

ALTON CHAPTER OF RED CROSS MAKES REPORT

Greatest Mother in the World Reports On Accomplishments of Local Chapter in the Past Year.

HANDLED CLAIMS OF OVER 200

Aided Former Service Men In Securing All Allowances Given by Government and Adjusted Insurance.

Miss Marion Capps, secretary of the Alton Chapter, American Red Cross, makes public today a report of the vast accomplishments of the local organization during the past year. According to the report 168 claims for compensation have been filed through the Alton chapter since the first of the present year. Besides these 168 men who are disabled, there are 32 others with whom the chapter is now in touch, but who have filed their applications elsewhere.

Thus it is shown that in this community of Alton alone the cases of two hundred men are being handled directly or indirectly, and their cases vary from partial disability to total incapacitation. In addition to this number there are 51 other men who are entitled to this pension issue and these are now being induced to file their respective claims.

This seems like an unusually large number for a city the size of Alton, but the officials of the Public Health Service claim they will not reach the peak of their work until the year 1925, hence it is shown that there are any number of additional cases which will come before the local chapter.

It has been estimated that there were about 1500 former service men in this city, however the reports of the Alton Chapter of the Red Cross show that they have been in contact with 1630 ex-service men and their families. During the month of October alone the problems of 472 ex-service men were handled. In two weeks of October 24 claims for compensation were filed. Every man in this vicinity received a questionnaire which was sent out by the local chapter. The territory included Alton, East Alton, Wood River, Postburg and Godfrey. The lists were complete in that they were supplied by the draft board with a supplementary list of the enlistments.

The work in this city has been wonderful for the ex-service men were assisted in obtaining all the benefits offered by the Government, such as travel pay, Liberty Bonds, subscribed while in the service, but not delivered, victory medals, etc. Other works taken up were reinstating and converting War Risk Insurance, solving problems of compensation, vocational education and employment. In short they were aided in all their individual and family problems of readjustment to civilian life.

BOWMAN HOME TAKES FIRE FOR SECOND TIME WITHIN WEEK.

Blaze Thought to Have Started From Sparks on Roof Both Times

The spacious residence of E. M. Bowman at Euclid Place and Liberty street for the second time within a week, took fire at 7 o'clock Monday morning and was considerably damaged both by the flames and the water employed in the fight on them.

Starting on the roof of the home, the blaze swept over the roof and side of the house on the southwest. Two streams from fire engines played on the house and the flames succeeded in extinguishing the flames before they had eaten into the main section of the house.

Neighbors and passersby volunteered to assist in combating the fire and carried much of the furniture into the yard the interior of the house and the remaining furnishings becoming drenched with water and making the residence uninhabitable.

Several days ago a fire started on the roof of the residence, but was extinguished before it had done much damage. Both fires are thought to have started from sparks falling on the roof.

Either Green or...

Jos. Hotz Denies Being He-Vamp Of Two Wives

It is a discouraging situation when a staid married man and a respected father and public official must get busy and defend himself from acquiring a reputation as a he-vamp, according to the views of Joseph Hotz, postmaster of Edwardsville, former sheriff of Madison County and holder of other offices.

Hotz, in an item in Monday morning's Globe-Democrat, takes occasion to announce that he is not the Joseph Hotz referred to in a newspaper article in which Mrs. Myrtle Hotz Gray declared she was one of two wives of a Joseph Hotz whom she divorced a year ago.

Moreover, the postmaster declares, he is the only Joseph Hotz in the Edwardsville vicinity, which the divorce gave as the address of her discarded spouse, and the postmaster is in a position to know whereof he speaks.

Notwithstanding his absolute innocence from divorce court activities, and his well-known marital situation, Hotz has found it necessary to defend himself from the imputation, and refuses to be considered a plunderer of affections.

BAILEY TALKS TO ALTONITES AT Y TONIGHT

Lecturer Will Address Business Men and Wives On Important Subject "The Call of the Hour."

