

## THE STORY OF WILLIE KEELER, FAMED BATSMAN

William H. ("Wee Willie") Keeler, one of the most famous of old-time baseball players, who died at his home in Brooklyn last week, had been a sufferer from heart disease for more than two years.

Keeler had expressed a desire to live until the beginning of the new year, and on Sunday he remarked to his brother, Thomas F. Keeler, that he was fighting a losing fight, but would live to see 1923 ushered in. On New Year's Eve several members of his family and some friends visited him at his home. Just before the members of the party left the room where Keeler was lying and stepped outside to hear the bells. They came back a few minutes later to find the new year with a bell he had for the purpose of calling his attendant. He was playing the game of baseball—until the last man was out in the ninth.

Keeler was one of the greatest batsmen of all time. He first became noted as a great hitter while with the organization, thrice a pennant winner of the old National League, remain unbroken. Some of his nineteen years in the majors were spent with the Giants and Brooklyn Nationals and the New York Yankees.

He was not a batsman of the slugging type, such as Ed Delahanty and the late Pop Anson, but was a pioneer in the art of place hitting, the philosophy of which explains in simple and now famous utterance, "Hit 'em where they ain't."

While with Baltimore, Keeler twice led the National League in hitting, in 1897 with 432, a mark second only to Hugh Duffy's 438 in baseball annals, and in 1898 with 370. His greatest feat was in 1897, his best season, when he included six hits in one game and records of 199 one-base blows and hitting safely in 44 consecutive games, both of which still stand as major league high marks. His total hits in 1900, also stood as a National League record until 1910, when Rogers Hornsby, great second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, established a new standard with 200.

The nearest approach to his consecutive game hitting was made last season by George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns, who reached 41 before going home.

Over a stretch of eight seasons, from 1894 to 1901, Keeler hung up two other unique marks, scoring more than 100 runs and rapping out more than 200 hits in each of these seasons. By gathering 211 safe blows last season Ty Cobb equaled Keeler's hitting mark, but the Detroit star's record was not made in consecutive seasons.

National League records show Keeler's life-time batting mark, for nineteen years, to be .305, but for fourteen seasons, from 1893 to 1906, inclusive, when he was at his best, his average was close to .350.

Keeler was born in Brooklyn, March 8, 1872. He played his first major league game Sept. 30, 1892, with the Giants, who secured him from Birmingham, N. Y. The following year he played with the Giants and Brooklyn. From 1894 to 1898 he patrolled right field with Baltimore, a team on which other stars were John McGraw, Wilbert Robinson, Hugh Jennings and Joe Kelley. He returned to Brooklyn in 1899, the Dodgers winning pennants that year and the next. He was with the New York Yankees from 1900 to 1909 and signed in 1910 with the Giants, who released him the same year to Toronto. That year marked the end of his major league career.

His health, coupled with financial misfortune some years later, brought Keeler's circumstances to a low ebb and in 1921 he was aided by a joint gift of \$5,000 from the National and American Leagues.

### QUICK DIVORCE

Twenty-Four Cases in Two Hours at Manchester.

London, Dec. 9.—(By mail.)—At the first hearing at Manchester assizes yesterday of actions for divorce Mr. Justice Acton disposed of twenty-four cases in just under two hours, three of the cases being carried over. Seventeen actions were brought by husbands and ten by wives. A speedy action for restitution of conjugal rights occupied half a minute.

## DENIARD CITY CARE FOR THEM

Wives of Miners Held in Edmonton Interview the Mayor.

Edmonton, Jan. 4.—Wives of 135 protest against the arrest of their husbands throughout yesterday afternoon and evening. A delegation waited on Mayor Duggan and demanded that the city provide food, clothing and other necessities while their husbands are held.

The mayor declared the women would have to take their case to the city welfare board. The women then asked that they be allowed to appoint three to act with their welfare board, saying the chairman of the board was prejudiced against foreigners. This the mayor refused.

Leonard Barlow, one of 29 pickets arrested yesterday was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days on the charge of assault on Thomas McEwan. He was also remanded for trial on a charge of being a member of an unlawful assemblage.

### MANY AT OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL

Nearly 1,000 people attended the afternoon tea and musicale, which marked the opening of the new St. Peter's boys' school yesterday. The tea was given by the Y. W. A. of St. Peter's.

