

# Armory to Be Duluth Fun Spot At Spanish War Vets' Mardi Gras

## Four-Day Frolic to Aid Widows and Orphans of Fighters.

Four days of Mardi Gras, with carnival spectacles, vaudeville, music, dancing, feature attractions, novelty concessions and Coney Isle amusements—even to the hot dog and the balloon man—are included in a program which Camp John G. McEwen of the United Spanish War Veterans of Duluth will produce at the Armory Oct. 12-15.

The Mardi Gras, under the direction of Harry Witz, camp commander, will be given for the benefit of widows and orphans of former members of the Duluth camp. The executive committee includes: John D. Schwieger, senior commander; Rudolph Dietz, junior commander; M. P. Orchard, adjutant; A. E. Nielson, quartermaster; Trustees Jake Thorsen and Herman Toewe, and J. B. Gibson, past departmental commander. George J. Sherman, past departmental commander and leader of the camp drum corps, is taking an active part in preparations for the Mardi Gras.

"Our Mardi Gras of two years ago was a huge success," Commander Witz said last night. "This year we are going to make it even bigger and better. Every corner of the Armory will be a fun-spot every moment the Mardi Gras is in progress."

Contracts are being closed with several excellent circus troupes and vaudeville acts, according to Mr. Witz. Most of the available concessions already have been chartered, he said.

Nomination of the carnival "queen" as with the Mardi Gras of the South, will be an event of the Duluth carnival. Seven girls, all prospective "queens," have entered competition for the Mardi Gras throne.

### Girls Seek Queen Title

Miss Myrtle J. Oswald is Cloquet's candidate; officials and employees of the Bridgeman-Russell company aspire to enthrone Miss Borghild Anderson, the "Velvet Girl;" Oreck's, with the Yama-Yama girls, will campaign for Miss Ernestine O'Leary; Two Harbors is boosting Miss Monica E. Murphy toward the coveted place; the candidate of Morgan Park and Scottish clans is Miss Mary Tinkham; the Glass Block has nominated Miss Margaret Jacka, the "Smile Girl."

Votes already received at Mardi Gras headquarters, 502 West Superior street, number hundreds of thousands, according to Commander Witz. This, he says, assures the popular choice of a "queen" as well as a record attendance each night of the festival at the Armory.

The crowning spectacle of the carnival, directors have planned, will be the presentation of a \$400 diamond ring to the girl who is elected "Queen of the Mardi Gras."