Elwood T. Bailey, one of the most brilliant talkers on the Chautauqua circuit, arrived in the city of Alton Sunday evening and will be the principal speaker at the business men's banquet at the Y. M. C. A. this evening. Mr. Bailey also addressed the student body at the high school this morning and delivered a very interesting and wholesome talk.

The Y. M. C. A. has been endeavoring to bring the best speakers obtainable to this city in order that the people of Alton might have every opportunity to broaden their views on various subjects of today. The selection of Mr. Bailey was brought about mainly because of the importance of his topic which is "The Call of the Hour." Not only is this subject an excellent one, but Mr. Bailey has a forceful delivery and enthralls his audience the moment he opens his talk.

The speaker is very familiar with his subject because of the experience he has had in the past few years studying social as well as economical conditions and doing welfare work among the industrial elements of this country. He also spent several years abroad and spoke to hundreds of thousands of our soldiers both in the fighting zones and in training camps. Therefore it is assured that his talk will be appreciated this evening.

Tickets have been distributed for this banquet and special invitations have been extended the women of Alton to hear this speaker. The banquet while primarily intended for the business men will be a source of interest to the women as well and therefore they are particularly urged to attend.

HARDING MOTORS TO BROWNSVILLE.

Makes Second Attempt in Motor Car Rather Than on Narrow Gauge After Two Hour Ride.

By Associated Press. Point Isabel, Tex., Nov. 15.—President-elect Harding left by automobile for Brownsville in another attempt to get away from the storm that has wrecked his vacation. The rain had rendered motor traffic difficult and almost precarious but the President elect chose that means of travel in preference to the narrow gauge railway on which he spent two hours yesterday. A train of automobiles to take Mr. Harding and his guests left Brownsville earlier in the day and arrived here shortly afterwards. They departed soon on their return trip by a roundabout route to avoid the worst spots on the direct route across the uninhabited prairie.

Defeat Stares at Venizelos.

London, Nov. 15.—An Exchange telegraph dispatch from Athens today says the results of the elections in Greece yesterday so far as noon point to a defeat for Premier Venizelos. The prime minister and all the members of his cabinet except one seem to have fallen of election.

The government has decided to appeal to a popular vote if the draft result is against M. Venizelos.

Mrs. Mac Swiney to Testify

At Irish Investigation. Washington, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Mac Swiney today called the attention of 100 investigating Irish question that she obtained passage and would stand Nov. 16 for the trial of the case.

GREAT PROJECTS OF IMPROVEMENT ARE UP TONIGHT

Mayor Contemplates Most Important Single Session of Local Improvements Board.

PLANS PREPARED TO WIDEN ROADS

City Engineer Completes Tentative Suggestions for Making Eastern City Gate Wider.

The board of local improvements meeting which Mayor Sauvage has called for this evening to consider a program of local improvements, will have one of the most important sessions ever held by such board in the history of this city.

It is known that Mayor Sauvage has not been well satisfied with the fate that has befallen many of the projects he had cherished for execution during his term of office. He found, every time he planned any improvement, that there was some hindrance in the way, such as war time emergencies, or excessive cost of building material. Now, just before the expiration of his second term he proposes to launch and submit to the council a program of public improvement that will be the greatest ever launched at any one meeting of the board of local improvements. Heretofore there has been no dearth of improvement programs but various items were considered at different meetings of the board.

The project mentioned for widening out and making safer the east end approaches to the city of Alton was the subject of extensive work by the city engineer, J. E. Schwab, who has in hand the plans for the work and will submit them to the board this evening. This plan describes the improvement as consisting of widening the streets in the east end by acquisition of property and may involve the shifting of railroad tracks in that part of the city to widen out the narrow bottle neck that congests traffic there.

As mentioned Saturday, the Mayor also has under consideration an extensive system of paved street improvement which would correct the long standing evil of rough, uneven street surfaces.

DEATH MYSTERY OF ACTRESSES IS DEEPENED.

Two Chicago Girls Found Dead in Grant Park—Believed to Have Been Victims of Joy Ride.

By Associated Press. Mystery surrounding the death of two young actresses whose bodies were found in Grant Park, a short distance from the Art Institute, was deepened today when one slender clew to the man who notified the police where the bodies could be found was lost.

