Grand Commandery of West Virginia--the Knights Templar--were in possession of the Mall City yesterday. The conquest, however, was one of peace, whose victories people would like nothing better than to be conquered by the Templar every year.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the Grand Commandery. It was one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings ever held in West Virginia, and the visitors are unanimous in praise of Wheeling and Cyrene commanderies for the elaborate reception and entertainment accorded them.

The meeting practically came to a close last night in the joint reception to the visitors tendered by Wheeling



John C. Ribbaldter, Past Grand Commander, Wheeling.

ing there is no doubt but what the list of visitors would have been swelled to a much larger number than materialized. As it was, however, there was a most gratifying response to invitations extended to Ohio and Pennsylvania knights.

The parade was an eminent success. It was composed of the finest looking and most handsomely uniformed body of men that ever traversed the streets of Wheeling.

The scouring rains had swept the brick pavements free from all debris, presenting a surface as smooth and clean as a well kept floor. Bunting, decorations and Templar emblems were displayed by many private citizens along the line of march, and a great number of the business houses were tastefully draped and festooned. The depressing rains prevented a more generous acknowledgement on behalf of the people in honor of the visitors.

Besides the commanderies from Gratton, Fairmont and Parkersburg, those from Bellaire, St. Clairsville and Bridgeport, Ohio, and Pittsburgh and Allegheny, Pa., were in the van of the largest and finest processions of the Masonic order ever witnessed in West Virginia.

After the visiting commanderies had been received by deputations of Wheeling and Cyrene commanderies at the McClure, but the Grand Commandery did not finish all of its business yesterday afternoon and will convene this morning for a short concluding session. The election of officers and most of the important business was completed yesterday.

To-day many of the visiting knights who are members of Osiris Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, will remain in town to take part in the afternoon parade and the initiation of a class of forty candidates this evening.

GRAND COMMANDERY MEETING.

Nothing Done but Election of Officers--A Presentation Surprise.

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of West Virginia, met at noon yesterday, with all the officers present. Very little business of a public character was transacted. The reports of the various officers were of the most flattering character, showing a large increase in the number of the fraternity and a gratifying condition of the finances. At 3 o'clock the Grand Commandery took a recess to participate in the parade.

Upon reassembling the election of officers

was immediately proceeded with, resulting in the following selections: Right Eminent Grand Commander--L. N. Tavenner, of Parkersburg.

Deputy Grand Commander--John A. Zorn, of Wheeling.

Grand Generalissimo--George DeBolt, of Fairmont.

Grand Captain General--F. H. Markell, of Charleston.

Grand Prelate--James A. Bryan, of Parkersburg.

Grand Senior Warden--J. K. T. Steele, of Bramwell.

Grand Junior Warden--William Campbell, of Charles-Town.

Grand Treasurer--D. W. Emmons, of Huntington.

Grand Recorder--R. C. Dunnington, of Fairmont.

Grand Standard Bearer--J. S. Vandervoort, of Weston.

Grand Sword Bearer--George W. Creel, of Gratton.

Grand Warden--Charles H. Ahrens, of Wheeling.

Grand Captain of Guard--S. N. Myer, of Martinsburg.

Before the installation of the officers a very pleasant episode occurred that lifted

ed Past Eminent Commander George W. Creel, of De Molay Commandery, of Gratton, completely off his feet. Right Eminent Grand Commander-elect, Judge L. N. Tavenner, of Parkersburg, had something concealed up his sleeve when he called Sir Knight Creel to step forward, and in a graceful speech on behalf of the Sir Knights of De Molay Commandery presented him with a costly and beautifully wrought Past Eminent Commander's Jewel. Mr. Creel, although taken by surprise managed to express his gratitude for the gift of such a handsome testimonial from his friends in the fraternity.

After the installation of the officers-elect, at 6:30 o'clock, the Grand Commandery took a recess until 9 o'clock this morning.

THE PARADE.