The tea tables were set in the large auditorium in which the rows of seats had not yet been placed and the tables and auditorium were tastefully decorated. The pouters were the Misses Kate Coughlan, Alice Casey, Mary MacMurray and Nellie Gonnell. Those in charge of the tea table were the Misses Mary Kelly, Nellie Dever, Annie Gonnell, Doris Mullane, Marie Hansen, Irene O'Connor, Rose Phillips, Ida Keegan, Margaret McGarrigle, Annie Tracey, Nellie Harrington and Margaret Barry. The refreshments were served by the Misses Geraldine Coll, Kathleen Lundy, Josephine Durick and Emma Conlogue. The servers were the Misses Jennie O'Neill, Theresa McCormick, Amy Goodspeed, Marion Murphy, Mary McGovern, Josephine Dever, Evelyn Quinn, Mae McMahon, Agnes McCarthy, Beatrice Gonnell, Vera McFadden, Eva Keegan, Josie Coughlan, Greta Smith, Margaret McManis, Margaret O'Hara, Anna Grannan, Margaret Grannan, Josie Gonnell and Isabelle Gormley.

A prettily arranged candy table was in charge of the Misses Florence Kierin, Helen Murphy, Cecile Collins and Ethel Walsh. Soft drinks were dispensed by the Misses Dorothy Hansen, Margaret McElhinney and Mary Quinn. A fancy cake table was in charge of the Misses Helen McBriarty, Helen McCarthy, Lillian Howard and Zita Creary. A chocolate table was managed by Leo Dever and the tickets were in charge of the Misses Minnie McGuire and Elizabeth Scott.

During the serving of the tea an orchestra provided a much enjoyed programme.

The evening concert programme was fully appreciated and consisted of violin solo by Manuel O'Neill and Arthur Cunningham, and vocal solos by Miss Bernice Mooney, Miss Mildred White, H. Gillis and J. Duffy, and a quartette by Felix McMullin, William Grannan, J. Stackhouse and W. Stackhouse, with Mr. Davis as accompanist. Other accompanists were Mrs. M. A. Quinlan, Miss Clara Broderick, Miss Florence Kierlin and Miss Josephine Savage.

### SONS OF ENGLAND INSTAL OFFICERS

Officers of the New Brunswick Lodge, Sons of England Benefit Society, were installed on Tuesday evening by District Deputy President P. Thomas. After the installation a banquet was served under the direction of J. B. Watts, and later an entertainment was given under the direction of C. F. Walton, J. McDonald, H. Mantle, B. Thorne, J. B. Watts and T. F. Sibley. The officers elected were as follows: Past president, James W. McKenzie; president, E. Weeds; vice-president, James Curtis; chaplain, W. Mate; treasurer, J. B. Watts; secretary, T. F. Sibley; first guide, C. F. Walton; second guide, J. Stevenson; inner guard, J. E. McLean; outer guard, Harry Carson. Miss Pauline Searle, Miss Florence McFarlane, Edith Caywood, Harry Carson, Miss Pauline Searle, Miss Florence McFarlane, Edith Caywood, Harry Carson, Miss Pauline Searle, Miss Florence McFarlane, Edith Caywood, Harry Carson. Prizes were presented to Mildred Morrison, Mary McCracken, and Wynnon Hansen. Candy and fruit were distributed among those present.

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The annual Christmas treat for the children of St. Matthew's church was held last evening and Austin Galbraith, the school superintendent, presided. Among those taking part in the programme were Helen Smith, Marion McFarlane, Edith Caywood, Harry Carson, Miss Pauline Searle, Miss Florence McFarlane, Edith Caywood, Harry Carson, Miss Pauline Searle, Miss Florence McFarlane, Edith Caywood, Harry Carson. Prizes were presented to Mildred Morrison, Mary McCracken, and Wynnon Hansen. Candy and fruit were distributed among those present.

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## WEAK MINDS NOT ALWAYS WHEATED

Doctor Wallin Tells of His Studies of Juvenile Delinquents.

Boston, Jan. 4.—Dr. J. E. W. Wallin, director of the Bureau of Special Education and professor of clinical psychology at Miami University, in an address before the section of clinical psychology of the American Psychological Association held at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital, said that his twelve-year study of about 3,600 institutional juveniles of all grades of intelligence and the observation of thousands of parents of mentally defective children examined, supplemented by other investigations, led to the conclusion that most cases of feeble-mindedness could not be traced to feeble-mindedness, insanity, and epilepsy in the ancestry.

Dr. Wallin stated that feeble-mindedness and subnormality were not invariably due to degenerate heredity or the absence of a unit trait or Mendelian determiner, but may be produced by any agencies, environment or hereditary, acting separately or concurrently.

In the light of his findings, Dr. Wallin concluded that feeble-mindedness or degeneracy could not be wholly eradicated by means of the colonization, sterilization, or prevention of the mating of the feeble-minded or degenerate. In addition, continuous effort would have to be made to prevent the toxification of the parental germ plasma of successive generations by preventing the invasion of the system by blastophoretic substances, and by detoxicating organisms already suffering from poisons and toxins.