Telephone company employees who traced the call to the office of an insurance company today discovered they had made a mistake and said the message was sent from Michigan avenue hotel pay station. The police theory is that Marie Alma and Lillian Thompson were attacked by men with whom they had gone on a joy ride and left lying unconscious probably from the effects of knockout drops in the park where they succumbed either to an overdose of the drops or the cold.

Their companions, the police believe, returned about 9 a. m. to their automobile and finding the girls still lying there drove to the hotel, notified the police, then fled.

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U. S. Navy Will Fight Divorce, Officer Writes

"All the determination and resources at our disposal as members of the U. S. Navy" are to be brought into fighting an application for divorce in the city court of Alton, according to a letter received this morning by J. T. Callahan, Clerk of the Court, from Lieutenant J. W. Moore of the U. S. S. Mississippi of the Pacific Fleet, at San Pablo, California.

The divorce suit he and the U. S. Navy are interested in and will fight, is that of Lillian Zahrt, whose attorney, Wm. Wilson asks for a divorce on the ground of cruelty. The bill of complaint relates that she and Fred Zahrt were married March 23rd, (note that number), 1920 and lived together until May 23rd, (again note the number), 1920, of two whole months. She charges him with extreme and repeated cruelty and that on the 16th day of May, 1920, he "struck and beat your oratrix".

Just where this Lieutenant Moore comes in is not known, but he makes nasty charges against Lillian Zahrt and he says:

"We propose to oppose her pretenses and we hereby notify YOU that we shall immediately take up OUR case through the proper channels. The best thing Lillian Zahrt can do is to abandon her role of the injured wife and to look for a way to escape from the attack about to be made upon her as DIRECTED BY US with all the determination and resources at our disposal as members of the U. S. Navy."

The Clerk of the Court is wondering why the Lieutenant selected him as the one to be notified, and is wondering also if the U. S. Navy intends manhandling him for having done his duty and complied with the law in sending a copy of the publication notice to the last known address of the defendant. He hopes they will not be too rough with him as he has not fully recovered from the November 2nd knockout.

JAMES CAIRNS, AGED 65 YEARS KILLED BY CARS

Father of Large Family, Employed at Glass Works, Crushed by C. & A Train Near Work.

James Cairns, aged 65, was instantly killed this morning by the Chicago & Alton palace train due here at 5:40 a. m. Cairns, a sweeper at the Glass Works, was on his way to work and was crossing the track at the Plum street gate when the train hit him. His body was crushed and mangled by the impact of the locomotive.

Mr. Cairns was in the employ of the glass company about two years. He went to work at 6 o'clock every morning. He had his home with his wife at 214 Danforth street.

Mr. Cairns leaves his wife, four sons and three daughters, all of them of mature age. The three daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Bauer, Mrs. Nellie Hauter and Mrs. Harold Laux all live at Brighton. One son, Charles Cairns, lives at Wood River. The three other sons are, William, Edward and Donald. He leaves several brothers and sisters also.

He had lived in Alton about four years and part of that time was employed by the Springman Lumber Co. two years ago he went to work for the Illinois Glass company.

Besides his wife, sons and daughters, Cairns is survived by three brothers, Charles and Edward of Alton, and Alexander of Alton, and by two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Lyles of Chesterfield and Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer of Dickson. The three sons reside out of the city, William in St. Mary's, Mo., Edward of Antrim, Wash., and Donald of Carlinville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, awaiting word from the son residing in Washington.

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GRAND THEATER OPENING SET FOR THANKSGIVING

Contractors Rush Work to Get Building Ready in Time For Opening on Holiday.

ALL EQUIPMENT HAS ARRIVED

Night and Day Shifts Being Used to Finish Concrete Floors and Decorations Inside.

The Grand Theater will be ready for its opening on Thanksgiving day according to the contractor, H. H. Unterbrink, who has been rushing the construction work night and day. All day Sunday crews worked in the theater building putting in concrete floors and they carried their work on through Sunday night, and day crews came on today and were finishing the work. The decorators have been rushing their work and have nearly finished it. Contractor Unterbrink said that almost all the furniture, including the seats, has arrived. He said that he has given the owners of the new theater word that so far as he is concerned they will be able to open the theater on Thanksgiving day and that it will be up to them to get installed equipment for which he is not responsible.

