

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

ELECTED OFFICERS AT FINAL MEETING

National Council of Women Unanimous in Retaining Last Year's Officials.

SESSIONS ALL PRIVATE

Yesterday Given Over to Secret Conferences for Delegates Only.

The National Council of Women closed the sessions of its annual meeting, which had been held in the chapel of Victoria College, yesterday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock. The entire day with the exception of the luncheon was given over to private conference, no one being admitted except delegates and members of the affiliated societies.

MANY CHILDREN RECEIVE ATTENTION DURING YEAR

Over Twenty Thousand Cared for by the Creche Reported at Annual Meeting.

Twenty thousand two hundred and sixty-five children in the City of Toronto were cared for by the Creche during the year ended Oct. 1, 1915, according to the report of Mrs. E. J. L. Moss, presented at the annual meeting of the institution, held at 274 Victoria street, yesterday afternoon.

During the summer months milk was supplied free to the institution by the Industrial Farm at Guelph. Miss M. H. Barnum, who resigned after being a member for 16 years, to take up other work, was presented with a purse of gold on behalf of the members by Mrs. Moss.

OSTEOPATHS CONVENE

Successful Treatment of Epilepsy Fully Discussed.

Epileptic patients were claimed to have been cured by Dr. Hugh W. Conklin of Battle Creek, Mich., in his address at yesterday's session of the osteopaths of the province, who opened their convention in the Temple Building. Papers were read by Dr. R. F. Parker, Listowel, and Dr. Geo. W. McPherson of Montreal. Dr. Conklin claimed that 70 per cent. of the patients who had been treated by him for epilepsy had been completely cured.

MUST BEAR STAMPS

Postal laws must be obeyed by military officers as well as by ordinary citizens, and no matter whom a letter is addressed to it will be sent to the dead-letter office unless it is adequately prepaid, according to the postoffice superintendent, Lt.-Col. Ross.

THE BUSH BOYS REUNION

The Bush Boys of Euclid Avenue Methodist Sunday School held their annual reunion in the church. After a short program, including pictures of the Red Cross work, Private J. Meredith told of his experience. The newly-elected officers were installed.

Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, featuring an illustration of a man and a woman.

RIGHT ENVIRONMENT ENCOURAGED BUYING

Columbus Hall Was Prettily Decorated for Patriotic Bazaar.

ATTENDANCE QUITE LARGE

Interest Especially Keen in Evening—Various Winners Were Announced.

Columbus Hall, beautifully decked in the flags of the allies, bunting, pennants and lighted with multi-colored bulbs, was the scene, all day yesterday, of a splendidly patronized bazaar given in the interest of the Red Cross, under the auspices of the Canadian S.P.C.A. The decoration was remarkable in its artistic—the entire color scheme being in warm tones of red, orange and yellow, with the emblems of the Red Cross arranged in the canopies and flags. Here and there a cluster of silk flags far streamers, young girls in the Women's Home Guard uniforms took tickets at the head of the stairs, while winsome maidens in Belgian, French or Japanese costumes, all their wares in red, white, and blue trimmed baskets.

FURNISHING COMFORTS FOR MEN AT THE FRONT

Red Cross Tea and Sale in St. Mark's School House Was Quite Successful.

Yesterday afternoon and evening the officers and members of the Parkdale branch, L.O.D.E., Mrs. Anderson, regent, gave a very successful Red Cross tea and sale of work in St. Mark's school house, Cowan avenue. The proceeds were devoted to the chapters fund for patriotic work and the furnishing of comforts for the men at the front during the coming months.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR MEN IN TRENCHES

Unless the city council fails to adopt the recommendation of the board of control, Christmas boxes will be sent to all Toronto men serving in the overseas contingents. The present will consist of 50 cents' worth of biscuits and 30 cents' worth of cigarettes, the contracts to be divided between the Ontario Chocolate Co., Robertson Bros., Christie Brown Co. and the George Weston Co.

BEAUTIFUL TOURIST ROUTE.

A prominent lady traveler from Brooklyn, N.Y., who has just returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast and the Panama Pacific Exposition has written to the Grand Trunk Pacific as follows: "I want to let you know how I enjoyed my trip to San Francisco, the Grand Trunk Pacific, via Fort William, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Prince Rupert. The scenery from Edmonton to the Pacific Coast was a combination of Switzerland and Norway, and last but not least, the beautiful journey from Prince Rupert to Seattle. There is nothing in Europe (and I have traveled in every country of Europe) that is more charming more gloriously grand and beautiful than this route."