Over 500 Knights in Line--Handsome Display Ever Seen in the City.

Despite the heavy rains of Tuesday night, continuing in the early morning hours of Wednesday, and threatening clouds and light showers up to noon yesterday, the skies cleared about 2 o'clock and the sun shone brightly, giving the Knights Templar almost ideal weather for their parade in honor of the meeting of the Grand Commandery of the state. Had the weather not been so discouraging

As a Prerequisite to a Pardon--Senator Quay Proposes to Modify One of President Cleveland's Civil Service Rules, Which will be Endorsed by Those Awaiting the Fruits of Victory--The Allen Grecian Resolution Reported Adversely.

WASHINGTON, May 12.--In the senate to-day the sugar investigation of 1894 was recalled by the introduction of a resolution by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, reciting the circumstances of the investigation, the refusal of Elverton R. Chapman to testify, his conviction in the courts as a contemptuous witness, and the present efforts toward his pardon. The resolution proposes that Chapman be brought to the bar of the senate to purge himself of contumacy as a pre-requisite to pardon.

Mr. Allen sought to secure immediate action on the resolution, but it went over on objections from Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, and Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts. The latter criticized the resolution as giving away the authority of the senate and said he would propose an amendment with a view of having Chapman punished unless he purged himself of contempt, without reference to the question of pardon. The consideration of the resolution will be in order to-morrow.

Senator Quay to-day gave notice of his intention to offer amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill removing special Indian agents, deputy collectors of internal revenue store-keepers, gaugers and examining surgeons in the pension office from the classified service. The amendment provides for the nomination of the special Indian agents by the President and their confirmation by the senate, and for the appointment of the other officers mentioned by the heads of their respective departments with or without examination.

The senate committee on foreign relations to-day decided upon an adverse report upon Senator Allen's resolution expressing sympathy with the Greeks in their war with Turkey on the ground that the subject had been covered in the action of the senate of last session on a resolution of which Senator Cameron was the author. The Cameron resolution was agreed to without reference to committee on February 20, and when the Allen resolution was introduced on April 29, a promise was made that if it should be permitted to go to the committee it should have immediate attention. What delay there has been was due to the fact that the committee meetings were not regularly held. The only material difference between the two resolutions is that the Cameron resolution was an expression of sympathy with the Greeks in their intervention in Cretan affairs whereas the Allen resolution expressed sympathy with them in their struggle against the advancement of the Ottoman empire and expressed the opinion that this sympathy should be tendered by the executive.

The committee also took up informally the Cuban question and decided to ask the secretary of state to supply the fullest possible information in regard to the situation in Cuba. The opinion was expressed that Secretary Sherman would be willing to put the committee in possession of all the facts at his command.

THE TARIFF BILL

Will Begin Its Career in the Senate Next Tuesday--Gallinger's Amendment. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, May 12.--Senator Aldrich announced to-day that he would, on Tuesday next, call up the tariff bill for its first consideration in the open senate, an originally provided for. Nothing has occurred, he said, to cause a change in the programme.

Senator Gallinger's amendment to the bill, to forbid the inclusion of convict made goods in importations under the measure, was presented by him to-day. The senator's idea is to prohibit altogether the importation of goods manufactured by convicts, and in order to accomplish this his amendment will require a sworn statement that goods suspected are not the product of the prisons, before they can pass the customs officer. The provision will, without doubt, meet with the favor of the senate.

Eclectic Medical Society.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, May 12.--The Eclectic Medical Association of West Virginia convened in annual session in this city to-day. Those in attendance are Dr. Harry M. Campbell, of this city, president of the association; Dr. L. S. Riggs, Dr. Mary Barron and Dr. J. R. Manly, of Wheeling; Dr. George Snyder, of Freeport; Dr. J. A. Monroe, of West Alexander, Pa.; Dr. George McKinley, of Cold Water; L. N. Yost, of Fairmont; Dr. W. Wade Gaston, of this city, and Dr. W. S. Ross, of Waverly.

