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Girl Guide Movement.

Large Gathering Hear Splendid Addresses at College Hall.

A large gathering of citizens interested in the welfare and advancement of the Girl Guide movement was held in the Methodist College Hall last night. His Excellency the Governor presided. On arrival his Excellency and Lady Allardice were welcomed by a Guard of Honor from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd St. John's, and Caribou Troop of Girl Guides. The platform was a number of distinguished citizens representative of church and State. In the audience were many prominent citizens and members of the different Girl Guide Companies. Opening the meeting his Excellency said he had great regret at the unavoidable absence of Rev. Dr. Greene, Colonel S. A. and Hon. J. R. Bennett, owing to the business of the day. His Excellency stated that one time he was not positively in favor of the Girl Guide movement. In fact, he was rather lukewarm, but had been converted by a girl who was not a very prepossessing one. She was a Scotch lass and had come to his office one day and said she was Captain of the Girl Guides and wanted to challenge him to a signalling competition. The match was arranged accordingly and an officer of a gun-boat was asked to judge. The boy who had had a naval signalling instructor and could signal very well, and his Excellency felt sure that he would win and he went out to the girls' boat. To his surprise the girls beat the boys, and his Excellency was astonished and quickly went up to the Captain and shook her hand congratulating her on her victory. Thus he was converted to the Girl Guide movement. He began to see visions of thousands of girls being trained by the movement and in regenerating mankind. The years went on and his Excellency was convinced that the vision was no one, and he was sure that the Girl Guides are going to bring about a bloodless one, and a greater and better citizenry. The Girl Guide movement is great that no country could do without it. The boys and girls of day are those who will have to do up our duties when we pass on. They are the ones who will have to make our Newfoundland better and happier. His Excellency called upon Lady Allardice to close the meeting.

Lady Allardice opened her remarks by saying that his Excellency had wondered why he was asked to preside at a meeting concerning Girl Guides. It was because it was thought he would draw a crowd. The Commissioners and officers of the Girl Guides were at Government House talking of what they wished me to do to help their organization and we wondered what to do to get the people to help us. It is much easier to talk to a large audience than to several drawing room meetings and you have a better chance to tell people what you want. You are going to help us, said Lady Allardice, because the Girl Guide movement is the best of any organization. This is fully realized because all other previous similar associations had affiliated with the Girl Guides and his organizations have come in line to help. The Boy Scouts started out in a small way and assumed tremendous proportions. The girls did not want to be left out and General Baden-Powell's sister helped to give some assistance to the girls' movement. It copied the Boy Scouts very closely and some people did not like the idea, as they thought it was inclined to make tomboys of the girls. They were afraid to lay stress on the real reason of the Girl Guides' movement. The war gave them more courage and women are not afraid to stand up and say what they want to make good women of the girls in body, heart and soul. Today there are 400,000 Girl Guides and thousands are joining daily. We want more women to help us as officers, etc. In New South Wales Sir Walter and Lady Davidson have done wonderful work in connection with the movement. Dame Margaret, as Lady Davidson prefers to be called, is Commissioner there and she has appointed 14 new Commissioners to assist her, so that the young Captains will have more time to spend with the girls. After this meeting, I shall tell Dame Margaret, when I write her, that Newfoundland is doing something in the movement, and that we are waiting for a message from her. I shall ask her for some of her magic which will enable me to get the people to work and get good results. There are so many new careers for women that it is sometimes forgotten that the greatest career is that of womanhood in the home. We want women in our homes with loftiest ideals and with intelligence, who will help their husbands and children. (applause). We want them to be able to go steadily on training our children so that they may be able to take up the work they have to do when they reach womanhood. Many women with the biggest of hearts have never had children of their own and they want to help some one. This movement gives an outlet for that motherly instinct. We have at headquarters in London, an Executive Council elected every year, which consists of nine members. Each member represents one distinct branch, a Colonial and Imperial Council and an International Council. The International Council consists of 37 members. This means that there are 37 different countries interested in the movement. The Girl Guide promises to honor God and her country and to help others. This means that when the women live for God and country, promising to help others, justice and cruelty will die out. By this movement spreading throughout the world, boys will grow up with

