

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

W. C. T. U. TAKES UP WINTER WORK

Meeting Held Yesterday Afternoon in Orange Hall.

The first meeting of the W. C. T. U. since the ban on public gatherings was held yesterday afternoon in Orange Hall. Mrs. David Hipwell, the president, who was able to be present after her recent illness, was in the chair.

The prayer service, which consisted of thanksgivings for victory and peace, was led by Mrs. Humphrey.

A letter of appreciation from Miss Kathleen Sturdee, secretary of the V. A. D., was read, thanking the W. C. T. U. for \$2 donated towards the work of the Diet.

Some years ago a ship's captain died at this port, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union sent flowers and wrote a letter of sympathy to the wife in far-off New Zealand. Ever since that time the wife in gratitude for this thoughtfulness sends a donation to the flower fund of the Union. A letter to Mrs. Morton Smith, accompanying the donation, was read at yesterday's meeting. Mrs. Smith, who has not been able to be at the meetings for some time, sent greetings to all.

Arrangements for the quarterly meeting in January were discussed.

THE STONE CHURCH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The Stone Church Red Cross Society held its first regular meeting since the ban yesterday afternoon in the School Room of Stone Church. There was a good attendance at the meeting considering the rainy day, and work was taken up with renewed vigor. Mrs. G. Fred Fisher presided.

SPEAKERS FOR CANADIAN CLUB

Among the speakers which the Women's Canadian Club hope to have during the coming season are Ambassador Gerard, author of "My Four Years in Germany," who has written Mrs. Kurling that he hopes to be able to come to St. John after the New Year; Harry Lauter, Capt. F. A. Mackenzie, Canadian author of several books on the war, and newspaper correspondent, and A. G. Racey, the cartoonist of the Montreal Star.

DELEGATES TELL OF W. A. TRIENNIAL

Board Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary Held Yesterday Afternoon—Address by Canon Armstrong.

A feature of the Diocesan Board meeting of the Women's Auxiliary which was held yesterday afternoon at Trinity Church, was the reports given by Mrs. Alfred Morrissey and Mrs. Heber Vroom of the Triennial at Winnipeg.

Mrs. Vroom's report treated of the wonders of the journey out West and the proceedings of the first three days of the ten-day conference. The subjects discussed at the sessions were of vital interest to the members of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Vroom spoke of a point made by Canon Gould in a missionary address, when he said that the way of all missionaries would be made easier in the future on account of the honorable courtesy and kindness of the common British Tommy towards all women and children.

Mrs. Morrissey gave a summary of the rest of the conference, speaking particularly of the Sanctuary of Missions a service held for the successive days at the end of the other meetings. At these services three countries were chosen and a missionary described in graphic language the customs and conditions of these foreign lands. The three places thus told of were Kamer, Honan and Japan. Every missionary at work in these lands was spoken of by name and prayers offered up for their missionary efforts.

An interesting member of the conference, Mrs. Morrissey said, was a native Japanese girl, who is a missionary among the women and children of Vancouver and Victoria. One of the most important measures adopted at this conference was the resolution passed by the W. A., by which they pledged themselves to raise \$25,000 towards the \$250,000 to be raised by the Canadian church. This is to make up for the loss of the English grants which will be withdrawn from the Canadian churches in 1920.

Mrs. Thos. Walker presided at yesterday's meeting. An excellent report of the financial state of the W. A. was given by the secretary, Mrs. Cortlandt Robinson.

Canon Armstrong, Rector of Trinity, delivered an address at the opening of the meeting. His subject was "Thankfulness." He said that thankfulness should be manifested at the present time for victory, for the plentiful harvest and for deliverance from pestilence.

Y. W. C. A. HUTS FOR SOLDIERS' WIVES

War Work Secretary Arrived Today to Arrange for Shelters for Soldiers' Wives Coming to Canada.

Miss Lean, of Toronto, is expected to arrive today from Quebec and will be the guest while in St. John of Mrs. John A. McAvity. Miss Lean is the War Work Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and while in the city will arrange for the establishment of Y. W. C. A. huts for soldiers' wives arriving at this port. The wives of soldiers may be allowed to come on the same ship with their husbands, or they may come in separate transports. In any case they will be looked after by the National Service branch of Y. W. C. A. work. Many of these women are from the British Isles or from France and Belgium.

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Have you read Hunt's Sale News on page 3?

GREATER IMPORTANCE OF THE "ODD CENT"

Emphasizing the growing importance of the "odd cent" W. S. Davison, in an article in the Annalist argues that under our present system it is too easy to pay 5 cents and not easy enough to pay 4 or 6 cents. In fact he would go so far as to have one, two and three cent coins and eliminate the "nickel" altogether.

The coinage of all countries, except England is based on the decimal system. The Continental European nations also have their weights and measures based on this system. In America, our weights and measures, like the English, are divisible by the more natural factors of 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12. Our small coins are divisible by five and two only. This results in both friction and waste. A price of 25 cents for a pound, quart, or a dozen of anything makes it impossible to buy a half, third, or a quarter at the same rates.

