

The Playground Executive Met

Considerable Business Transacted at Session Last Evening—Boys Will be Entertained in Y.M.C.A. This Evening.

A meeting of the Playground Executive was held last evening in the Y.M.C.A. with the president, Captain A. J. Mulcahy in the chair, who made an address to the meeting, extending the season's greetings. The treasurer's report showed that all bills for the summer work were in and paid. Mrs. H. C. Thout handed in \$15.00, and the sum of \$25.00 was received from the Royal Standard Chapter. As these had already been acknowledged by the secretary no motion was taken.

A. M. Belding reported for the Boys' Fund, selling of the splendid work done by the boys under the direction of the physical instructor. This report made it very easy for the meeting to endorse the action of the president in engaging the physical instructor for this work.

The East End Improvement League was granted permission to put on an entertainment in the Playground Executive's Hall, in the Victoria Rink, City Road, the proceeds to be for the Improvement League. The members of the Boys' Club will be guests at the entertainment.

Pleasure was expressed for the generosity of F. E. Williams in offering tickets to members of the Boys' Club for entrance to the Victoria Rink any afternoon.

The committee appointed for carrying on the Club is as follows: J. E. Seord, Mrs. H. C. Groat, Mrs. J. H. Dooey, Mrs. T. N. Vincent, Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, Mrs. G. Dishart, Mrs. A. M. Belding, Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy and Mrs. W. C. Good.

Captain Mulcahy and A. M. Belding were appointed delegates to the general committee, being formed from the leading societies interested in the promotion of healthful recreation. This was in response to a letter received from the physical director of the Y.M.C.A.

The boys of the Club will be entertained this evening in the Y.M.C.A. About one hundred tickets have been given to the superintendent to be distributed among the members of the Boys' Club.

The usual treat for the boys will be held on January 20th. Mrs. H. C. Groat has been made convener of the refreshment committee.

WEDDINGS.

Johnston-Fairley
The wedding took place yesterday at 42 Canon Street of James Johnston and Margaret Fairley both of Glasgow. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. MacKellan and the bride was attended by Miss Rebecca Johnston, sister of the groom while Walter Johnston, the groom's brother acted as best man. After the wedding a supper was served to the numerous guests many of whom were Old Country friends. James Johnston is a resident of the city for some time his bride having come overseas recently. They will reside at 42 Canon Street.

Many friends of Mrs. Ernest Goss will be sorry to learn that she is confined to the General Public Hospital.

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Board of Health Estimates Are Out

Sum of \$26,862 Being Asked for by County Council—Considerable Reduction from Last Year—The Government's Return.

The local Board of Health estimates are out for 1920. \$26,862 is the sum being asked for from the County Council. This is a considerable reduction on last year's estimates for health purposes, for last year's was \$44,246. The estimates include the cost of two epidemics, the small pox and the "flu." The government will return one-third of the cost for these two epidemics and have already paid back about \$8,000. The balance will be paid when the Board of Health complete their vouchers for 1919.

CANADIAN SPINNER DRIFTING DOWN ST. LAWRENCE

Wireless Says Crew is in No Immediate Danger; Have Plenty of Provisions, But Coal Supply Low.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 2.—Captain Read, of the car ferry Prince Edward Island, was in wireless communication last night with the captain of the Canadian Spinner. The latter reports that his ship is drifting with the ice down the St. Lawrence and during the past two days had drifted sixty-five miles. At last reports she was ninety-five miles from the Spinner and a million-dollar cargo. She has only fifty tons of coal, but there is no shortage of provisions. The crew are in no immediate danger. Captain Read is keeping in touch with the Spinner and will go to her aid when the need is urgent, but will not leave the present route without giving twenty-four hours' notice. The wireless has been in use with exchange of telegrams between Island Boards of Trade, Provincial M. P.'s on the one hand, and Premier Borden, the Minister of Railways, D. B. Hanna and other railway officials on the other.

With the prevailing westerly winds the Spinner is moving towards the mouth of the St. Lawrence and there, nearer to Prince Edward Island, there is a possibility that the car ferry may leave on Saturday night to go to her aid, so that there will be the least possible interruption to the service between the Island and the mainland, but much will depend on weather and ice conditions.

METHODIST PASTOR HAVING TROUBLE WITH EXECUTIVE

The Row Starts Over the Question of the Singing of the National Anthem at the Services.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 2.—Trouble between a section of the membership of the Quarterly Official Board of Broadway Methodist Tabernacle, this city, and the pastor, Rev. Dr. Selden Bland, has arisen over the question of the singing of the National Anthem at the services, or the substitution of special prayers by the pastor for King George and the Royal Family in lieu of the National Anthem. Dr. Bland states that he decided to drop the National Anthem from the services at the request of the choir, which wishes to return to the singing of the Dextera instead, and he declines to have the subject of his prayers dictated to him. So far, Dr. Bland, appears to have the majority of the board members at his back.

Only a short time ago there was a serious trouble between a certain member of the quarterly board and Dr. Bland over the latter's pronounced labor views. That trouble was patched up by an understanding that Dr. Bland should remain until next summer, the season of the pastoral change in the Broadway Methodist Tabernacle pastorate might be made.