the young girls of our country would have the heartiest support of his Grace. The Girl Guide movement was teaching girls to be charitable and Christian and was a movement deserving of every help and assistance. Sir Richard Squires, Prime Minister, on this first occasion he had the privilege of standing on the same platform with their Excellencies, extended a hearty welcome to the Governor and Lady Allardice. All had heard the din of "Rights," Labor Rights, Capitalist Rights, etc., but the only world that rang true in "Duty." In the pursuit of Rights, Duty was often lost sight of. The Girl Guide movement placed Duty before all and in the practice of the Guide laws the call of Duty to men and women was paramount in the minds of the young girls. Mr. W. J. Higgins joined with the Prime Minister in the welcome to their Excellencies. As one who had always been interested in athletics he knew the value of training such as the Guide movement gave. He referred to the promises taken by each Guide and felt that by keeping them the girls were benefited to a high degree. He felt sure that no trouble would be experienced in getting the Vice Presidents. He assured Lady Allardice that interest in the movement would continue and the value would be seen in years to come. Miss Cherrington, head mistress of Bishop Spencer College, spoke of the assistance the Girl Guides movement was to teachers. The girls were imbued with ideals which no amount of teaching could bring home to them properly. The girls of to-day in many cases read novels, go to movies, and plays which present an undesirable side of life and do more harm than good. The best way to counteract evil is to impress the joy of work well done, to exhilarate the spirits and caring for the weak and suffering. Our educational system is one sided. We develop the literary and mathematical side of life and neglect the social and womanly side. The Girl Guide movement develops this side by means of its different proficiency tests and the girls become learned in the essentials which make up a true woman. Miss Cherrington referred to the different badges and closed her remarks by saying that employers when asking for a girl's school record if they ask "Is she a good Guide" and are told "yes" then they may be sure they are getting a good girl. A vote of thanks was proposed by Sir P. T. McGrath seconded by Mayor Cook, and on being passed by acclamation, was tendered his Excellency by Chief Justice Horwood. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

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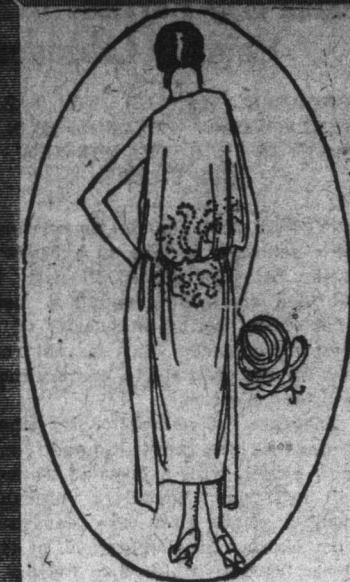
Jackie Coogan Makes a Stupendous Hit.

IMMENSE AUDIENCES SEE GREAT SHOW AT THE NICKEL. The popular Nickel Theatre was filled to overflowing last night when Jackie Coogan's greatest picture, "My Boy" was shown. For team work, Jackie Coogan and Gillingwater form the most efficient and picturesque combinations that we have ever witnessed. Jackie Coogan has never more indisputably asserted his right to be starred than he does in "My Boy." Regardless of any trend that the story may take, and regardless, even, of whether Jackie is right or wrong he is possessed of so adorable a personality that he wins everybody. Claude Gillingwater starts out to impersonate an embittered old sea captain. In due course of time, however, Jackie's presence has its effect upon him, and the change, when it does come, is real. Another example of team work, is displayed by those talented artists, Clinton and McNamara, whose act is so snappy and clean that it pleases the most critical spectator. Miss Nellie McNamara's beautiful singing is a distinct feature in itself. Mr. Donald Clinton, her partner is a comedian in a class all to himself; his witless last night were readily appreciated.

Old Collegians Association.

MEETING IN COLLEGE HALL TONIGHT. To-night at the Methodist College Hall the members of the Old Collegians will be treated to a musical programme under the leadership of Mr. Gordon Christian, L.R.A.M., while the feature event of the evening will be the charming production of the operetta "Layard Town" by the pupils of the college, which will last a full 50 minutes. The lantern slides of old college scenes will be screened for the first time, and all the desired information will be given by Mr. Joseph Peters, Miss Bradbury, Dr. McPherson, and Mr. Gordon Bradley, B.L. The meeting is designed to bring the members together for a social hour, to be more united with one and another, and the taking of an active part in the present affairs of the college. The chair will be taken by Sir John Crosbie at 8 p.m.

