FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

MINNEAPOLIS
NOV. 10-11 & 12
1919

ARRIVING DELEGATES, GUESTS AND PRESS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VARIOUS STATES

Minneapolis bids you welcome. We hope your stay here will be pleasant and comfortable.

Delegates and Alternates upon arrival should proceed at once to the hotel designated as their State Headquarters (see list of State Headquarters) where they will find their State Secretary. He will assign rooms and issue badges and tickets of admission to the Convention floor. **Delegates should retain tickets** for Convention floor issued them by their State Secretary in order that prompt ushering may be maintained throughout all Convention sessions.

Visitors to Minneapolis, other than members of delegations and official guests of the American Legion will be assigned rooms by the Citizens' Committee at the Information Booths at the West Hotel and the two Minneapolis Railroad Stations. Badges and tickets to the convention will be issued by the Secretary of the Delegation for the State from which they come.

National Headquarters has been established at 313 Nicollet Avenue on the street floor—telephone Nicollet 3610.

The Opening Session of the Convention will be held in the Auditorium, 11th street and Nicollet avenue, at 10:00 A. M., Monday, November 10th.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

Marshall Dunn in charge

Information booths will be located at the following places: Dyckman Hotel, Auditorium, Milwaukee Depot, West Hotel 313 Nicollet Avenue, Great Northern Station, Radisson Hotel

In St. Paul

Union Depot St. Paul Hotel

WOMEN DELEGATES AND VISITORS

Miss Allice Archibald and Mrs. Arthur Law are in charge of the arrangements for entertaining the women delegates and women visitors.

An Information Booth, in charge of Miss Archibald, will be located at Dayton's Store, corner 7th Street and Nicollet Avenue, which has courteously offered the use of their reception and cloak room on the Fourth Floor.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES

Press Representatives, whether arriving with their State Delegations or not, should get in touch with the Publicity Bureau at Temporary National Headquarters of the American Legion, 313 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis.

Arrangements have been made to meet the Press Representatives from 8 to 10 A. M. and also from 2 to 6 P. M. on Sunday, November 9th. Credentials, badges and tickets to the convention floor will be issued at that time.

Complete telephone and telegraph facilities have been installed in the Auditorium for the use of the Press Representatives.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Tickets will be distributed to Delegates by their State Secretaries. Entertainment features are as follows:

Monday evening, November 10th:

Orpheum Theatre for delegates, at 8:15 P. M.

Boxing Bout at Armory for delegates, at 8:15 P. M.

Dance at Army and Navy Club, 10th Street and Hennepin Avenue, at 8:30 P. M.

Dances to be given by several Local Posts—(Announcements later.)

Stereopticon Lecture by Gen. H. A. Drum on Operations of the First Army, at the Auditorium, 8:15 P. M.

(Above dances and lecture open to delegates, guests and visitors)

Tuesday evening, November 11th:

Ball at the Armory at 9:00 P. M. in honor of American Legion Delegates. Music by the Million Dollar Band and Lagoon Orchestra. Ticket admission necessary.

Visitors will be entertained at dances given by local posts and at moving picture shows—(Announcements later.)

PUBLIC GATHERING

There will be a parade on Tuesday, November 11th, to start at 2:00 P. M. The time and place for various formations in this parade will be announced through the Press and at the Monday session of the Convention, and blueprints and instructions will be distributed at that time. Line of march of the parade as follows:

From Bridge Square up Nicollet Avenue to 10th Street, over 10th Street to Harmon Place, to the Parade Grounds. Delegates are expected to parade in a body by states. After the parade a public gathering with speeches by distinguished guests will be held at the Parade Grounds. In case of inclement weather, the Armory Annex adjoining the Parade Grounds will be used for this public gathering.

GATEWAY BANK, A MONUMENT TO THE FAMED HOSPITALITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis is situated in the heart of vacation land. The city itself offers every lure of the out-of-doors. It is the gateway to Minnesota's region of Ten Thousand Lakes, and the largest city in the northwest.