KING ALBERT HAS CONFIDENCE IN COUNTRY'S FUTURE

Tells His People That Bolshevism Has Proven That Nothing Stable Could be Obtained Without Work, Order and Discipline.

Brussels, Jan. 2.—Responding to a New Year's address by the President of the Senate, King Albert emphasized the necessity for a solidly organized army and expressed his confidence in the future. The king said that Bolshevism had demonstrated that nothing stable could be obtained without work, order and discipline.

Replying later to an address by M. Brunet, Socialist, President of the Chamber of Deputies, King Albert said that all those who had learned the lesson of the war were ready to support constructive reforms and had resolved to safeguard the principles on which the stability of civilized society depended.

The interruption of production, the king continued, was the disorganization of work and would jeopardize the public peace. The deceived masses then would turn against existing in-

BREAD, SOAP AND PIES MORE COSTLY

Advance in Prices of the Staff of Life, Some Necessities, and Luxuries—Bread Now 15 cts. Per Loaf.

Bread has advanced to 15 cents a loaf retail, following the raise in price which the bakers considered necessary. All bakers have put on the extra cent. It will not be a question of "What, no bread—then eat cake" either, for it is reported that pies and cakes will cost more within the next few days.

It is also expected that the wrapping of bread will cause a rise of two cents more when the order for this hygienic measure comes in effect after the first of February. It will also cost more to wash, as laundry soap was advanced in price half a cent a pound yesterday.

LOCAL SOCIETY CONTINUED FROM PAGE TEN

Mrs. Arthur W. Adams gave a pleasant treat last week-end in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Murray MacLaren. The table was appropriately decorated for the Christmas season and was presided over by Mrs. F. E. Sayre and Mrs. MacLaren. Included among the guests were Dr. and Mrs. MacLaren, His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Fowler, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. George McLeod, Premier and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sayre, Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Vroom, Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt Robinson, Judges and Mrs. Grimmer, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. I. R. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. deForest and Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robinson, Colonel and Mrs. Sturdee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Skelton, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose, Mr. and Mrs. Turcot, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tiley, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allison, Mrs. Vassie, Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mrs. Springle, Ontario; Miss Burnside, Mrs. David P. Chisholm, Mrs. Gillmore Brown, Mrs. M. B. Edwards, Mrs. Bushy, Mrs. Chas. Coster, Miss Allison, Mr. J. G. Harrison, Judge Armstrong, Dr. McAvaney, General Macdonnell, Mr. Alexander McMillan and others.

Mrs. L. A. McAlpine was the hostess at one of the most enjoyable dances of the season at her residence, Princess street, on Monday evening in honor of Miss Christina Edwards and Miss Anne Frazar of Yokohama. Mrs. McAlpine wore a becoming blue Georgette gown embroidered with beads. Her orchestra provided excellent music for the dancing. The guests were Miss Edwards, Miss Frazar, the Misses Sturdee, the Misses Armstrong, Miss L. Raymond, Miss Mary White, Miss Audrey McLeod, Miss Barbara Jack, Miss Jean Anderson, Miss Margaret Carvill, Miss Elsie MacLaren, Miss Dorothy Hillard, Miss Catherine McAvity, Miss Catherine Wilson, Miss Helen Wilson, Miss Jean Anderson, Miss Evelyn Springle, Miss Grace Kuhring, Mr. Laurence Scovill, Mr. Peniston Starr, Mr. Cedric Alward, Mr. Arthur Schofield, Mr. Murray Skinner, Mr. Cecil Fitzgerald, Messrs. Anglin, Mr. Hazen Thort, Mr. Guy Merritt, Mr. Burns, Mr. Ian MacLaren, Mr. Bayard Coster, Mr. Douglas White, Mr. Brydon Millican, Mr. Martin Merritt, Mr. Clark, Rev. David Lang, Mr. Hugh McLean, and Mr. Daryl Peters.

The annual Christmas treat given by the Great War Veterans' Club to the widows and orphans of their fallen comrades took place on Monday, at the Veterans' Hall. The rooms were beautifully decorated and a large Christmas tree occupied a prominent place on the platform. Ice cream was served by a committee of young ladies and at the conclusion of the entertainment each child was presented with a gift by Santa Claus.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Ekin arrived in the city on Tuesday from Sydney and leave this evening for a short trip to Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. D. Ellis are being congratulated on the arrival of a little son at their home in Rothery on Christmas Day.

Rev. David Lang, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson, Queen Square, for the holiday season has returned to Pittsburg.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Alexander G. Day, truckman, Adelaide street, had a narrow escape from drowning near Milkish on Wednesday when his double team sled loaded with granite broke through the ice, carrying him into the water. The accident occurred shortly before noon, Mr. Day having arrived from the city with the stone for the new highway bridge being constructed by Smith & Matthews. The horses had been taken from the sled when the ice gave way and thus were saved. The sled and granite went to the bottom. After a hard struggle in the waters Mr. Day was able to crawl on the ice. He was thoroughly drenched, but has suffered no ill effects.

