

CONGREGATIONAL RALLY LAST NIGHT

Large Gathering in Zion Methodist Church—Reports Received and Social Hour Spent.

The Zion Methodist Church, of which Rev. Frank E. Boothroyd is pastor, held its congregational rally last evening, with a large attendance. Rev. Mr. Boothroyd, presided. Reports from all the departments of church activities were given, showing encouraging progress all round. Two anthems were rendered by the choir, and a vocal solo was effectively rendered by Miss Ruth Wood. Last evening's meeting gave promise of much good work during the winter months. The different activities of the church were represented last evening as follows: Ladies' Aid Society, by Mrs. S. Shidmore; Women's Mission Society by Mrs. F. E. Boothroyd; Girls' Mission Circle by Miss A. Hagarty; Boys' Work by the pastor; Sunday School by Mr. H. M. Lattimer; Choir and Finances by Mr. S. Shidmore; and the Quarterly Official Board by P. S. Purdy. After the business of the meeting a happy social time was spent, after which the singing of the National Anthem fittingly closed the meeting.

CANDIES GOING UP IN PRICES

A confectioner on Mill street stated to "The Standard" yesterday that all candies were going up in price in the near future, in spite of the very recent rise in price. Sugar being on the incline in price and the new freight rates, are the basic factors, as the cause of the proposed raise in prices of all candies. Even at the present time, he added, "it is fortunate to get what we ordered at a time ago." However, regulations were taken by the large concerns whereby they are not at a loss in supplying present orders, which they booked only at the old prices, and left the retailers liable to what might be the difference between the old and new prices. This difference caused the confectioners to raise prices in order to meet expenses, and patrons on recent purchases asked why such differences in price.

MARRIED.

Toole-Colewell

A pretty wedding took place on Tuesday at the residence of Chipman Gardner Colwell, Messrs. Queens Co. when his daughter, Miss Susie Cora Colwell was united in marriage to Zachariah Toole, a carpenter with the street railway company. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Brown, of the Messrs. Baptist church. The bride looked charming in a suit of crepe de chene and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. Mrs. Toole was the recipient of many beautiful presents in silver and cut glass. She also received a cheque from her brother and a purse of gold from the McAlary Company, where she had been employed, also a dining room piece of furniture from Mr. Toole's fellow employees in the Street Railway. Mr. and Mrs. Toole will reside on Mechanic street.

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SONS OF ENGLAND 24TH ANNIVERSARY

Marlborough Lodge at Home to Friends Last Night—Interesting Report By Secretary Charles Ledford—Addresses and Presentations.

Marlborough Lodge, No. 207, Sons of England, celebrated its 24th anniversary last night in the lodge room, on Germain street, with a concert and entertainment. The members and their friends were present in large numbers and the occasion was graced by the presence of Mrs. J. H. Tilston, His Worship Mayor Hayes and R. W. Wigmore, M.P. The room was tastefully decorated with the Allied flag, adding a patriotic touch to the room which has sent forth so many of the Sons of England to the defence of the Empire.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the report of Secretary C. Ledford, showing in a comprehensive manner the activities of the society for the year. He reported that the society had a very successful year, and that the membership had kept up wonderfully well considering that since the beginning of the war almost one hundred members have enlisted for overseas service. He stated that many had paid the supreme sacrifice and many others had been wounded, and that the society was not only doing its bit in this way, but also in the purchase of war bonds. The society has a project on hand of raising funds to assist Rev. Major Hooper in his great work among the soldiers. Many thousands of dollars have been received as contributions from the members which have been spent for relief of the sick and other good purposes. He said that the society had lodges from the Atlantic to the Pacific representing over thirty thousand in membership; there are 6,509 members on active service; 632 members killed in action. The society has paid war claims amounting to \$79,167.89; for sick benefits, \$97,522.30; for medical attendance, \$678,897.40; funeral benefits, \$55,149.50; for honorariums, \$1,082,156.80; totaling \$3,274,726. In closing Mr. Ledford spoke of the proud record of the society in that it has never missed a meeting since its inception, and he also referred to his own record of being on hand at every meeting for going on 25 years.

The following delightful program was carried out: opening remarks by the chairman, President P. J. Punter; phonograph selections by E. J. Donald; songs by Captain Arthur Wood, W. C. Parker, Master Albert Punter, Miss A. B. Campbell, Master Willie Reid, C. Dennison, Thomas H. Sibbey; special solo by Mrs. J. A. Coe, accompanied by Percy Reid and J. A. Coe; recitations, Mrs. E. J. Donald, Walter Spencer; instrumental numbers, Miss M. Ricketts, Mr. Cameron, pianist. Among the speakers who congratulated the society on its attaining its 25th year of usefulness were Mayor Hayes, R. W. Wigmore, M.P., W. W. Frink, E. J. Puddy, G. W. Macaulay, J. A. Murdoch and R. J. Carlous, a returned veteran.