Minneapolis has within its own bounds every attraction to offer the tourist. Yachting, canoeing, motorboating, swimming, fishing, golf and tennis are to be enjoyed on waters and properties controlled by the City Park Board within a few minutes' ride by automobile or street car from the Loop district.

One of the most fascinating of automobile drives is offered in the miles of boulevard which take the autoist past the string of five lakes which lie within the city proper.

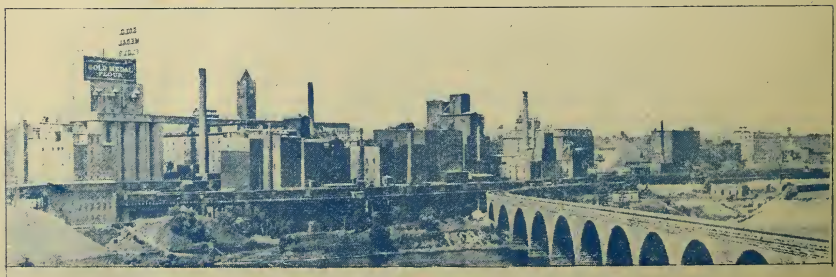
Minneapolis occupies a unique position as an art and music center. The Minneapolis Institute of Arts at Stevens Avenue and 24th Street is placing a special exhibit of silks, post impressionists' paintings and old masters for American Legion Convention visitors. The Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra has established an enviable record throughout the country and gives fortnightly concerts with prominent artists as soloists and public Sunday concerts, at the Auditorium, weekly from October until early spring.

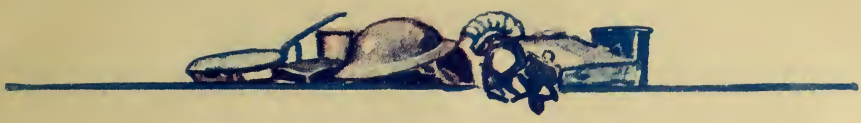
Visitors to the Convention will find it worth while to visit the University of Minnesota, Minnehaha Falls, the Flour Mills, St. Anthony Falls and other spots of interest. A welcome is always extended to visitors at any of the Flour Mills.

The city extends a cordial welcome to Legion Delegates. We are glad you are here. Come again and come often.

St. Paul, our sister city, has many attractive show places. The Capitol Building, one of the most beautiful in the country, Como Park, Indian Mounds, White Bear Lake and the stockyards in South St. Paul are well worth a visit.

Beautiful Summit Avenue is an ideal automobile drive, which may be reached from Minneapolis via Lake Street and the Mississippi River boulevard.





CONVENTION PROGRAM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1919

9:00 A. M.—Each State to caucus at its State Headquarters and to march to Convention Hall in a body

10:00 A. M.—Convention called to order by National Chairman, Henry D. Lindsley.

Invocation

Naming of temporary Chairman and Secretary of Convention

Addresses of Welcome—

Hon. J. E. Meyers, Mayor of Minneapolis

Hon. J. A. A. Burnquist, Governor of Minnesota

Submission of suggested order of business for Convention proposed by Committee of Advance Delegates

Announcement of time and place of Committee meetings

Adjournment

2:00 P. M.—Committee meetings

8:00 P. M.—Committee meetings and entertainment for delegates not engaged in Committee meetings

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1919

9:00 A. M.—Convention assembles

Reports of Committees

12:30 P. M.—Adjournment

2:00 P. M.—Public Gathering

9:00 P. M.—Entertainment

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1919

9:00 A. M.—Convention Assembles

Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Adjournment

Check Rooms

During the convention check rooms will be maintained in the lobby of the Auditorium for the convenience of delegates and guests.