Injuries from mechanical impact, lesions, diseases, and toxins to the child's nervous system must also be prevented before and after birth, and on the positive side the mental and physical powers must be exercised and developed by the best that a comprehensive science of eugenics affords.

Rev. H. A. Goodwin held yesterday morning for Prince Edward Island, where he will spend the next three weeks, assisting in the campaign against the importation and sale of liquor, preceding the taking of a referendum on the question.

It has been announced that the large water powers at Calais, Me., Stephen, N. B., and Barre, Me., have been combined in a pulp and paper mill enterprise of which a Bangor man is the originator. A Maine corporation will develop the powers in connection with a tidewater project of great magnitude.

The regular weekly dance held in the "Pentecost Hall" in Galford street, West St. John, was enjoyed by a large number last evening. The music was furnished by a special orchestra.

Leonard Bonnell, son of Mrs. A. I. Bonnell of Keegan, lost his home in Tisdale, Sask., and all his personal effects in a fire which occurred in the night of Christmas. The temperature was forty below zero at the time of the blaze.

Roy Sinclair Edwards, a former St. John boy, has been elected commander of the Viny Ridge Camp, Canadian Veterans' Association of Boston, and Elmer A. Belding, also formerly of this city, has been elected senior vice-commander. They will be installed along with the other officers, on January 10.

Temporary restrictions on the loading cars with grain destined for West St. John were announced by the C. P. R. at Winnipeg yesterday, according to a Canadian Press dispatch. There has been an accumulation of cars at St. John and until some improvement appears only fifty cars a day will be loaded at Winnipeg. The congestion is caused by lack of space on Trans-Atlantic ships.

An inquiry has been received from Mrs. S. Donald, Inverkip Cottage, Hanover street, Dunoon, Scotland, as to the whereabouts of a Mr. Hatt, who, she says, was a clerk in the St. John post office prior to the war. Mr. Hatt served with her husband in the 26th Battalion. The man is not known at the post office.

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## 26TH OFFICERS HOLD REUNION

Nearly fifty former officers of the 26th Battalion gathered last evening for the annual reunion. The reunion took the form of a dinner and was held in the Victoria Hotel. Practically all parts of the Dominion were represented. Lieut. Col. A. McMillan occupied the chair, and on his right was Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity, the original commander of the battalion. The toast to the King was honored with the toast to the 26th Battalion. The toast to the departed comrades was proposed by H. H. Henderson and honored in silence. R. A. McAvity, former adjutant of the battalion, proposed the toast to the battalion and gave a brief history of the unit. James Pringle replied. Regretful reference was made to the late work of the late Ronald MacGillivray, chaplain of the battalion, who was prevented by illness from attending. Several members of the 26th, who were sent to the building in addition to an engine company, were pressed into service to relieve members of the rescue squad.

A committee, who collected to watch the firemen at work, but those who gathered did not remain long after getting one whiff of the pungent fumes which were being forced to enter the oxygen tank filled at each rest period, as the powerful acid fumes quickly exhausted the oxygen supply carried. Several members of the 26th, who were sent to the building in addition to an engine company, were pressed into service to relieve members of the rescue squad.

The firemen thought they had finished their work, but the fumes spread again and it was not until late in the afternoon that Lieutenant Coffey, chief of the fire department, ordered the firemen to leave the building. The firemen were forced to leave the building and the fumes spread again and it was not until late in the afternoon that Lieutenant Coffey, chief of the fire department, ordered the firemen to leave the building.

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On the motion of Harold Wood it was decided to send a telegram to Father McGillivray, regretting his illness and wishing him a speedy recovery.

## CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE IS UNDER ARREST

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—John Garrity, a former civil servant, was placed under arrest yesterday on a charge of forging endorsements to government checks. The charge was made by the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, when he left for a trip to the United States. Garrity has been welcomed by the police. The man is alleged to have endorsed and cashed four stolen government checks valued at more than \$100.