The new fire proof theater is owned by a syndicate of business men. They plan to have a good orchestra and to put in their house the best of pictures. When they planned the building they expected to get it built and opened for far less money than they have found is necessary to make the theater fire proof and equip it as they decided to do.

Until recently it appeared there would be no chance of getting the building ready to receive its first crowd on Thanksgiving day but when the owners insisted that this be done the contractor began rushing work by working more than one shift and speeding up in every line where additional energy could be applied. The equipment for the building was shipped and the announcement made that everything was in readiness to be placed as soon as the contractor could make ready to receive the equipment. Within a few days the greater part of the decoration work will have been completed. Simultaneously the installing of the seats and the curtains and screens will be finished and the theater will be turned over. Some delay in the heating plant has caused some disappointment but this should be ready on time.

The new theater will be a handsome improvement to the neighborhood where it stands, as its owners are fixing up the surroundings in tidy shape.

NO MESSAGES FROM VESSELS DOING RELIEF.

Sent to Aid of Wrecked Francis J. Widlar on Panoske Shoals—No Word Heard at Noon.

Sault Ste Marie, Nov. 15.—No further word had been received here up until noon today from the steamer Livingston reported to have on board part of the crew of 93 of the steamer Francis J. Widlar, wrecked on Panoske Shoals or from the tug Iowa, which started for the scene of the wreck.

While the steamer Livingston is equipped with wireless no word has come since she flashed Capt. Forbee's message that the Christ Point coast guard station be asked to send air to the men left on his stranded ship. The tug Iowa does not carry wireless and what success she had in attempting to rescue the stranded crew will not be known until she arrives here.

According to the last word from Livingston the Widlar was breaking up on the Panoske Shoals. The wind is blowing a gale on one of the most exposed points on the lake.

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George Root Retires After War Service

George E. Root has resigned his position at the plant of the Western Cartridge Co. Mr. Root enlisted at the cartridge plant for service during the war. He was beyond military age and could not convince Uncle Sam that a man who had seen as many birthdays as he could be useful in a military way so he concluded to serve as a member of the third line of defense, the willing workers at home. He enlisted with the Western Cartridge Co., and he became so interested in the work that he kept on until the present time. As jobs are scarcer than they were and many men needed them worse than Mr. Root, he abdicated his job in favor of someone who had a family dependent on him, and he stepped out. There was no more devoted patriotic worker in any plant during the war than Mr. Root, though he had never done any factory work in his life previous to that time.

NEWEST LIFEBOAT OPERATES ROUGH SEAS BY SUCTION

140 - Horsepower Engine Draws Water Through Tubes to Propel Craft.

Hook of Holland, Oct. 28.—An unusual type of life boat, which operates by sucking water up from the ocean and blowing it back again, also obtaining a speed of nine miles an hour, has been adopted by the life saving crew which works in stormy waters along the Dutch Coast here.

The boat has a hole in the bottom, through which the water is drawn by an intake pipe which leads to a powerful centrifugal pump operated by a 140 horsepower steam engine. The water is then forced backward into the sea through two outlet pipes open at the bottom of the craft.

The boat is controlled by shutting off, either wholly or in part, one or the other of these two outlet pipes. If one is shut off it goes to starboard, if the other it goes to port. If both are shut off, and the water oozed harmlessly over the sides while the suction goes on at the intake, it is claimed the boat rests almost still in the stormiest of seas, the suction holding it firmly on the water.

The Dutch life savers have found that this craft keeps stender than any boat propelled by oars or by screws. It is 58 feet long and has a capacity for from 40 to 100 passengers, depending upon the state of the sea. It has been in use for some time and has saved many lives.

Strikes Among Students at St. John's.

By Associated Press. Annapolis, Md., Nov. 15.—Refusing to accept a compromise agreement offered them by the board of visitors and governors of St. John's college, relative to the hazing of a freshman, the sophomore class walked out in a body today and was followed by the other classes, about 250 students in all.