Ushers and Messengers

A corps of ushers and messengers will be on duty at the Auditorium during sessions for convention purposes. This corps is composed of local Legion members. Mr. Pierce Atwater will be in charge.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE ROOMS

Room A—Hotel Radisson

B—Hotel Radisson

1—Convention Hall—4th Floor

2—North Central Field Division, National Board, Y. W. C. A. Room 474, Northwestern National Life Insurance Bldg. (Next door to Convention Hall)

3-4-5—Loyal American Club, 818 Hennepin Avenue

6—Soldiers' and Sailors' Inn, 10th Street and Mary Place

7 to 11—Y. M. C. A. Building, 9th Street and Mary Place

12—Elks Club, corner 8th Street and Second Avenue South

13-14-15—Manufacturers' Club, Builders Exchange Bldg., 607 2nd Avenue South, Second Floor

16—Builders Exchange, 2nd Floor, Builders Exchange Building

17—McPhail School of Music and Dramatic Art, 806 Nicollet Avenue

18—College Women's Club, Meyers Arcade, 10th Street and Nicollet Avenue

19—Headquarters Minnesota League of Women Voters, 404 Essex Bldg., 10th Street and Nicollet

20—Art Gallery of the Minneapolis Public Library, 10th Street and Hennepin

21—Girls' Vocational High School, corner 4th Ave. South and 11th Street

22—The Odin Club, 12th floor Metropolitan Bank Bldg., corner 6th Street and Second Ave. South

23—Dayton's Tea Rooms, 4th floor of the Dayton Company, 7th Street and Nicollet

24—First Baptist Church, corner 10th Street and Harmon Place

25—Minneapolis Club, 8th Street and 2nd Avenue South

26-27—Blue Lodge Room, Masonic Temple, 6th Street and Hennepin Avenue

28—Knights Templar Room, Masonic Temple, 6th Street and Hennepin Avenue.

HOTELS

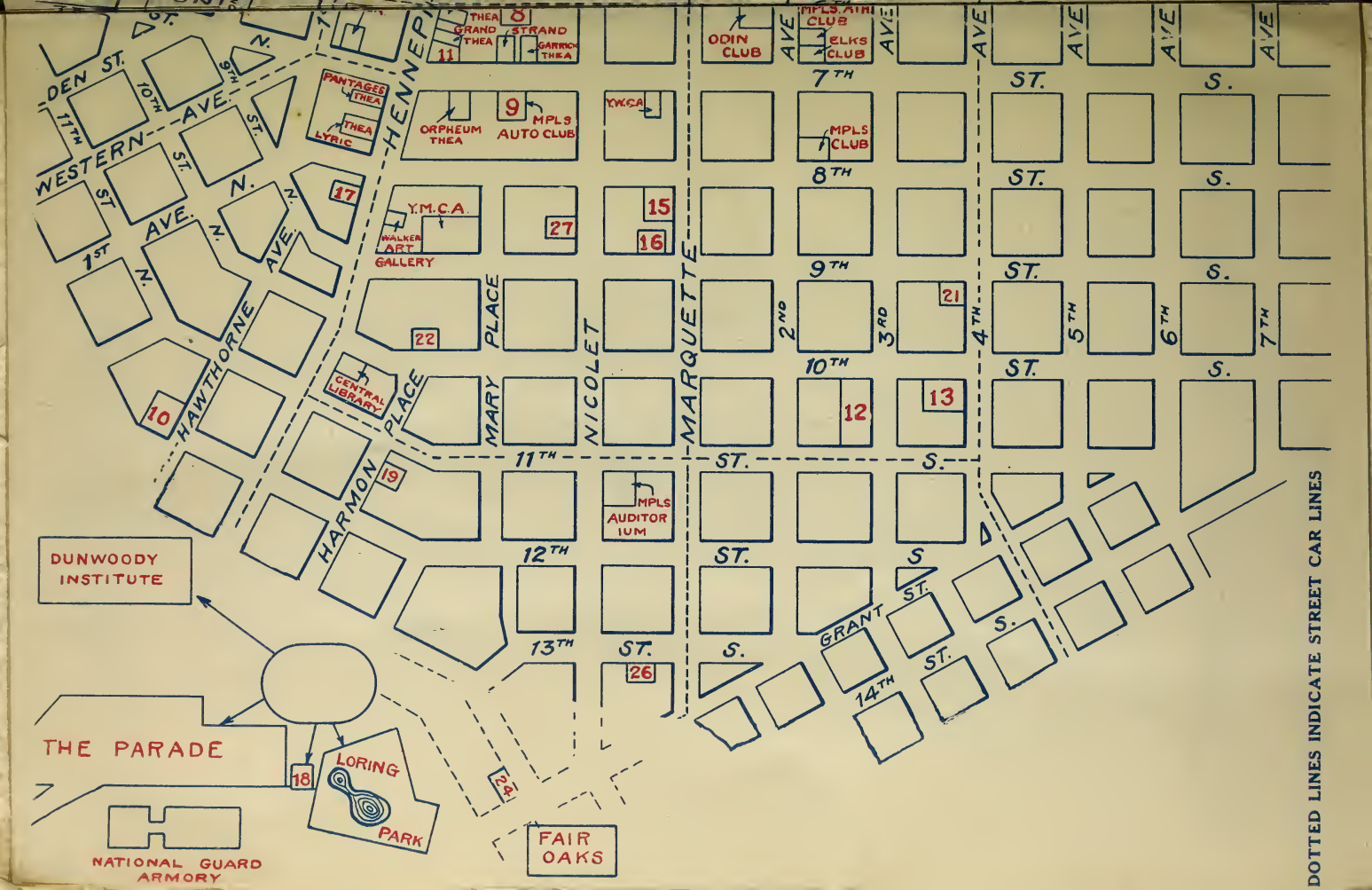
Delegates will be housed at following hotels:
(See map for location. Numbers correspond to Map designation.)

