

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.

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. Siddons; Women's Missionary Society, by Mrs. F. B. Boothroyd; Girls' Mission Circle by Miss A. Hagarty; Boys' Work by Mr. H. M. Lattimer; Choir and Finances by Mr. S. Siddons, 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 reasons, 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 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 on the old prices, and left the retailers liable to what might be the difference between the old and new prices. The 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-Cowell

A pretty wedding took place on Tuesday at the residence of Chipman Gardner Colwell, Miss Jessie Quena Co. when his daughter, Miss Susie Cora Toole 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 Jesuit 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 Mecklenburg 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 Mr. J. H. Tilston, His Worship Mayor Hayes and R. W. Wignmore, M.P.

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.

PUNISHING INNOCENTS.

Ever since they occupied Belgium the Germans have pursued a policy of visiting upon the head of the innocent punishment for offences 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 and the General Luebert. The 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 other, were 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 themselves. The sufferings 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 mothers, for the fathers, for 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 appealing to the people of Canada to do further financial support. It asks the people of the Dominion to save the lives of these helpless victims of German tyranny. Contributions should be sent to the local committee of the Belgian Relief Fund, or to the Central Committee at 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal, Que.

IS CHIEF ENGINEER.

Joseph Johnston, of Boston, formerly of this city, successfully passed his examinations for chief engineer of ocean steamers unlimited. 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 Ormeo, under the management of the Eastern Steamship Corporation. The Lake Ormeo 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.

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 MacDougall 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 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.

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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 note proposed by Prince Maximilian, the imperial German chancellor, is regarded as clever and logical. It is felt in these circles that the president was wise in refusing to give a flat rejection. The president, however, it is considered, displays the same attitude of skepticism as do the other Allied statesmen 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 defeat and the evacuation of the German government and desires satisfaction on this point before taking further steps.

The logic and acumen of the American executive in framing the reply is regarded by the diplomatists as characteristic of his.

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 the secretary Lansing's office at the state department and sent for General March, chief of staff, who appeared with a 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 another manoeuvre to weaken the solidarity of the Allied democracies and their will to fight for the destruction of imperialism, militarism and autocracy. The central powers and their militaristic system must be beaten and its make-up must know it has been thoroughly beaten. The safety of labor and of the people generally depends on the unconditional powers their military menace be crushed. This is the judgment of not only the American people, but of all those with whom we have in contact."

The soldier at the front who gets the notion that peace is coming soon 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 progress 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, that Germany is in a bind, and that therefore it is not necessary to continue preparation and striving."

"I am not interested in how much longer Germany will 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 today and was received 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 fought for their copies of the edition. 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, one of the best known military critics in France, expressed the view of 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 intact and their line of retreat by 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

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street, was notified yesterday that her son, Pte. G. J. Applebee, had been wounded on September 20 and was now in hospital. Pte. Arsenneau 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.

Fall Clearance Sale. Wall Paper, 25 per cent. to 35 per cent. discount. Writing Paper, 23c., 33c., 43c. and 69c. box. Note Pads, 5c., 8c., 10c., 12c. each. Books, 23c., 33c., 41c., 68c. and 89c. Leather Music Rolls, 98c. each. Our Big 5c. Exercise Book. Leather Purses and Handbags at one-third off. Blotting Paper, six sheets for 25c. Pencils, six for 25c. School Tablets, three for 25c. Don't miss your chance as this stock must be sold by Nov. 1st. D. McARTHUR 84 King Street

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