An interesting event on the program was the presentation of the Past President's Jewel to E. A. Lawrence by President P. J. Punter and R. J. Carlous. Past, D. D. After the program came refreshments and the members and their guests did full justice to the coffee, cake, apples and grapes which were passed around. During the evening Sergt. Puddy, of the G. W. V. A., presented a fine roll of honor to the society, the work of C. H. Flewelling. It was received by President Punter in a few well-chosen words on behalf of the society. The honor roll is artistically executed and contains the names of 71 members of the society, 60 of whom are on active service, and 11 who have paid the supreme sacrifice.

The National Anthem closed one of the most interesting anniversary meetings ever held by the society.

TWO AUSTRIANS ARRESTED.

Yesterday afternoon Sub-Inspector Garnett arrested two Austrians for being drunk on Pond street. They will appear in the police court this morning, and an endeavor will be made to find out where the men obtained the liquor.

DEPOT BATTALION IN NEW QUARTERS

Will Get Down To Drill Work in Couple of Days—Generals Inspected Sussex Grounds Yesterday.

Brigadier General M. H. MacDonnell, accompanied by Major-General Macdonnell, made an inspectional visit to Sussex yesterday, returning to the city last evening. Their mission was relative to an inspection of the grounds, and the work being done by the rear party of the Depot Battalion, numbering about 131 men.

The Depot Battalion are now quite at home in their new winter quarters, and were busy yesterday in setting things right. The first drill exercises will probably be held in the course of a few days, when the men will take their first route march.

Major Barnes, attached to the Depot Battalion, accompanied by a brother officer of the same unit, Capt. H. Vanwart, reached the city yesterday, having returned from overseas, where they took over a draft of their unit in early June.

Major Barnes won the military cross while in action; also rose in rank from lieutenant to that of major for distinguished service on the field. Capt. Vanwart distinguished himself in the capture of some of the enemy, necessitating relief from active service in France.

PUNISHING INNOCENTS.

Ever since they occupied Belgium the Germans have pursued a policy of visiting upon the head of the innocent punishment for offenses against the military regulations laid down by the invader. A few months ago some patriots destroyed an important railway bridge on the line between Tiris mont and Dinant. General Liebert, German commandant of the district, immediately curtailed the food rations for the district, and in consequence the crime of these men who, though nominally conquered, had the courage to continue the fight for their beloved country, was expiated by the entire population, but above all by the innocent children for they, more than any others, feel the pinch of food restrictions. How many innocent children perished in consequence of this added suffering it is impossible to say.

This has been the policy of the Germans ever since they occupied the unhappy country, to strike at those who are least able to defend them. The suffering of the Belgian children are, under normal conditions, beyond all description. The German overlooks no opportunity to make them worse. It is for the children, for the women and for the old, that the Belgian Relief Fund is carrying on its great work. Without this work the children must die. It is for the children that the Belgian Relief Fund is carrying on its great work. Without this work the children must die. It is for the children that the Belgian Relief Fund is carrying on its great work. Without this work the children must die.

IS CHIEF ENGINEER.

Joseph Johnston, of Boston, formerly of this city, successfully passed his examinations for chief engineer of ocean steamers of Canada. He has resigned his position as first assistant engineer of the training ship Governor Dingley, to accept a post as chief engineer on the new steamer, Lake Ormeau, under the management of the Eastern Steamship Corporation. The Lake Ormeau is one of the new steamers built at Detroit, Mich., for the United States Shipping Board.

VICTORY LOAN MEETING.

A full meeting of the central committee of the Victory Loan for St. John City and County was held last night. S. E. Elkin, M.P., chairman presiding. Reports were received from district chairmen that the preliminary work was rapidly nearing completion and that prospects for St. John getting some of the crowns on the Honor Flag were good. A discussion took place on the best method of reaching the people now that for the time public meetings had been declared taboo, but no decision was arrived at. This matter will be decided at the next meeting.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE GIVES GENERAL SATISFACTION

In London Diplomatic Circles Reply To Prince Max Is Regarded as Clever and Logical—President Turns His Attention Again To Battlefields—Note Gives Much Satisfaction To the Parisians.

London, Oct. 9.—In diplomatic circles here President Wilson's reply to the peace proposals of Prince Maximilian, the imperial German chancellor, is regarded as clever and logical. It is felt in these circles that the president was wise in refraining from a flat rejection. The president, however, it is considered, displays the same attitude of skepticism as do the British statesmen in their attitude concerning the good faith of the German government and desires satisfaction on this point before taking further steps. It is believed that a satisfactory answer to President Wilson's question will severely test Germany's good faith, while an affirmative reply will mean the acknowledgment of a German victory.

The logic and acumen of the American executive in framing the reply is regarded by the diplomats as characteristic of him. Wilson Busy. Washington, Oct. 9.—With the German peace offensive met and halted unless the enemy actually is ready to sue for peace on American and Allied terms President Wilson today turned his attention to the European battlefields where the once conquering Teutonic armies are being driven back to their own soil. He walked over to Secretary Lansing's office at the state department and sent for General March, chief of staff, who appeared with a huge military map of the western front.