## LUDLOW STREET ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ludlow street church was held last evening in the church hall with G. A. Ring and Rev. W. A. Robbins presiding. The report of the clerk showed a membership of 414 with all departments of the church flourishing. A canvass of the members had been conducted. The new committees and officers appointed were as follows: Assistant financial secretary, R. H. Parsons; missionary committee, Mrs. W. A. Robbins; Mrs. George Gibbons; Will. H. Clark; Miss Pearl Wayne; E. F. Campbell and G. A. Harned; publishing and printing committee, R. H. Parsons; E. A. Flewelling; E. F. Ring; music committee, R. H. Parsons; John F. Ring; R. J. Rupert; Miss Mae Robbins and Miss Sadie Burke; visitation committee, assist the pastor, Mrs. D. C. Reade, Mrs. C. E. Belyea, Mrs. William Harned, Mrs. J. E. Rupert, Mrs. W. C. Lord, Mrs. James Mitchell, Mrs. A. K. Norton, Mrs. Frank Cheyne, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. A. E. Murray, Mrs. G. A. Green, Mrs. T. B. Browne, Mrs. V. E. Hann, Mrs. John McLean, Mrs. Edwin Clark and Mrs. George Price; reception committee, the seven deacons, H. F. Ring, R. J. Anderson, E. W. Christopher, Mrs. George G. T. Ring, Mrs. H. Parsons and E. J. Ring and Mrs. C. Belyea, Mrs. George Price and Mrs. W. A. Robbins; social committee, Mrs. E. Belyea, Mrs. A. W. Christopher, Mrs. D. C. Reade, Roy C. McKinley and Leonard Anderson; convenor for the congregation as representatives of the Women's Hospital Aid, Mrs. W. C. Lord.

The school girls of the St. Vincent's school held a party in the gymnasium yesterday afternoon, when Miss Kindred, the physical director, was in charge. There were about sixty girls present and the afternoon was pleasantly spent with games and competitive races for prizes and with singing. The winners in the races were Amanda Daley, Margaret O'Leary, Constance Fennell and Beatrice Spittler. Mrs. Gleason, the convenor of the physical committee of the school, was assisted in making the party so great a success.

## FIREMEN AFFECTED BY CHLORINE GAS

Have a Hard Battle With Fumes in Vault Where Acids Were Stored—Dump Tank Into River.

New York, Jan. 4.—Two firemen attached to the rescue squad were overcome by chlorine gas and acid fumes during a severe test of endurance they underwent in entering a basement vault at 18 to 22 East Forty-first street filled with suffocating fumes.

The firemen overcame were Lieutenant John Coffey, commander of the squad, and Fireman Thomas L. Larkin, one of the detail. Both collapsed and were carried to the street by other firemen summoned by Deputy Chief Thomas Murtha.

Both men, upon being revived by Dr. Clara P. Norton of Bellevue Hospital, declined to accept a sick leave and insisted on returning to work.

The vault, which was located in the rear of the basement, was used by the Alliance Bleacheries Company to store concentrated acids and chemicals. The discovery that the fumes were escaping and finding their way into all parts of the building was made by two porters. While at work in the basement they were partly overcome by the fumes and had to be helped to the main floor by other employees. The superintendent of the building then notified the Fire Department, which in turn assigned to the rescue squad the task of checking the fumes.

Although the door of the vault was closed the fumes leaked through the cracks in the casing. When the members of the rescue squad opened this door they found the air so heavily laden with the dense acid fumes that even with their gas masks on they could not stay in the vault more than fifteen minutes. It was believed that the fumes came from quantities of sulphuric and mastic acids stored there in carboys which were unsecured corked.

The squad had to work in relays, each man being forced to enter the oxygen tank filled at each rest period, as the powerful acid fumes quickly exhausted the oxygen supply carried. Several members of the 26th, who were sent to the building in addition to an engine company, were pressed into service to relieve members of the rescue squad.

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## URGES UNION OF IRELAND

Existence of Northern Menace to Empire, Declares Cosgrave.

William Cosgrave, president of the Dublin branch, this week contributed a long article to the London Times in which he reviews Irish achievements during the last year and since the treaty was signed.

The article, in addition to dealing with the resistance of the Irish people to the necessity of a treaty, contains a considerable detail for the enlightenment of the British public the question of Ulster and the boundary commission.

Mr. Cosgrave expresses satisfaction that, notwithstanding the difficulties with regard to the irregular and the boundary question, the new year finds Ireland in a condition of greater peace and security than she has enjoyed in a long time, with the foundation of the Free State and with the restoration of the State possessing status and authority equal to those of any of the great free nations composing the British Commonwealth. He says the greatest essential now to an enduring peace, not only in Ireland, but in the British Commonwealth and in America, is the restoration of the artificial severance by statute. He doubts whether the British people fully realize the manifold dangers, difficulties and pitfalls surrounding this thorny problem. He says it is well-nigh impossible to put into words the deep-rooted antipathy to partition existing among the Irish people. He says that the Irish people are stirred up and he fears that, until it is achieved, there will be a permanent sinister obstacle to peace, ever bristling with dangers and awful possibilities.

Repeating any desire to force a controversy on the subject, and making full allowance for the difficulties of the Ulster Government, Mr. Cosgrave remarks that the fact that five of the nine counties comprising Ulster favor being governed by the Free State and more correct to speak of the "partition of Ulster" rather than partition of Ireland.

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