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THE CRIME NEWS.



WALT MASON

When I read the Daily Guest, published in our busy town, fan-tasia, gather in my breast, and I spring a weary frown; for so many stories treat of assassins in the street, slugging voters and repeating, knocking harmless people down. I have often sighed and said, to my second cousin Jane, "Decency, I fear, is dead, virtue in its shroud is laid; boys who should be reading tracts shock the city by their acts, and perusal of the facts gives me almost a pain. Girls who should be singing hymns go to midnight jamborees, dancing with the Jakes and Jims who have records worse than cheese; godless people haunt the slum, peddling out the Demon Rum; all the world is out of plumb, morals have become a wheeze." But my second cousin Jane doesn't seem at all disturbed; "I have heard," is her refrain, "all the piffle you have blarneyed; true, the sinners haunt this vale, looking for illicit kale, but the cops are on their trail, and they'll all be plucked and curbed." For each criminal abroad there are scores of honest jays who accumulate a wad in the good old honest ways; all such gents are overlooked when the yellow news is cooked, for such people are not booked in the jail for sixty days. There are tales of seven guys who've committed evil deeds, and the moral voter sighs and has spasms as he reads; in despair he walks the floor and forgets the seven scores who are drilling past his door, travelling where virtue leads.

Austrian Reform Bills.

DISCLOSE ANCIENT ABUSES. VIENNA.—Some curious abuses, survivals of ancient as well as modern outgrowths, have been disclosed in the parliamentary debates on the Reform Bills. These measures are designed to fulfill the conditions on which the League of Nations is to

undertake to find Austria foreign credits. For instance it is asserted that some 20,000 institutions, both religious and secular, as well as many individuals enjoy salt dotes, that is, free salt from the government monopoly. These are of very ancient origin and bear curious titles, such as the "Salt of Grace," the "Must Salt," the "Salt of Alms," the "Salt of God's Healing" and so on. Then it has been disclosed that great numbers of free dotes of wood or other fuel exist, also dating back to olden days of the monarchy. The Minister for War confessed that obvious economies could reduce the army cost by 21 billion crowns a year without material reduction of personnel. The debates showed a superfluous number of officers in the army. In the Tyrol for instance, there are nearly two officers to each soldier, counting sergeants as officers. The most serious disclosure, however, was the over-manned railway administration. Dr. Ochohal, the railway minister, admitting there were 194 employees for every kilometer, or five eighths of a mile. A modern scandal also was revealed when it became known that the director general of the government map and lithographing bureau, who is also an owner or director in six other similar establishments privately owned, had closed his shops and was doing private work in the government establishment, with government labor, and paying nothing in return.

Gulls Resume Habit of Wintering in England.

LONDON.—For the first time in many years the river front of London is filled this winter with thousands of sea gulls which have come up the river from the English Channel. The gulls made a habit of spending the winter along the Thames Embankment before the war, but for the last six years they have neglected the custom and gone elsewhere. The birds make their homes in the many nooks and crannies of the buildings on the river, and under the bridge. There is a continuous supply of food for them, as the city authorities have established a daily feeding time, and in addition hundreds of loungers offer them tempting bits of food.

Glasgow Demolishes Its Slums.

GLASGOW.—The famous river tenement district of Glasgow, which has long had the reputation of being the most squalid in the world, is to be entirely wiped out. As the buildings were in danger of collapse, the city authorities ordered the tenants to vacate, and have approved plans to have the slum houses torn down. The district will not be rebuilt, but new municipally owned houses are being erected in the suburbs to care for the hundreds of homeless of the poorer classes.

Serbia Votes \$15,000,000 for Armaments.

BELGRADE, SERBIA.—A credit of \$15,000,000 has been voted by the National Assembly, in secret session, to be used for armaments. In an official statement it is explained that the country must be prepared for any emergency.

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