

CHARACTER OF MAN WHO HOLDS SWAY IN INDIA

Mohandas Karmachand Gandhi Has Been Heading the Anti-Government Boycotts to Force Home Rule.

London, Feb. 22.—(Associated Press by Mail).—Mohandas Karmachand Gandhi, who holds such a sway over a certain section of the Indian people and who has been heading the anti-government boycotts in an attempt to force home-rule in India, is 51 years of age with greying hair, unflinching, truthful eyes and slim elegant hands, says a correspondent of the Daily Mail.

The writer continues: "His voice is low-pitched and monotonous, yet pleasing, whether in Gujarati or English. He is married and has four sons. Gandhi lives in Ahmedabad, the big mill centre where he has founded a settlement for the culture of truth in poverty and for handweaving and primitive agriculture.

"Gandhi is not, as is commonly supposed, a Brahmin or the priestly caste. He belongs to a Bania, or trading caste, family resident in Kathiawar. He descends from politicians. His political mind comes from his father, who was a Dewan, or chief minister, of the state of Porbandar for twenty-five years.

"Gandhi's genius lies in making lost causes live. To his disarming sweetness of a saint he add all the arts of the advocate. In South Africa, he matched even with General Smuts. They sparred for years over Indian claims without quarrelling.

"If Gandhi has a hobby, it is experimenting in diet. Eighteen months ago he had reduced his daily food to four ingredients, wheat, vegetables, a little oil, and fruit, and he became very ill. He now takes goat's milk and salt, but not cow's milk or butter.

"He never sues a debtor, never gives evidence against an enemy, always travels third-class, the acme of discomfort in India, and always goes barefoot. He can sleep when he likes and he dispenses with sleep for long periods at will.

"India's humble masses, saturated with ancient Hindu philosophy, have long imagined a saviour who should unite earthly practice to divine precept. The wrapped in his self-revealing sentence: 'Most religious men I have met are politicians in disguise; I, however, who wear the guise of a politician, am at heart a religious man.'

NOW TWENTY IN CHILDREN'S HOME

Mrs. W. B. Tennant, first vice-president of the Children's Aid Society was in the chair at the monthly meeting of that organization here last night in the Children's Home, 68 Garden street. A large amount of routine work was transacted. About a month ago a movement was set on foot among the members of the board for the purchase of a hall clock for the institution. Mrs. J. H. Doody reported last night that the purchase had been made and the time piece soon will be in place.

The statistics of the work, as presented by the agent, Rev. George Scott, showed that since the last meeting he had made a total of seventy-two visits. Conditions were improving as employment was getting more nearly normal, but there was a good deal of sickness in the city and in consequence some destitution. One girl was taken from the home by her mother and four more children were admitted. Three of these were taken in temporarily, the fourth,



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an infant, was taken for adoption. There are now twenty little ones under care. During the month one girl was committed to Turo by Chief Justice McKewen, under indeterminate sentence. Kenneth A. Wilson appeared at the hearing in behalf of the Society. Dr. McAlpine has had occasion to visit the Home frequently lately, watching over the health of some of the wards. On the whole, the Society may congratulate itself on the continued good health of its charges, the agent reported.

FIND FORTUNE IN OLD DESK

Was Being Sold and in Removing It Secret Apartment Opened Revealing Pile of Gold Coins.

Vienna, Feb. 23.—(Associated Press by Mail).—The hidden fortune in a piece of old furniture has turned up in Vienna with unusually dramatic setting.

One of the many families who lives by the gradual sale of antique family possessions decided to sell a very old desk. The daughter and a friend were removing it to a waiting wagon when the well known secret apartment opened at the proper cue and disclosed a pile of gold coins.

In the course of nearly all Europe and some of ancient date, they represent 5,000,000 present Austrian crowns.

FUNDY CHAPTER HEARS REPORTS

The Fundy Chapter of the I. O. D. E. heard reports of many branches of its patriotic and philanthropic work at its meeting last night in the G. W. V. A. rooms when the regent, Miss Alice Fairweather, was in the chair. The treasurer reported receipts of \$27; expenditure, which included transportation to the United States for a soldier and his wife, meals for two soldiers crossing Canada and assistance given two unemployed soldiers, amounted to \$37.08. The balance totalled \$16.19. Letters of greeting were read from the national president and vice-president and from the Municipal, Seven Seas and Windsor chapters in St. John.