Gompers' View. Germany's request for an armistice is another manoeuvre to weaken the solidarity of the Allied countries, in the view of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is now in Rome with the American labor mission. Mr. Gompers' views were set forth in a cablegram received today at headquarters here of the American Federation of Labor. "The offer of an armistice," said Mr. Gompers' message, "is nothing more than a German ploy to gain time for the Central Powers to weaken the solidarity of the Allied democracies and their will to fight for the destruction of imperialism, militarism and autocracy, and thereby to patch up a peace that will menace the peace of the world again when the German government is even better prepared."

The German, Austrian and Turkish militaristic system must be beaten and its make-up must know it has been thoroughly beaten. The safety of labor and peace generally must be secured from the central powers their unconditional surrender or that their military menace be crushed. This is the judgment of not only the American labor mission now in Rome, but of all with whom we have come in contact." Sir Eric Geddes. The soldier at the front who gets the lion's share of credit for the victory and that Germany is about to collapse loses the will to win, Sir Eric Geddes said today. "There can be no greater peril to the cause of liberty, democracy and human rights for which the Allies are fighting," he added, "than a relaxation of energy brought about by a general conviction that the war is about to end. Germany is licked, and that therefore it is not necessary to continue preparation and striving."

"I am not interested in how much territory Germany can hold out. What interests me is how great a whipping we can give her. The Allied armies and Allied navies will bring peace. Let the Kaiser talk while Foch shoots."

Satisfactory to French. Paris, Oct. 9.—President Wilson's reply to the German peace note was published in the noon editions of the newspapers and was greeted with general satisfaction and expressions of approval throughout Paris. "The note could not be improved upon; substitute Paris for Washington as the date line and the reply might have been dictated here," is an epitome of French opinion as indicated by the popular reception of the presidential document.

Paris was on its way to luncheon when the newspapers containing the note came out and the people literally tore through the copies of the note. The note was reproduced in these journals in heavy black type under big headlines. The significant passage in the note in which President Wilson refuses to entertain the possibility of a cessation of hostilities and demanding the immediate withdrawal of the German troops is interpreted in military circles as meaning that the Allies will give the Germans no respite in their retreat.

Commandant Miribell. Commandant Miribell, one of the best known military critics in France, expressed thereby to The Associated Press correspondent in this connection that the Germans, if they were harassed and pressed during the retreat, the Meuse would lose one-third of their effectives and one-half of their material and would find themselves comparatively as weak on the line of the Meuse as they are now. On the other hand, he declared, if they were allowed to retreat to the powerfully fortified lines of the Meuse with their armies in short lines, they would be nearly 300 kilometres, 40 of their divisions would be available for manoeuvring.

The Intransigent. Commenting on the note the Intransigent says: "The response of President Wilson, by its sincerity and good faith, cuts with a single stroke, the snares laid by Prince Max of Baden. President Wilson responds by asking Germany: 'What do you mean? Do you accept my conditions? Do you speak in the name of the government and the people?' He requires before any negotiations that Germany evacuate the invaded territory of France, Belgium, Serbia, Russia, Poland, Rumania and Montenegro. This is a like answer to that given the Duke of Brunswick after his defeat at Valmy."

Col. De Thomassen. Col. De Thomassen says: "The ball has got its horns caught in a bush of horns. Shall we let him extricate himself, or shall we let him stay there? There is no doubt that our high command, whose affair it is, will require as a fundamental condition of an armistice, the evacuation not only of France, Belgium and Luxembourg, but also of Alsace Lorraine, which we will occupy ourselves."

"Then we could begin to talk, for if Ludendorff succeeded in reaching Luxembourg and Alsace Lorraine unscathed he could, thanks to the formidable defensive organization in Alsace Lorraine hold the front from Millhausen to Thionville and triple his effectives. He would also have enough men to hold us up for a long time on the front from Thionville to Aix La Chapelle."

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street, was notified yesterday that her son, Pte. G. J. Arsenau, had been wounded on September 30 and was now in hospital. Pte. Arsenau went over with the first draft from the Depot Battalion.

Pte. P. L. Wheaton. Mrs. A. M. Wheaton, Water street, West, yesterday received notice that her son, Pte. P. L. Wheaton was dangerously ill at No. 1 Canadian Hospital, France. A former telegram had stated that he was dangerously wounded.

Pte. E. J. Belding. Mrs. Edith Belding was notified yesterday that her husband, Pte. E. J. Belding, had been wounded in the back. Pte. Belding crossed over with the 115th Battalion.

Pte. G. J. Applebee. Mrs. Elizabeth Applebee, 93 Acadia street, was notified yesterday that her son, Pte. George J. Applebee, had been wounded in the left leg and admitted to hospital.

Pte. A. F. Parks. Mrs. Dow Parks, Millidge street, received word yesterday that her son, Pte. Alfred F. Parks, who was wounded on August 27, was coming around nicely and had been removed to a rest camp.

NURSES OFFER SERVICES. Mayor Hayes announced yesterday afternoon that several more nurses had offered their services to go to Sherbrooke if they were needed.

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