SOLDIERS' SOCK FUND.

The Women's Conservative Club acknowledge Many Gifts.

The Women's Conservative Club desire to acknowledge the following contributions of money and socks received for the soldiers' socks fund: Fifty dollars from the committee of men of the Centre and South Toronto Rifle Club, who have charge of the sale of the "Allied for Right" buttons; \$10 from Mrs. Albert Hodgette, Colorado; \$5 from Mrs. E. A. Smith, Toronto; \$1 from Miss A. H. Roe, Penetang; also \$1 each from Mrs. Taylor, New York, and Mrs. McPherson, Cleveland; also large parcels of socks from the Soldiers' Comforts Club, Lakefield; from Miss McCall, St. Williams, Ont.; from the Lions' Head Patriotic League; from the Presbyterian Ladies' Association of Loring; from the Trafalgar W. L. of Trafalgar, as well as a large number of parcels containing socks from many friends to be forwarded to the front.

Pure, clean, flavory and strong, in sealed packets.

Advertisement for Red Cross Tea, featuring the Red Cross logo and the text "Tea 'is good tea'".

MUSIC AND ORATORY AROUSED ASSEMBLY

Sunday School Teachers Attending Convention Tax Massey Hall's Capacity.

"OUR COUNTRY'S CRISIS"

Hon. Lt.-Col. Rev. Dr. Johnston in Khaki, Gave Brilliant Address.

Patriotic music and oratory aroused the enthusiasm of an assemblage of Sunday School teachers last night at Massey Hall, which taxed the capacity of the building.

WILLS PROBATED

Bonifazio Stefan, who died at Foron, Italy, on Feb. 18, left an estate of \$13,604. Louisa Stefan of Pisa, Italy, his widow, is bequeathed \$10,000, and two sisters, Faustina Castrucci and Scholastica Grosset of Toronto, each receive \$500. The residue is to be equally shared by the widow, a sister, Leonora Micheli, in Italy, and a niece, Marie Stefan, Toronto; \$200 is to be paid for masses.

Big Game Districts Are Conveniently Reached Via Canadian Pacific

Canada's most famous hunting grounds are easily reached via Canadian Pacific Railway. Year after year organized hunting parties visit these localities and practically always bag the limit.

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GRAMOPHONE COMPANY STARTS LABEL ACTION

Article Appearing in Canadian Music and Trades Journal Cause of Complaint.

The Berliner Gramophone Company of Montreal commenced suit yesterday in the assizes against John A. Fullerton, the proprietor of the Fullerton Publishing Company, Toronto, complaining that the defendant published a libelous article in the November, 1914, number of The Canadian Music and Trades Journal, of which he is the editor. "Kaiserism in the Talking Machine Trade" was the heading of the article, and the plaintiffs claim that its object was to make out that they were conducting their business in an unfair manner.

Defendants, who plead privilege, deny that the words used had any defamatory meaning or that they used them with any malicious intent.

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Terrible Panic in Roman Catholic School at Peabody, Mass.

DEAD PILED IN HEAPS

Falling of Crippled Child Led to Heavy Loss of Life.

PEABODY, Mass., Oct. 28.—Twenty children, most of them girls ranging in age from 7 to 17 years, lost their lives today in a fire which destroyed St. John's Parochial School. Many other girls were severely hurt. The 500 children in the building had gathered themselves for the morning session when the fire was discovered, and also most of them were guided to safety by sisters of the Order of Notre Dame, who were their teachers, panic seized some as they neared the front door and in their rush to escape they lost their footing and their bodies blocked the exit. It was in the front vestibule that nearly all the bodies were found.

Of the nineteen bodies at an undertaking shop tonight, ten had been identified.

All the sisters escaped but Mother Superior Marie Carmelita was seriously burned.

Fire's Origin Unknown. How the fire started may never be known. An early theory that a boiler explosion caused it having been dismissed, the state police officials tonight were of the opinion that a store-room in the basement, where a gas meter was located, was its source, but investigation of the theory was difficult as the place where the store-room was situated was entirely burned.

The first word of the fire is believed to have come from a tardy pupil who smelled smoke and reported it to the mother superior. The children had just finished morning prayer when the alarm sounded for fire drill. The sisters hurriedly told of the actual fire and the movements of the fire drill were quickly started. A few days ago in a practice drill the building was emptied within two minutes. It would have been cleared in almost the same time today, in the opinion of Rev. Nicholas J. Murphy, pastor of St. John's Catholic church, but for the falling of a child believed to be a cripple, in the front vestibule.