Havenwood & Spencer Road.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, May 12.--A meeting of the stockholders of the R., S. & G. railroad was held in this city yesterday, at the general offices of the Ohio River railroad. The following men were chosen to act upon the board of directors: D. W. Chapman and G. P. Stone, of Spencer, and George A. Burt and H. P. Comden, of Parkersburg. The board has not yet organized and will not do so for several weeks.

Major "Mose" Wright Promoted.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, May 12.--Major M. R. C. Wright, formerly of Wheeling, a clerk in the pension office, has been promoted from the third grade to fourth, and will hereafter receive \$1,800 per annum.

Patent Order Modified.

WASHINGTON, May 12.--Commissioner of Patents Butterworth has modified the six-months order as to patents issued under the last administration. Commissioner Seymour's rule positively prevented the admission of an amendment to an application if presented more than six months after any action

in the case. The new order repealing the former, provides that if an amendment to an application be presented more than six months after any action of which notice must be given to the applicant, it may not be admitted, except upon a showing duly verified by good and sufficient reason why it was not earlier presented.

A PENSION COMPLAINT

Lodged Against the Roseburg Soldiers' Home, and the Latter is Exonerated.

WASHINGTON, May 12.--Complaint has been filed at the pension bureau against the soldiers' home at Roseburg, Oregon, alleging that it is violating section 4745 of the revised statutes, making it a misdemeanor for any one pledging or receiving as a pledge the mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim or interest in any pension certificate, or to hold it as security for any debt or promise. Some inmates of the home called attention to the matter and it was taken up by several Grand Army posts, one of which at Roseburg, has made formal complaint.

The bureau has made an investigation and exonerated the management of the home. There are legal authorities both ways, and a decision construing strictly the statute cited would, it is stated, be not only unjust, but lead to serious consequences. The evidence shows that the home directors have required all pensioners to surrender their pensions to the treasury of the home. Four dollars per month are then allowed each pensioner for personal expenses and the remainder is paid to dependent relatives, or if there are none, the money is accumulated for the benefit of the pensioner. This practice is substantially similar to that in operation at twenty-four hours of the home. The pension bureau takes the position that it is not expedient to intervene in the case, as the act of March 3, 1893, by implication, sanctions the requirement which has been in force in most of the state soldiers' homes.

TWO GIRLS LYNCHED.

Their Bodies Found Dangling to a Tree. Was Accused of Poisoning a Family.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 12.--The corpses of two negro girls, Nelle Smith and Mandy White, are dangling from the limb of a live oak just on the outskirts of the village of Jeff. They were hanged last night for poisoning Joshua Kelly, a well-known citizen. They confessed to two attempts on the lives of the Kelly family. The first attempt resulted in the death of Mr. Kelly. Sheriff J. P. Powell has gone to the scene to cut down the bodies.

Nine weeks ago the first attempt on the lives of the Kelly family was made. The family sickened shortly after eating supper, and Joshua Kelly died twenty-four hours afterward. On May 1 the family and tenants of the deceased were poisoned again in some mysterious manner. There were six whites and eight negroes affected. Messrs. D. E. and Lamson Kelly became critically ill, as did Mrs. E. Kelly. Oakley Woodard, clerk in the store, who came near dying from the poisoning, and a drummer who spent the night with them were two other victims. The poison was rough on rats, and placed in biscuits, which all the affected ate. The lynching occurred at an early hour this morning and was participated in by a mob of twenty or thirty persons.

RAILWAY CONDUCTORS.

Thousands of Delegates are on Hand and More are Enroute.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 12.--More than 2,000 delegates to the twenty-sixth session of the Order of Railway Conductors arrived yesterday and before sunrise this morning an additional thousand had arrived to swell the throng now surging through the hotels. A large number of the delegates are accompanied by their wives and daughters and the streets are gay with fluttering badges. The St. Louis special arrived this morning and the Chicago special yesterday afternoon in two sections. The Pennsylvania division is delayed by a washout near El Paso. It is in two sections and it will probably be a day before it can reach Los Angeles. The train bearing the New York delegation, is expected Friday morning.

