

Present Day Social Life One of Activity

If Fine Old Home Spirit of Past Could be Restored, Woman Judge Thinks Much Unhappiness Would be Prevented

The home-keeping spirit not enough present in present-day homes is one of the fundamental reasons for the divorce increase of today.

"Home has so little personality nowadays," is the judgment of Miss Bartelme, who is the woman judge in Chicago juvenile court and guardian spirit of delinquent girls and so knows a lot about the home behind the girl. "Formerly so much work of all kinds was done in the home enlisting the interest and energy of all the family together. But now all the home needs are brought all ready for use.

"Why, you wouldn't know what to think now if you'd see a girl with a few yards of white materials. In our day we made simple garments. When we went places we took our sewing along and the practical work was just a matter of course. Then a little crocheting was an ordinary thing. But now it is considered quite a feat for a girl to do a piece of crocheting. And as for sewing on practical cottons—no one ever hears of such a thing. When a girl needs anything she buys it already made, giving it no more thought than that necessary for the purchase.

"It is that way with all of the home needs. People live in small flats where there is little opportunity for doing things and they get their necessities in the quickest and most convenient forms.

"The young people have nothing essential to do around the home so they easily drift out of it. Also in this modern and metropolitan development they are called outside of the home to do the work that provides their living instead of all laboring together contributing to the prosperity of the house which shelters them.

"And as the work is almost all outside of the home so are the amusements. No one thinks now of spending their evenings at home. When I was a girl we always used to gather around the lamp in the evening. Some one would read out loud, the girls would sew carpet bags and the boys would have something to tinker over. Or sometimes we would pop corn, make candy, crack nuts.

"But no one does these things now. The young people must go out. They must go to a dance, to a theatre, a picture show, the parks, somewhere, anywhere. It is all away.

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VETERANS WOULD RETURN TO FRONT

Ask Minister of Militia For Formation of a Veterans' Battalion

A deputation of veterans of the present war waited upon the Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister of Militia, and Major-General Logie, General Officer Commanding the Toronto Military District, yesterday afternoon with a view to the organization of a Veterans' Battalion. The spokesman declared the deputation represented 265 invalided soldiers who were ready to serve again, the only stipulation being that the officers must be men who have seen service at the front. Mr. Kemp was urged to recommend the authorization of a veterans' battalion.

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Basketball at the Collegiate

King basketball reigned supreme at the Collegiate Institute last evening when the girls of the Paris Collegiate Institute went down to defeat to the tune of 20-2 at the hands of the B. C. team, while the boys of the Collegiate administered an annihilating trouncing to the boys of the B. C. team, 37-18. Fossils at the rate of 62-18. The B. C. team, while Johnson featured for the Fossils. The line-ups:

First Game
B.C.I. Girls—Centre, M. Whitman; forwards, D. Wood, E. McConkey; defence, C. Morris, H. Fuller.
Paris Girls—Centre, G. Millar; forwards, E. Broughton, J. Davidson, F. Inkster, H. Folsetter.
Second Game
B.C.I.—Centre, T. Truss; forwards, D. Hurley, L. Buckhorn; defence, R. Deagle, H. Wadlington.
Fossils—Centre, J. Johnson; forwards, J. Littler, P. Vansickle; defence, L. Brandon, J. Whittaker.

INDECISION NOW UNFORGIVEABLE

Entente Must Face Contingency of Attack on Gen. Sarraill's Army

London, Dec. 9.—The Times' military correspondent remarks in an article to-day that the contraction of the front of the Entente allies in Roumania, which naturally cause them to pass part of their armies into reserve, and says that in view of the positions occupied by the Entente powers on the Salonika front, and the possible expectation that the Greeks may attack the Entente allies in the rear, the Entente must face the contingency of a concerted attack upon General Sarraill's army within the next few weeks. "The particular course which commends itself to us in these circumstances," the correspondent adds, "is written very plainly on the map, and the only thing that will never be forgiven is indecision in a situation which needs prompt and firm handling. The safety of our troops forbid us to ponder any longer on a political objective which has no basis in sound strategy."