Miss Fairweather gave an interesting account of the Municipal chapter annual meeting, and Mrs. Bertha Akerley, who were appointed as the chapter's representatives on the Municipal chapter. A request that the members cater for the tea for the Boy Scouts on Easter Monday was received and it was decided to comply with it. The committee appointed was Miss M. Bolton, convenor, and the Misses Miller, Frisby, Mellick and Dodge.

It was also decided that the chapter should send Easter greetings to the soldiers at River Glade and the following committee was appointed to take charge: Miss Boyer, convenor; Miss Florence Burnham, Miss Cossey, Miss Alice Hatch and Miss Marion Irvine.

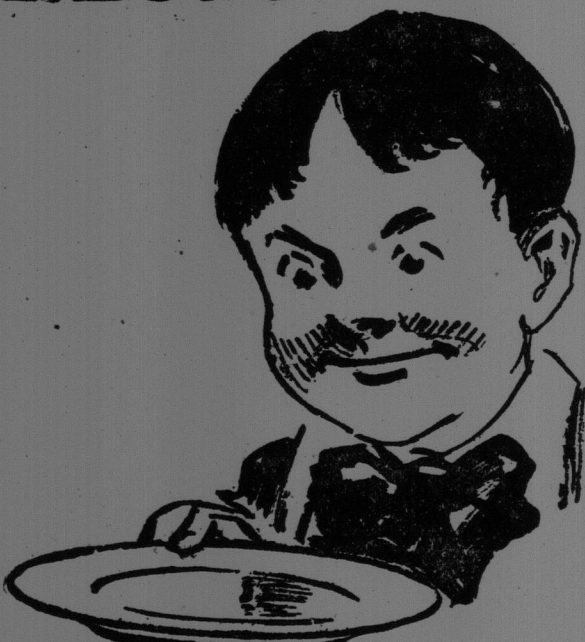
Made Strong Plea For Religious Education In Public Schools

The St. John deannery Sunday school teachers' association met last night in St. Paul's church for the evening service. Rev. J. V. Young, of the Mission church, gave an inspirational address on "The Shadow of Peter Passing By." The meeting adjourned to the Sunday school where, after preliminary business had been transacted, Rev. J. H. A. Holmes of St. Jude's church gave the first of a series of addresses on the church's catholicism and spoke in a forcible and instructive manner on the subject of the baptismal covenant.

The address of the evening followed and was delivered by Rev. R. A. Hills, secretary of the general board of religious education for the Church of England in Canada. Mr. Hills spoke at some length on the work of his board, explaining its aims and how it helped the individual teacher. He made a strong plea for religious education in the public schools, saying that, while the children were being taught that two and two make four they were not being taught that sins sin meant death.

The address was followed by some discussion and afterwards the president, Stanley Olive tendered the hearty thanks of the meeting to Mr. Hills. The Ven. Archdeacon A. H. Crowfoot pronounced the blessing.

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PHONE STAFF DANCE

The employees of the New Brunswick Telephone Company held their bi-monthly entertainment and dance in their hall at the company headquarters last evening. After a pleasant programme of vocal and instrumental selections and readings, the employees present, numbering about seventy-five, indulged in dancing until after midnight. The programme consisted of vocal solos, by Ernest Till, Miss A. B. Campbell; piano selections by Miss Bertha Akerley, Miss Treva Wetmore and Miss Pearly Wayne, and a reading by C. A. Kee. The pianist was Miss Bernice Hatfield. Among the

guests of the evening were: F. T. Atkinson, district superintendent at Moncton, and A. J. Thompson, district superintendent at Fredericton, who arrived in the city yesterday to confer with head

office officials regarding the work of their districts. W. R. Pierce, the company's new chief engineer, was also in attendance. The committee in charge of arrangements was as follows: H. E. Whetton (chairman), C. W. Sullivan, D. A. Hickey, Misses J. Porteous, L. Fraser, C. Breen, F. Ward and G. Whelpley.

NEW YORK STRIKE

New York, March 10—Approximately 700 men employed in the loading and unloading of coal and grain barges in this port struck today in protest against a wage cut of \$30 a month.

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