26—Abbey Tavern, 91 South 13th Street
14—Allen Hotel, 301 2nd Avenue South
4—Andrews, 4th Street and Hennepin Avenue.
20—Beaufort, 112 3rd Street South
15—Camfield, Marquette Avenue and 8th Street
13—Curtis Court, 10th Street and 4th Avenue South
8—Dyckman, 6th Street between Hennepin and Nicollet
17—Elgin, 806 Hennepin Avenue.
21—Hampshire Arms, 4th Avenue South and 9th Street
22—Harvard Chambers, 20 South 10th Street
10—Hastings, 12th Street and Hawthorne Avenue
27—Lincoln, 822 Nicollet Avenue
11—Majestic, 7th Street and Hennepin Avenue
24—Maryland, Grant Street and Vine Place
3—Nicollet, Nicollet and Washington Avenues
18—Plaza, Hennepin Avenue and Kenwood Blvd.
9—Radisson, 7th Street between Nicollet and Hennepin
6—Rogers, 4th Street and Nicollet Avenue
16—St. Regis, Marquette and 9th Street
28—Seymour, 254 Hennepin Avenue
23—Summit, 253 2nd Avenue South
5—Vendome, 19 South 4th Street
19—Waverly, 11th Street and Harmon Place
7—West, 5th Street and Hennepin Avenue

TRANSPORTATION

All round trip railway tickets were issued at the rate of 1⅓ times the one-way fare. These tickets are good on all roads to Minneapolis but holder must return on same route. An allotment of certificates was mailed early in October to each State Headquarters and each certificate entitled a delegate or alternate to purchase transportation at reduced rates not only for himself, but also for members of his immediate family between the dates specified in the full detailed instructions which National Headquarters sent to each State Headquarters. **The return half of the ticket must be validated in Minneapolis on day of departure.** This may be done at Railroad Administration Ticket Office, 6th Street and Second Avenue South, at either of the Railway Stations and at the Auditorium. **Validation must be completed not later than November 17th.**