Trouble started a short time ago when the sophomores drew up a resolution regarding hazing and was ordered to retract by November 13 under pain of expulsion.

The faculty and students have not made statements but it has been learned unofficially the students demand appointment of a new board and a new commandant, it being a military college.

It has supplied many men as officers in the regular army and marine corps having been designated by the War department as a distinguished military college each year since 1914.

Paul Hymans President of League of Nations.

By Associated Press. Geneva, (Havas), Nov. 15.—Paul Hymans, Belgium, was elected president of the League of Nations by the Assembly of the League. He received 25 of 41 votes. M. Hymans is former foreign minister of Belgium and head of the Belgian delegation.

WEATHER FORECAST

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Fair tonight and tomorrow, rising temperature tomorrow; the lowest tonight will be about 28. Illinois: Fair tonight and tomorrow, rising temperature tomorrow. Snow flurries fall here between 4:30 and 6:15 a. m. and between 7:00 and 10 a. m. today.

SKELETON FOUND IN STANLEY FARM BY ALTON HUNTER

Theory is that Woman Wanderer Fell in Flooded Wood River and Lost Life.

BONES MYSTERY IS UNEXPLAINED

State Hospital Denies It Could Be Remains of Escaped Insane Female Patient.

Frank Hamilton, while out hunting yesterday, discovered almost buried in the sands of the Wood River creek bottom about 1 1/2 miles southeast of the state hospital, the skeleton of a woman which he reported and the skeleton was taken in charge by Deputy Coroner W. H. Bauer. The skeleton was devoid of flesh, but clinging to it was still the remnant of some clothing, including a dark colored coat, and the shoes were those of a woman.

The body had evidently been buried in the Wason Stanley farm long ago and had been partially uncovered of late. Mr. Hamilton saw the skull protruding from the sands and made an investigation. As no one living in the vicinity was reported to have been missing it was supposed that the body was that of one of the wandering patients of the Alton State Hospital.

The theory advanced, is that one of the hospital patients, wandering at large, either deliberately or accidentally got into the waters of Wood River when the stream was at flood and was deposited where found and covered by the sands, remaining there until the flesh had decayed from the bones.

Dr. George A. Zeller was consulted and he said that ever a year ago there was one woman from Jersey county who had disappeared from the institution and whose relatives made search for her and she was never found. It is not positive that the skeleton is her remains nor is there much possibility of effecting an identification because of the bad condition of the garments, which have rotted and discolored until there is little chance of knowing what the original was. The bones and fragments of clothes were gathered by Deputy Coroner Bauer who will hold them until hope of identification is given up completely.

Dr. Zeller declared that there was enough of the garment to make it possible for a negative identification, that is that it was not the remains of any former inmate of the State hospital at Alton. The reason why the body was not discovered earlier is that the land where it was found was not cultivated last year. The assumption by some is that the body was interred by someone where it was found, not deep in the ground, and the mystery started by the discovery of the skeleton was deeper as the inquiry proceeded.

C. & A. HAS PLENTY OF COAL CARS FIRST TIME IN SIX YEARS.

Illinois Mines Well Supplied and Carriers Being Sent to Distant Sections.

W. J. Davies, general agent of the Chicago and Alton railroad here reports today that for the first time in six years the road has acquired a surplusage of coal cars.

The supply of the Alton has become so ample that the Illinois fields are being kept well supplied with empties and numbers of the cars are even being sent to other parts of the country. During the extreme fuel shortage of the last few months, the cause of the scarcity was alid at the door of the railroads it being declared that absence of rolling stock was holding up the fuel supply.

However, the situation has been entirely eliminated, and in addition to the dearth of coal carriers the road had an abundance of empty box cars which are occupying sidings all along the road in the absence of cargoes.

Funeral of Isaac H. Kelly.

The funeral of Isaac H. Kelly was held yesterday afternoon from the Union Baptist church in which he had served as deacon for forty years. There was a large attendance at the funeral, services of old friends of the deceased former pastor. Burial was in City cemetery.