Promptly on time the delegates convened at Music Hall, Grand Chief Conductor Clark occupying the chair. The roll call showed a majority of the delegates present. The reports of the grand chief conductor and other officers occupied the forenoon. A public reception tendered to the visitors.

SOUTH AFRICAN TROUBLE.

A Serious Battle--The Bechuanaland Defeated.

LONDON, May 12.--A special dispatch from Capetown announces that a serious engagement has taken place in Bechuanaland. Chief Tolo has been captured and six volunteers have been killed. Seventy Bechuanas were killed and many were wounded. In addition to the six volunteers killed, thirteen whites were wounded.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Brutus Clay, of Kentucky, will probably be appointed to the Swiss mission. The President yesterday promoted Brigadier-General Forsyth to be major general. The report that United States consul Alger was killed during the revolution is untrue. A break in the levee at Baton Rouge, La., will cause the overflow of one of the richest sugar districts on the Mississippi river. There will be an advance of \$2 per 1,000 feet in the price of cottonwood on account of the great destruction of cottonwood by the floods on the lower Mississippi. Pennsylvania knights of the Golden Eagle, in session at Harrisburg. There are 42,000 members in the state. The amount paid out last year from the relief fund was \$129,600. At the national convention of chiefs of police in session at Pittsburgh it was resolved to ask the police commissioners of the respective cities to test the Bertillon detective system. Miss Nettie Leib, an insurance and real estate agent, aged 24, at Akron, O., committed suicide, because she could not make good \$100 entrusted to her by a friend and which she applied to her own use. The South and Central American delegates to the universal postal congress are dissatisfied with the arrangement of committees and may bring in minority reports, claiming they are not properly represented. General Nelson A. Miles arrived at Southampton, England, yesterday. He says he will continue his journey to Europe, despite the end of the war. He wants to see the Turkish army and the armies of Europe generally. At the supreme council of the American Protective Association, in session at Washington, the secretary's report showed the order in good condition, 345 chapters having been granted to new lodges during the past year.

ARRANGING PEACE.

Turkey Asked by the Powers to Arrange Armistice.

PENDING THE NEGOTIATIONS

Which will Result in the Ending of All Hostilities.

SULTAN WILL GIVE CONSENT

And Place Himself Entirely in the Hands of the Ambassadors--Police Sent to Larissa to Organize Turkish Administration in Greek Territory Now Held by Troops of the Sultan--Not Believed that Any More Serious Fighting will Occur.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 12.--The ambassadors of the powers held a prolonged conference to-day, at the close of which they presented to the Turkish government a collective memorandum proposing an armistice between Turkey and Greece on the basis of the negotiations for peace now in progress through the powers. The memorandum, which was presented to Ahmed Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, by the dean of the diplomatic corps Baron de Calice, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, enumerates the conditions which have been accepted by Greece and begs the porte to issue the necessary orders to arrest the progress of the Turkish troops. It is officially announced that the powers have notified the Greek government that the Greek troops may leave the island of Crete and that the admirals of the international fleet will release the steamers which have been seized during the blockade. A decree issued to-day by the council of ministers, orders a battalion of gen'darmes to be dispatched to Larissa and also appoints the former Ottoman consul at Volo, Larissa and Trikala to be kaimakams, or administrators of those districts, with powers to organize Turkish administration in these parts of Greece. The sultan will personally defray the cost of the war medals which are to be presented to the Turkish troops which have taken part in the campaign against the Greeks. LONDON, May 12.--The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "I ascertained that the Italian foreign office that Turkey will certainly accede to the request for an armistice and will place herself in the hands of the powers. The general conditions are indemnity, upon which Turkey insists, have been already acquiesced in by the powers. It is probable that the powers will land additional troops in Crete."