We need, for a thorough reform, to add two more digits to the present ten, so that moving a digit up one place to the left would multiply it by a dozen. Then we should be able to reckon easily with numbers that are also usefully divisible. This reform is too radical ever to be introduced. The next best is to have fractional weights and coins divisible by 5 and to learn to think in fifths instead of fourths.

In America we have a second serious friction in our custom of leaping from 5 cents to 10 and 15. This jump of 5 cents is twenty times the German planning and five times the French, and English halfpenny. Our scale of value is not steeper by these differences. The contempt for the odd cent comes from the feeling of social insecurity which makes us fear the scorn of shopkeepers and restaurant waiters. The leap of 5 cents falls especially hard on the family with a small income, because a larger part goes for small outlays. If, for instance, the dishcloth the housewife has been buying for 5 cents goes up 20 per cent, or 40 per cent, the 5-cent stores do not charge 6 or 7 cents, but 10 cents each, two for 15 cents, an increase of 100 per cent and 200 per cent in cash outlay.

Our small coins make it too easy to pay 5 cents and too hard to pay

NEXT WEEK BEFORE WIRE SERVICE READY

C. P. R. and Western Union Lines Still Out of Order, Caused by Storms—Small Army of Linemen Working.

From reports obtainable last night from the C. P. R. and Western Union telegraph companies it will likely be next week before the wire service between St. John, Halifax and Sydney will be restored to normal. Each company has succeeded in setting one through wire to Halifax and the Western Union has four to Sydney. A small army of men are working in the district between Moncton and Amherst. The Western Union have brought in a lot of men from Bangor and Boston and are working night and main to restore the damage done by the storm. The C. P. R. also have a large crew of men out in the same section. The Western Union hope to get one line through to P. Inc. Edward Island some time today.

3, 4 and 6 cents. We need a change of coins to make it convenient to pay all sums from 1 to 3 cents. The 5-cent coin should be dropped and 1, 2, and 3 cent coins be issued, possibly also a 6-cent piece. The three coins would take a total of 18 against 25 at present to make all sums from 1 to 3, 4, 5, and 6 cents would be equally easy to pay with two coins there would be grumbling at first because prices would continue to be fixed at 5 cents, but gradually this habit would be dropped and 5 would take its proper place among numbers, instead of being elevated above the others through the mathematical misfortune of having five fingers with which to count.

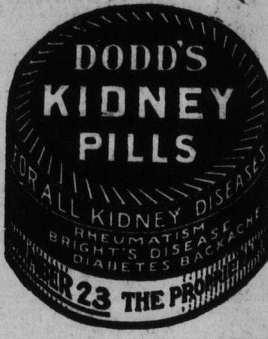
The respect for the odd cent which must come because of war taxes will be especially useful in reducing the quantity of perishable goods offered by grocers, in saving money at the 5-cent stores, and, in introducing a zone tariff on train cars.

THE WINTER PORT WILL OPEN TODAY

Three Steamers Now Due in St. John—First Mail Boat Comes Friday—Will be the Tunisian.

It is expected the winter port trade for the season of 1918-19 will open today as three C. P. R. steamers are due this morning. The first mail steamer is due on Friday. The steamers due today are the Montcalm, the Holbrook and the Dunbridge. The two latter are new steamers making their maiden trips and will be warmly welcomed to St. John. The first mail steamer this year will be the Tunisian and she should dock Friday morning.

From present indications the port will be taxed to the utmost to care for the business coming this way. The C. P. O. S. staff are expected in the city now any day from Montreal and in a few days things will be going full blast on the West Side.



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To make this building a home in every sense of the word—well furnished, attractive, inviting and never dull and uninteresting—will take some money. Not much money, but as much as Ten Thousand Dollars, if not a little more. So within the next few days ladies whose hearts are in this grand work will call upon some whom they think will be glad to help along the project. Already the handsome donations of \$2,000 come from:

JAMES F. ROBERTSON.....\$1,000
GEORGE McAVITY.....1,000

There will doubtless be a few more such splendid contributions but the majority will of course be in keeping with their smaller means although their hearts would make it a million. The canvass is on, with a consciousness that every dollar spent in this direction is a wise investment for the good of this progressive city.

A QUIET HEART-TO-HEART CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$10,000 to put the recently acquired Sears Building at 23 King Street in comfortable shape, with Gymnasium and Cafeteria, so that the urgencies of Y. W. C. A. work will be met this winter with characteristic St. John efficiency and hospitality.

Let It Be Our Y. W. C. A. Slogan in This Little Drive

"OVER THE TOP" IS OUR WAR SLOGAN AND OUR BOND SLOGAN

Sherwood-Hassan.
The wedding took place last evening at the residence of Rev. J. A. MacKellan, Lancelot street, of Miss Enlish Pearl Hassan, daughter of Mr. Hassan of Chipman, while J. M. Thom, N. B., to Fred Clyde Sherwood of the son of Moncton supported the groom.

15th Battalion, afterwards of the 18th, now of the C. O. R. service, in Moncton.
The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. MacKellan. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Viola Hassan of Chipman, while J. M. Thom, N. B., to Fred Clyde Sherwood of the son of Moncton supported the groom.

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