Announcement of validation scheme will be made at Convention sessions.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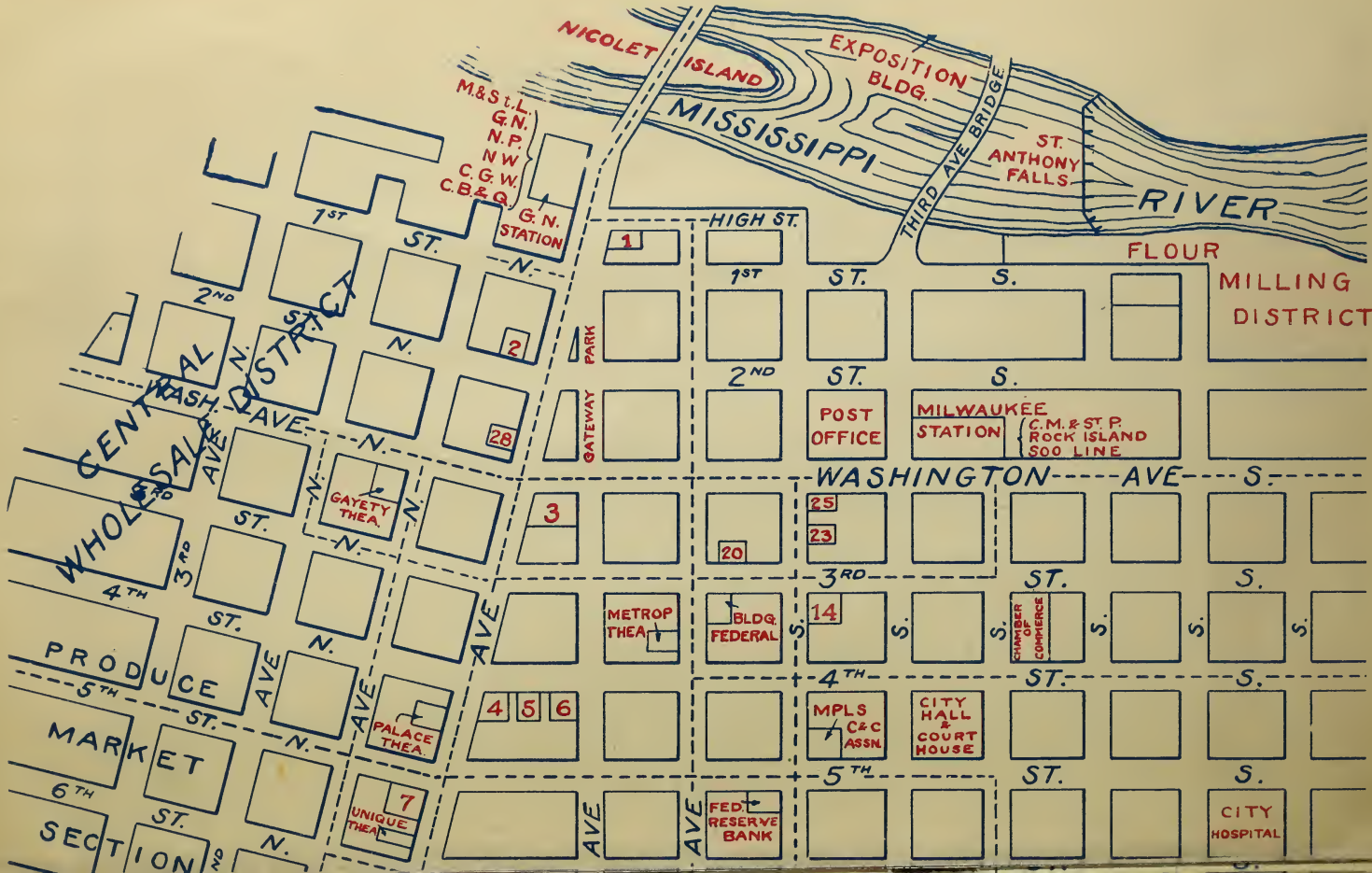
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CITY HALL & COURT HOUSE
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A HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

During the winter of 1918-1919, the Armistice having been signed, one of the topics most generally discussed by the entire American army was what kind of a veterans' organization would there be for the present great war which would correspond to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Confederate Veterans arising out of the Civil War.

February 15th, 1919, a group of about twenty-five Americans drawn from all parts of the American Expeditionary Forces were gathered together in Paris and a general discussion of the subject resulted in a decision to call a meeting for March 15th in Paris at which the whole matter could be gone over in detail. About one thousand delegates, officers and enlisted men, representing the entire A. E. F., gathered on that date and after a three-day conference, a temporary constitution was drawn up, the name American Legion chosen and it was decided to attempt no organization in France, but rather to suggest to the troops at home to organize by states and localities.

