

AMERICAN LEGION GOES TO PARIS FOR CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER

Arrangements for the Paris convention of the American Legion to be held September 19 to 23 have practically all been completed both on this side and abroad. James F. Barton, national adjutant of the Legion, reported after inspecting arrangements recently in the French capital. Representatives of veterans' organizations and high city and government officials met Adjutant Barton, Bowman Elder, national chairman of the France convention committee, and John J. Wicker, national travel director, upon their arrival on French soil. All expressed eagerness for the day when their former American comrades in arms would visit the scenes of the World war. Reservations are increasing and no date has been set when any bookings will close.

Under the arrangements, the sessions of the ninth annual convention of the Legion in Paris will be held in the Palace Trocadero, famous government exhibition building. The Hotel Continental will be the headquarters of the Legion auxiliary and the Hotel Palais d'Orsay that of "40 and 8", the play and honor society of the national organization. Thirty thousand rooms ranging in rate from \$7 per week up are under contract to house the veterans in the French capital. On September 19 there will be a great Legion parade in which veterans of the allies will join. In the reviewing stand will be Marshal Ferdinand Foch, supreme commander of the allied forces; Gen. John J. Pershing, war-time commander of the A. E. F., and Howard P. Savage, national commander of the American Legion.

Plans and development of the France convention from the United States side have been going on for approximately two years. The Legion has obtained one-half fare for the round trip from the veterans' home town to the ports of embarkation on this side. A fleet of twenty-eight of the largest ocean liners, of which the S. S. Leviathan is flagship, will carry the Legionnaires to France. Round trip steanship fares on the official Legion ships range from \$145.80

to \$370 on most of the ships while on the S. S. Leviathan the rates are from \$151.50 up.

Legionnaires will have a complete program of games and entertainment at sea. Most of the Legionnaires will travel with their local delegations. The landing ports abroad will be Boulogne, Havre, Cherbourg, and Antwerp, Belgium.

Those eligible to take the trip at the Legion rates on the official steamers fall into the following categories: Members of the American Legion in good standing for 1927 and with a paid-up 1926 membership card; members of the American Legion Auxiliary paid for the same period; fathers and grandfathers of Legionnaires; husbands of women members of the Legion or auxiliary when accompanied by member wives; minor lineal descendants of Legionnaires in 1927 prior to the convention; and newspaper representatives with credentials from the publisher showing that they are on active duty covering the conventions.

Although department quotas of space in the movement were recalled by national headquarters on March 15 there still remained space to be had with local delegations, it was announced after a check. The Legion has prepared an attractive two-color "On to Paris" steamship folder showing the ship assigned to the state delegations, the official plans and other information essential to veterans desiring to make a reservation for the Paris trip. Veterans may obtain one of the folders by writing either to the France convention officer of the particular state whose address may be obtained from the local Legion post or to the France convention committee, national headquarters, the American Legion, Indianapolis, Ind.

New telephone wire was added to the existing systems in the United States during 1926 at an average rate of over 10 miles a minute.

CLARENCEVILLE PLANS MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST

A music memory contest will be held at Tri-Township Community Hall, Clarenceville, Friday evening.

While the judges are grading the contestants' papers, the audience and pupils will be entertained by the following program:

March	Ascher
Minuet	Mozart
Air from Rigoletto	Verdi
Melody in F	Rubenstein
High School Orchestra	
Spring Song	Mendelssohn
Evening Star	Wagner
Mr. Orr	
Bells of St. Mary's	Adams
Boys' Glee Club	
Little Orphan Annie	Worrell
Mrs. Wilson	
Minuet in G	Padewski
Girls' Glee Club	
Sing Me to Sleep	Greene
Secret of Home Sweet Home	
Trinkaus	
Roland Tabor, Arnold Jorgenson, Dietrich, McFarland	
Selections from "Miss Cherry-blossom"	
Cast and Chorus	
Community Singing	
Presentation of Prizes	
Mr. Kalder	

The judges for the contest are Mrs. Al. Tabor, Mrs. Harry Mack, Mrs. R. B. Tyler, Mrs. Linna R. Herrington, Mrs. A. A. Kalder.

The room prize will be a large copy of John Alden and Priscilla. The individual prizes will be copies of books.

The public is cordially invited. No admission will be charged.

With the closing of schools for the summer vacation near at hand, posts of the American Legion in many parts of the country are making plans for awarding medals to outstanding pupils. The Legion medal is awarded on the basis of five qualifications, as follows: honor, judged from strength and stability of character, high standards of conduct; keen sense of right, adherence to truth and conscience; devotion to duty and practice of clean speech; courage to stand up for right and duty; scholarship; leadership.

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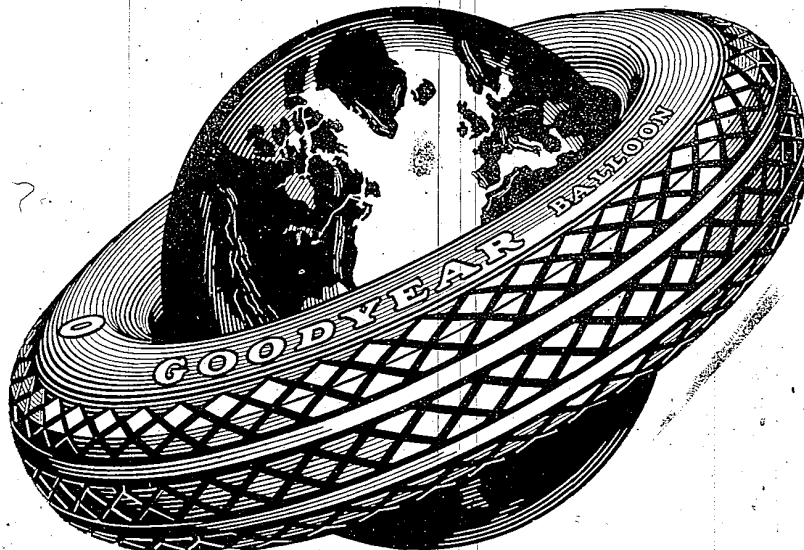
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