HAPPY HAMPTON PARTY

A party of young people from Hampton spent last evening very enjoyably in the city. After attending the first show at the Imperial, the party adjourned to the Studio where they tripped the light fantastic for the remainder of the evening, only leaving in time to catch the mid-night train to the suburb.

King Albert urged especially the need for the steady reconstruction of the devastated parts of the country.

It is said that King Albert is devoting a large sum from his private fortune for the rebuilding of war-torn Belgium.



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FREIGHT CREW HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WRECK AT ONAWA

Maine Utilities Commission Conducted Hearing at Brownville Jct. Yesterday Into Responsibility for Mishap.

Brownville Junction, Me., Jan. 2.—Testimony to the effect that members of the crew of the freight train were responsible for the collision between a freight and immigration train on the C. P. R. near Onawa, was given at a hearing conducted by the Maine Utilities Commission here today. Twenty-three persons were killed and fifty injured in the wreck.

The witnesses examined were R. V. Shaw, night train dispatcher at Brownville Junction; Arthur M. Kingdon, night operator at Morrill, where the freight engineer received orders to pass the four sections of the immigrant special at Bodfish Siding, two miles west of Onawa; Lester M. Val-

ley, who rode on the freight from Greenville Junction to Morrill to relieve Kingston, and Owen L. Chase, a locomotive engineer who was riding in the freight caboose, and who took to Conductor Isaac Manuel of the freight the orders regarding the immigrant train.

All the witnesses testified that the orders from the chief train despatcher were correct, and that it was evident that the members of the freight crew either had misread their instructions or had not followed them. Instead of waiting for all four sections to pass, they left the siding after the second had passed and crashed into the third section half a mile east of the siding.

IN MEMORIAM.

WORDEN—In loving memory of Anna R., wife of Geo. H. Worden, who departed this life January 3, 1917.

FAMILY.

JOB PRESSMEN GO ON STRIKE IN HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 2.—Ninety pressmen, employed by twenty job offices, went on strike this morning. They asked an increase from \$28.35 a week to \$35, commencing January 1, and \$37 from July 1 next, with a forty-four hour week. The employers offered \$33 for a 48-hour week. The employers and bookbinders remained at work pending the arrival of an international officer.

The strikers and their employers had a conference this afternoon, and negotiations will be continued Saturday. It is believed that the pressmen will be back at work Monday.

ADM. JELlicoe VISITS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Was Greeted With Cheers by the Brokers and Clerks When He Entered With Chas. M. Schwab.

New York, Jan. 2.—Admiral Jellicoe, retired First Lord of the British Admiralty, who has been making a tour of Canada and mapping out a naval policy for that country, today visited the New York Stock Exchange as the guest of Chas. M. Schwab, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bethlehem Steel Company. The visitors were greeted with cheers by the brokers and clerks.

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In Christ a hearty welcome find.—Charles Wesley.

See from the Rock a fountain rise! For you in healing streams it rolls; Money ye need not bring, nor price, Ye laboring, burdened, sin-sick souls.

—John Wesley.

THESE SERVICES are in charge of the Ministers of Queen Square, Centenary, Exmouth, Carmarthen and Zion churches.

WILL THE READER make this humble prayer? Our Heavenly Father, grant Thy blessing to this great undertaking, for without Thee we can do nothing. Be strong to help Thy servants that many souls may be saved through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PLAN YOUR AFFAIRS TO BE FREE TO ATTEND THESE REVIVAL SERVICES

"A Brooklyn Eagle writer says that the Little Red Schoolhouse must get rid of the Little Red Teacher. A little better pay for teachers might solve the problem."—San Francisco Bulletin.

Will Prices Come Down When Packers Unscramble?

"The consumer doesn't care a snap of his fingers about the dissolution of a trust unless it means lower prices or better quality, or both," says the New York Globe, which sees "no reason to believe that the withdrawal of the packers from all lines except meat and dairy products will benefit the consumer an iota." On the other hand, Attorney-General Palmer telegraphs THE LITERARY DIGEST that "The practical benefits to the public will come from opening up the channels of trade in food lines to competing producers and distributors of food freed from the menace of the all-powerful packers' organization." The packers themselves, however, are not so confident about the effect on prices. In answer to the "Digest's" interrogation on this point Mr. J. Ogden Armour telegraphs that "it is impossible to forecast the probable effect the dissolution will have upon the high cost of living." Messrs. Louis F. Swift, Thomas E. Wilson, E. A. Cudahy, and Edward Morris practically agree with him in that conclusion.

There is scarcely any other subject that so vitally concerns the public as that covered by the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for January 3rd. The "Digest" has secured statements from the highest sources representative of every angle of opinion upon the recent decision of the packers to withdraw from all lines except meat and dairy products.

Other articles of great interest in this number of the "Digest" are:—

The Irish Republic

A Brief, But Impartial, Explanation of Irish Question, Accompanied by Map of Irish Republic Showing Result of the General Election, December, 1918.

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