The correspondent contends that the general military situation is not so altered by the successes of the Central powers in Roumania as to justify the depression of the Allies, and he sees no reason to doubt the successful reconstitution of the Russo-Roumanian left wing in deep position, which will compel Field Marshal von Mackensen to halt. It is assumed that for this purpose the Russian offensive in the central Carpathians, which he says came too late, will now be abandoned.

Obituary

Fred Prowse
The death occurred in Hamilton on Thursday evening of Frederick Prowse, of this city, aged 25 years. He was a son of the late W. H. Prowse of Cambridgeville, and leaves to mourn his loss a wife and two sisters, Mrs. R. Hackborn and Mrs. H. Hackborn, both of Cambridgeville, also one brother, William. The funeral will take place from the residence of the latter, 255 Chatham street, Sunday afternoon to Greenwood cemetery.

ALL QUIET

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Dec. 9.—No important events occurred on the Franco-Belgian front during the night, the war office announced to-day.

MARKETS

Apples, bushel	40 to 50	\$1.00
Bacon, side	10 to 12	0.25
Bacon, back	10 to 12	0.20
Beef, per lb.	10 to 12	0.14
Beef, hinds	10 to 12	0.10
Butter, each	10 to 12	0.20
Dry salt pork	10 to 12	0.18
Drumsticks	10 to 12	0.20
Kidney	10 to 12	0.10
Lamb	10 to 12	0.40
Pork	10 to 12	0.18
Smoked shoulder	10 to 12	0.18

CHICAGO MARKETS

By Courier Leased Wire.
Chicago, Dec. 9.—Cattle receipts 5,000; market steady; native beef calves \$7 to \$12.75; western steers, \$7 to \$10.50; stockers and feeders \$4.60 to \$7.85; cows and heifers, \$3.25 to \$10.25; calves \$9.50 to \$13.25; hogs, receipts 22,000; market strong; light \$8.85 to \$9.55; mixed \$9.25 to \$10.05; heavy, \$9.45 to \$10.05; rough \$9.45 to \$9.60; pigs \$6.75 to \$8.55; bulk of sales \$9.40 to \$9.90; sheep, receipts 4,000; market strong; wethers \$8.50 to \$9.50; lambs, native \$10.25 to \$13.

PAPER IMPORTS BARRED IN FRANCE

In Order to Encourage the Paper Industry in that Country

Paris, Dec. 9.—The government has decided to prohibit the importation of printing paper, according to a semi-official announcement. The object of the step is two fold, to help raise the exchange and to encourage the French paper industry which, in view of the local resources in lumber, is considered ought to be independent of foreign supplies.

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W. J. Bragg will offer for sale by public auction on Tuesday next, Dec. 12th at 59 Arthur street, corner of Murray, at 1.30 p.m. sharp, the following goods: Mahogany parlour table, Haines square piano, wicker arm chair, wicker rocker, oak rocking chair, new Asinister rug, \$4 by 12, Art Garland heater, with oven oak china cabinet and buffet, combined, six diningroom chairs, sewing machine, walnut extension table, velvet couch, 20 yards carpet, cherries, plums, peaches, etc; cook stove, coal or wood, kitchen table, child's high chair, cupboard, 12 yds wool carpet, glassware, dishes, arm chair, two rockers, a quantity of books, washing machine, wringer, copper boiler, lawn mower, step ladder, two 14-foot ladders, chicken brooder, four rolls chicken wire, garden tools, pictures, curtains, blinds, 25 yards Brussels carpet, child's high chair, gas fixtures, child's cot, 14 yards Asinister carpet, 3 beds, 3 springs, 3 Ostermoor mattress, new and good, two mirrors, dressers, commodes, a quantity of coal and good, two toilet sets, kitchen chairs and a thousand other articles too numerous to mention.

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