GREKS MAKE A CAPTURE.

Gunboat and Torpedo Boat Make a Valuable haul.

ATHENS, May 12.--Advices received here to-day from the island of Skiathos, off the east coast of the Volo peninsula, say that the Greek gunboat Penus and the Greek torpedo boat No. 14 captured yesterday, off the island of Tenedos, on the west coast of Asia Minor, a Turkish steamer having on board 100 Turkish soldiers, six officers, 300 Martini rifles, several thousand cartridges, six quick fire guns, various military stores and 4,000 pounds in cash. The money was found upon a Turkish major who was one of the officers captured. The Greek warships took the prize to the island of Skiathos. Startling, it True. LONDON, May 12.--The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Constantinople says the sultan resents the mediation of the powers and desires to negotiate with Greece directly. If this is refused the Turkish demands will be exalcing. The correspondent of the Times at Athens says: Acute anxiety is felt here because of the absence of any news from General Smolenski's column. Owing to the delay in arranging the armistice the government has addressed a strong protest to the powers, declining to bear the responsibility should further bloodshed occur and lead to serious complications. Received with Satisfaction. ATHENS, May 12.--3:45 p. m.--The Astyr approves of the decision of the government to accept mediation, and urges calmness and obedience on the part of the press and the people. The Acropolis asserts that the decision of the powers should be respected and discusses the chances of an honorable peace. It is officially stated this afternoon that there were German officers on the Turkish steamer which was captured yesterday by the Greek warships off the island Tenedos. Uncensured at Athens. ATHENS, May 12.--The fact that there is no news of renewed fighting must be regarded as good news, but an uneasy feeling exists here. The Turks are trying to outflank the Greek position at Domokos, and the de- Turkey's reply is also interpreted to mean that Turkey does not intend to cease hostilities. Telegrams from the front report that both armies are concentrating in anticipation of an engagement. Gratitude of Greeks. CHICAGO, May 12.--Miss Willard has received a cable from the duchess of Sparta requesting her to "warmly thank American ladies" for the money sent from the W. C. T. U. to help secure nurses for the wounded in the Grecian army. State Supreme Court. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 12.--The supreme court met to-day and allowed petitions for rehearings in the following cases: Gwinn Bros. vs. Ohio River Railroad Company vs. Cabell county; Hubbs vs. Swabacker, from Marshall county; Conway vs. Stealey, from Pleasants county. Petitions for rehearings were refused in the following cases: Baer Sons vs. Williams, from Mason county; Price from Marshall county; Foley et al. vs. Raley, from Doddridge county; Hopes vs. Devaughan, from Wood county; Scaggs vs. Hall, from Boone county. A petition was filed in the case of O'Conner vs. O'Conner, from Randolph county, and the court takes time to consider it. County vs. Bank, from Boone county; petition for appeals and supersedeas refused; McCoy vs. Harris,

WEST VIRGINIA OIL NEWS.