On May 8th, 9th and 10th, 1919, about twelve hundred delegates representing every state in the Union met together in St. Louis, approved the name "American Legion," adopted the tentative constitution and decided to organize thoroughly every State in preparation for the First National Convention to be held in Minneapolis, November 11th, 1919, because that would be the first anniversary of the cessation of hostilities and by that date practically all service persons here and abroad would be demobilized.

There has been such a ready response to the idea of organizing ex-service persons into a great veteran organization called the American Legion, that this dream has grown in less than a year to a powerful organization of over a million members and a potential membership of over four million.

In the American Legion there is no difference or distinction between an officer and an enlisted man, between the man who served in France and the one who stood ready in this country to join him. Any one who served honorably in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps between April 6th, 1917, and November 11, 1918, is eligible to membership.

Its purpose is two-fold, continuing service to our Country and mutual helpfulness to those of our comrades needing our aid. The American Legion will see to it that America, for which every ex-service man was willing to lay down his life, remains 100 per cent American and that the lawful and orderly form of our Government shall at all times prevail. It will also see that our military policy shall be such that America will always be safe for Americans. The American Legion will see that our disabled comrades receive such just and liberal compensation as they have reason to expect from a thankful and generous people. It has grown already to be a great force for good—the greatest single factor for law and order in this country. It has and will have no interest in politics. It will concern itself merely with policies for the general good of the whole country which will make our America a greater and better one for generations to come, in order that our brave comrades shall not have died in vain.

CONVENTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

General Chairman—Frederick B. Wells

Vice Chairman—F. W. B. Coleman

General Secretary—Murray K. Guthrie

Officers at Large—

Harrison Fuller, Minnesota State Commander
Loren B. Roberts, Chairman, Hennepin County Central Committee
J. C. Wyman
Louis Collins

Finance—Conrad G. Driscoll, Chairman
R. W. Redfield, Vice Chairman

Entertainment—S. T. McKnight, Chairman
O. E. Safford, Vice Chairman

Housing—L. L. Conrad, Chairman
Richardson Phelps, Vice Chairman

Publicity—R. G. Creviston, Chairman
C. B. Winter, Vice Chairman

Decorations—Eugene S. Bibb, Chairman
James T. Cogwin, Vice Chairman

Program and Printing—Clifford C. Hield, Chairman
F. C. Mullowney, Vice Chairman
Program: Conrad Veit
Badges: Earl Smith

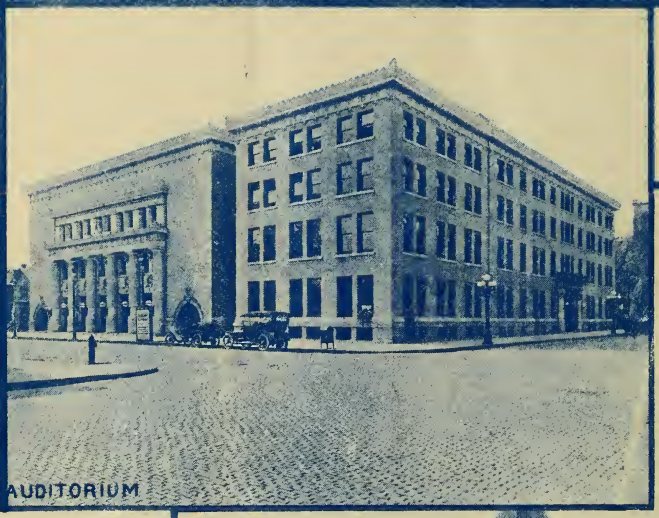
Public Gathering—C. A. Lyman, Chairman
Ralph Chamberlain, Vice Chairman

Transportation—M. B. Mitchell, Chairman
Albert G. Ruben, Vice Chairman

Hall and Seating—Pierce Atwater, Chairman
John S. Nichols, Vice Chairman

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE

Joseph Chapman, James D. Williams, E. G. Hall, Mrs. A. W. Strong, Russell M. Bennett, Cavour S. Langdon, H. M. Gardner, I. Kaufman, F. A. Chamberlain, E. W. Decker, Theodore Wold, F. M. Prince, T. G. Winter, E. S. Woodworth, Perry Harrison.



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