

AGED, SHELL-SHOCKED MOTHER OF CHAPLINS IS OBJECT OF PLEA

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RUSS PROMULGATE RULES TO ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENT CAPITAL

(By Associated Press) MOSCOW, May 22.—New decrees which government leaders say are designed to encourage the independent capitalistic reconstruction of Russia on Russia's terms have been promulgated coincidentally with the close of the Genoa conference.

The council of commissars has announced removal of the state monopoly of trade in agricultural implements and seeds permitting private persons to buy abroad through the commissariat of foreign trade. Meanwhile the central executive commission, which is now in session passing bills legalizing private property to certain degree has also decided to permit inheritance by wives or husbands and direct descendants of a maximum of 5,000 gold rubles. The council also is debating a project permitting ground leases up to 59 years, instead of the 36 year maximum originally intended.

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FLORENCE BOND GOES TO PARIS CONFERENCE

Florence Bond, of this city, will be a delegate from the National Association of American University Women to attend the second conference of the International Federation of University Women in Paris, France, July 15 to 18. About 200 American women are expected to attend, it is said. Their headquarters will be at the Paris club. Miss Bond, who sails on June 1 with Mrs. M. F. Johnston's party to Europe, will leave the party in July to attend the conference.

The program has not been fully announced for the conference, but the topics which are to be discussed are said to include the promotion of international friendship among university women by the creation of international fellowships and scholarships, by exchange of women professors between the universities of the various countries, and by the establishment of university women's clubhouses in all the large capitals of the world on a plan similar to that of the American club houses in Washington; the collection of information in regard to national and international conditions affecting women; the opening of public and higher examinations, university degrees, schools and courses of universities and professional study; support of all efforts to remove disabilities of married women, to obtain for women equal pay for equal work, and to open to women competitive scholarships and prizes in scholarships, painting, sculpture, architecture and music; the opening of diplomatic posts to trained women.

Deformed Youth Gets Chance to Be Hero

(By Associated Press) BERKELEY, Calif., May 22.—Childhood dreams of the chance to display physical bravery, a chance denied him by deformity from birth, became reality yesterday for Charles Arkinson, 14 years old. The boy limped into the path of a runaway horse, seized the bridle and clung to it until the frightened animal stopped, after running a block. The women and two children in the buggy were uninjured, Arkinson's ankle was broken.

To prove his skill with the razor, a London barber had himself blind-folded and shaved two men in two minutes ten and two-fifths seconds.

DETAILED HISTORY OF ORIGIN, ACTIVITIES OF HARRY RAY LEGION POST IS PUBLISHED

A detailed history of Harry Ray post No. 65, American Legion, telling of all the activities of the post since its organization in the summer of 1919 by Frank T. Strayer, appeared in the souvenir history of the Sixth District American Legion posts. The booklet was distributed at the Sixth district convention held at Greencastle, Pa.

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DANCE CENSORSHIP WILL BE TAKEN UP

The matter of dance censorship will be taken up by the ordinance committee, to which it was referred by Mayor Lawrence Handley, it developed at the board of works meeting Monday morning. Informal discussion of the matter came up at the board meeting but no action was taken.

Need for dance censorship in the dances at Glen Miller park has been called to the attention of Mayor Handley.

Elmer Williams, holder of concessions at Glen Miller park, asked permission of the board of works to have a steam launch placed on the lake. He already has permission to place boats on the lake, but the board was not satisfied that he had a right to place the steam launch there. The matter was referred to the city attorney.

Officers for 1920 were as follows:

Dr. George B. Hunt, commander; R. B. Mather, vice-commander; Dr. E. R. Churchill, treasurer; C. R. Umpleby, adjutant; Frank T. Gatzek, sergeant-at-arms.

In May, 1920, under the leadership of Commander Hunt, a band of 23 pieces was organized, it being one of the first in the country. It is now one of the finest organizations of its kind. There is more than \$500 worth of good music in its library. The uniforms are the property of the band and they are free of incumbrances. J. Don McDonald, formerly of the Original Klitties band, is the present director; B. B. Russell, secretary.