Another Big Strike in Ritchie County--A Frank Well's Performance. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 12.--Ritchie county came to the front again to-day with another big well. This time the lucky company was the Fisher Oil Company, operating on the Gilbert farm at Cornwalls. The well is their No. 1 Gilbert, on the bluff opposite the Baltimore and Ohio depot. The well started to flow at a rate of thirty or more barrels per hour. It kept this gait up all night and to-day is flowing at a rate of 400 barrels per day. There is a strong gas pressure in the well. It is acting about like the Big Douglass well drilled in two weeks ago. While the well is a great thing for the field, it adds no new territory. There is production within a few hundred feet of the location but nothing that will compare with this well. The strike proves conclusively that the Douglass well was not a strike producing from a pocket of oil, as was declared by some, but that the Cornwalls pool is a big one and is destined to have a great future. Two wells, both doing over twenty-five barrels an hour, is quite a record for Ritchie county for this week. A telephone message to-day from Cairo states that the Clark Oil Company's No. 7 Carroll is holding up to about twenty barrels per hour. The well has started great attention and has more than renewed the oil excitement at Cairo. The U. S. Oil Company's No. 1, Masters, was drilled in, in the Henderson field yesterday, and was shot to-day. The well is showing up for a splendid producer. A well on the Williams Ingraham farm, in the old Cooper field, which has been completed almost a year and which never made over two barrels per day, broke loose night before last and since then has been flowing at a rate of seventy-five barrels per day. The freak has caused no little excitement and wonder. There had been no one around the well and the owners are at a loss to know what caused the great increase in its production. The Moore Richardson well in the Ogden extension, which has been drilled by Barnwell & Co., is in and is flowing in the neighborhood of 100 barrels. The Pollock Oil Company's No. 4, in the Calf creek field, was drilled in yesterday and is showing up for a nice well. The Calf Creek Oil and Gas Company's No. 3 Irwin, reached the sand last night and is showing up well. It is located near the "Frazier" well and is owned by the same people. A Blow to Martinsburg. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MARTINSBURG, W. Va., May 12.--Positive orders have been received looking to the removal of the Baltimore & Ohio shops from here by the 24th. At one time about 300 skilled mechanics were employed at the shops, which had a monthly pay-roll of nearly \$100,000, and they were the chief industry of this city. It is thought that the buildings vacated will be used as a store-house and shops for the maintenance of way and bridge building department in the event of which from two to three hundred men will be employed. Boy Killed. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. TERRA ALTA, W. Va., May 12.--Frank Mason, aged about eighteen, a son of Peter Mason, was killed this morning at 8 o'clock at Rinard's switch, one mile east of here, while trying to board a westbound freight train. His foot caught in an axle and was thrown under the wheels and killed almost instantly. CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

Of America in Session at Mobile--The Order in Splendid Condition.

MOBILE, Ala., May 12.--The second day's session of the biennial council of the Catholic Knights of America, was almost entirely taken up with the reading and discussion of the report of the committee on laws, which was a very voluminous document and required three hours to read. The first report submitted was that of the committee on supplies, reporting that 40,000 copies of the constitution be printed in English, 7,500 copies in German and 800 copies of the proceedings of the eleventh biennial convention, 100 copies to be reserved for the supreme officers and a copy to be sent to each branch of the order. The report was referred to a committee on printing. The committee on returns presented the number of members from each state and the votes to which each state is entitled in the convention, showing a total membership of 23,596 and a total vote in the council of 477 by states. The report was adopted. THE A. O. E. Union of the Two Wings of the Order is Probable. NEW YORK, May 12.--The forty-eighth annual national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Board of Erin, was continued to-day. The all paramount topic is the proposed amalgamation of the two wings of the order. The conference committee had a protracted secret session last night, and resumed its sittings early to-day. The great majority of the delegates, especially those from Chicago, Ohio and Pennsylvania are said to be pronouncedly in favor of bridging the differences which have prevailed during the last thirteen years. This policy is said to have for its opponents certain New York delegates. A New Departure. WASHINGTON, May 12.--The bureau of the American Republics has received reliable information that in the latter part of April a commission composed of fifteen cavalry officers and six veterinary surgeons left England for the city of Buenos Ayres, for the purpose of buying a large number of horses in the cavalry service of the English army. The circumstance is significant only in the fact of showing the development in that part of the world. It is the first time that any European country has had recourse to the markets of South America for such a purpose. Weather Forecast for To-day. For West Virginia--Seasonal showers and partly cloudy weather; variable winds. For western Pennsylvania--Showers in the early morning, partly cloudy weather during the day; cooler; brisk westerly winds. For Ohio--Partly cloudy weather; cooler; variable winds, becoming northerly. Local Temperatures. The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Scheepf, druggist, corner Market and Seventh streets, was as follows: 9 a. m. 66 | 2 p. m. 73 3 p. m. 68 | 7 p. m. 74 12 m. 70 | Weather--Changeless.

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