Exit Was Blocked. Over her body child after child, fearful of the flames, and pressed on by the crowd, fell, stumbled and further escape was in this way stopped.

Troubled at the rear door, which became jammed, also impeded the movement of the children thru the building. This exit was reopened, however, and many children escaped thru it.

The classes of pupils, marshaled by the sisters, the rooms and halls, boys in khaki, the corridors and started down the stairs in orderly procession notwithstanding curling plumes of smoke, until the blockades occurred at the doors. Then with cries from those below in their ears, the children in the rear of the lines scattered to the rooms on all three floors of the building.

Those on the lower floor dropped safely to the ground, but the second floor most of the children, supervised by the sisters, jumped into the coats of smoke, until the blockades occurred at the doors. Then with cries from those below in their ears, the children in the rear of the lines scattered to the rooms on all three floors of the building.

HOTELMEN TO REQUEST WITHDRAWAL OF TAX

Certain That Consideration Will Be Asked Owing to Cut in Privileges.

It is certain that the government will be asked to do something for the hotel men after the 8 o'clock closing rule goes into effect, according to James Haverston, K. E. Haverston explaining that as the hotel men's privileges have been cut down, the government is expected to charge them less than the expected to charge them, tax on bar receipts for those who are expected to be asked to withdraw the five per cent. tax, if nothing will be done until after the early closing goes into effect.

OBJECT TO PROPOSAL

Not Council's Business to Allocate Insurance Says Controller Spence.

A proposal has been made that a sub-committee of Controller O'Neill, Allyn, and Walton, be appointed to allocate the city's insurance among the different companies, and also to determine the rate to be paid. Yesterday proposal, Controller Spence declaring that it was not the council's business to allocate the insurance.

OPEN POSTOFFICE TODAY.

Postoffice "G" will be transferred today to the new building which has been erected on the corner of Queen and Slater streets. From the street, there will be a staff of 40 at the building, which is splendidly equipped in every detail.

Match Specialties

We have been making matches for 64 years now—domestic matches and every other kind. Some of our specialties are "THE GASLIGHTER," with a 4 1/4-inch stick; "THE EDDYSTONE TORCH," for outdoor use (burns 35 seconds in any weather); "WAX VESTAS," for the smoker, and many other varieties. For home use the most popular match is "THE SILENT 5" But for every use, ask your grocer for EDDY'S MATCHES

TUMBLER SET COUPON

Advertisement for Tumbler Set Coupon, featuring an illustration of a glass tumbler set and the text "PRESENTED BY THE TORONTO WORLD".

THREE BOY BURGLARS CAUGHT AT KINGSTON

Lads Confess to Police and Return Much of the Plunder.

Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, Ont., Oct. 28.—In the arrest of three boy burglars, each 15, this afternoon, the police cleared up the mystery surrounding a dozen or so burglaries in stores this week. The boys confessed and much of their plunder has been recovered, where they had hid it.

Reeve Halliday, of Portsmouth, today sent a cheque to the secretary of the Red Cross Society in Toronto, for \$322.77 as the gift of the village, which has 25 men at the front, and 18 in training.

Four sons and two daughters of J. E. Carruthers are serving at the front. The daughters are engaged in hospital work.

Mrs. Mulloy, wife of Prof. W. L. Mulloy, of South African war fame, was notified by the secretary at her quarters, Toronto, that she had been made a life member of the Canadian Red Cross Society for the services she had rendered in turning \$1500 into the society's funds by the sale of her song, "Johnny Canada's Boy."

PREPARE BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL.

A report regarding the preparation of the Bishop Strachan School as a clearing house for returned soldiers, came before the board of control yesterday in which it was stated that \$1300 was required to overhaul the building, and \$600 to furnish and supply 25 beds. The council will be asked to vote the necessary funds on the board's recommendation.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Should Ratepayers' Share of Local Improvement Work Be Included? City Solicitor Johnston will be asked to report on the question as to whether the ratepayers' share of local improvement work should be included in calculating the city's borrowing power. This is an important question, according to the city treasurer's report, if they are included the city's borrowing power has been exceeded by some \$407,000.

Advertisement for Old Dutch Cleanser, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text "Works with a rush When Old Dutch Cleanser speeds him—Prevents attacks Of aching backs And guards the hand that loads him."

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including "THE PRINCE" and "W".