On Labor day, 1920, the band had full opportunity to display its talents, the post giving a barbecue at Glen Miller park. It was the biggest affair of its kind ever given in this community, over one ton of barbecued meat being disposed of.

BIG ARMISTICE CELEBRATION

Armidale, day, 1920, will ever be remembered in and about Richmond. The celebration was originated by this post and participated in by practically all organizations, business firms and factories in the city. Over \$3,500 was contributed for decorations and other necessary expenses.

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FLAPPER IS DEFENDED BY CHICAGO PASTOR

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, May 22.—The modern flapper was defended by the Rev. Almer Pennewell, pastor of the Covenant church at Evanston yesterday, in a sermon in which he approved short skirts, bobbed hair and knickerbockers.

"Flapperism is not a disease but a diversion," he said. "Bobbed hair, short skirts and knickerbockers are not snags on sin but a declaration of independence. The girls are a jolly lot and they will give us the finest generation of women the world has ever known."

"We are passing from the man age, a rough age, and emerging into the age of culture, the women's age. That is why the flapper exists today. The new age will be one not ruled by women but one in which their influence will be felt. Girls in the past have been pretty little birds in cages of husky beasts of burden."

A basketball team was organized during the fall of 1920, which played some of the strongest teams in the country, including the Detroit Rayals and Denver Athletic club.

Give Boxes to Sick

At Christmas time many boxes were prepared and forwarded to all sick and disabled "buddies" in the community and nearby hospitals.

In January, 1921, officers were elected and installed as follows: R. B. Mather, commander; Wilbur W. Fox, vice-commander; C. R. Umpleby, adjutant; Harry C. Oliver, treasurer; Ray Keck, sergeant-at-arms. Later Harry C. Oliver resigned and Benjamin A. Ball was elected and installed in his place. During the first part of this year our basket ball team continued to go strong. During February the Salvation Army requested the Legion to take charge of their drags which the legion did, making a house to house canvass. During the summer a carnival was given under the auspices of the post, netting a neat sum. Calson and Limbre were purchased for use at all military funerals, the post having had charge of 15, since its organization. National colors and post banner were purchased during the summer. On Sept. 1 a free picnic for all ex-service men and their families, followed by a dance in the evening, was given at Jackson's park, which was quite successful, in spite of considerable rain during the day. Armistice day this year was not so elaborate as the year before, a pageant at the Coliseum and address by Hon. R. N. Elliott, M. C., being the crowning features of the afternoon. The annual military ball was held in the Coliseum in the evening.

Commander N. A. Powell took the reins at the beginning of the year, with Benjamin A. Ball, vice-commander; C. R. Umpleby, adjutant, and Harold L. Hatt, treasurer, and Robert Morrison, treasurer.

Social Activities

Dances have been our main activity so far this season. Indoor horse-shoe contests have been started recently and a team has been entered for an outdoor league. A baseball team has been also has started. In the State Legion Bowling tournament our post won second place in the five man event, third in doubles, fourth and ninth in singles, and third in all events.

The last of our overseas dead was buried by us this spring, the city and post turning out well to give this hero last honors.

Go-to-church Sunday was fittingly observed by this post. All attending Reid Memorial church in a body with

the auxiliary, where a special program had been arranged.

A drum and bugle corps has been started and is working to have a live bunch to go to New Orleans next fall to the national convention. An On-to-New Orleans committee is also working towards this plan.

Our service census was cleaned up in good shape, and we found many instances where we could be of service.

Membership prizes, usually donated by some member of the post, have served to stimulate attendance at post meetings.

On March 10, Commander Gregg and Capt. Martin attended and delivered address to a joint meeting of the post and auxiliary, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. A fine basket lunch was provided by the ladies of the auxiliary.

C. R. UMPELBY, Adjutant.

FUND FOR FINE ARTS CENTERS NEAR \$1,000

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