

TAMMANY HALL CHIEF DEALS IN NEW YORK HOME

CIRCUS AT Y.M.C.A. DRAWS BIG CROWD ON OPENING NIGHT

Stunts Greatly Appreciated by Enthusiastic Onlookers—Band Is Thriller.

TUMBLERS ARE GOOD

Following many weeks of preparation for their annual circus, the members of the Y. M. C. A. last night presented the seventeen big acts to an audience numbering nearly 400 people.

The gymnasium was gayly decorated with multi-colored flags and every stunt was carried through with a rest that won the audience.

Crescotes Carbolic Acid Band, led by Prof. Dis Infection made a hit with the jazz fans and rendered some comic musical numbers that put a circus touch in the show right at the start.

The Midget Tumblers, trying troublesome tricks, were advertised as "kids without bones in their heads." The youngsters comprised members of a training squad and were all under 12 years of age.

Five men of the senior squad showed some finished work on the "horse" and parallel bars.

In the Maze March and the flag drill executed by about fifty little fellows of the "Preps" there were seen splendid junior drills that evidenced much training.

About twenty girls of the Y. M. C. A. gave a folk dance that was daintily carried out. The torch drill by the senior leaders made a splendid picture as they carried out their exercises with torch-like electric-lighted clubs.

CHIEF WANTS 'EM YOUNG AND NOT TOO PORTLY

Firemen Will Not Be Hired Over Twenty-Four Years Old.

If you are over 24, carry around weight in excess of 150 pounds and are among the 60 applicants seeking jobs on the fire department you may as well console yourself as best as know how for Chief Aitken announced today that the ten new men to be added to the force must be 24 and under and devoid of the heavyweight class.

"I want young men on the force declared the chief that can move around quickly and not be hampered in their many duties by too much avoidpoids. They must be 5 feet 8 inches or more in height," he said. The men to be chosen will be all residents of London and it will not matter whether they are married or single as long as they measure up to the chief's ideals.

The first group will likely commence their new duties on the first of the month, he said, when he expected to have four of the ten welcomed at the central fire hall.

ENGINEER NEAR FEELS REMARK COMPLIMENT

States Brydges Street Proposition Was Not Brought to Council by Him.

City Engineer W. P. Near said that Ald. Gordon Drake indeed flattered him with his comment about "the engineer bringing the Brydges street paving question to the city council." From the engineer's explanation, the chief responsibility in this connection rests with Ald. Allen Towne, member of the industrial area commission, who has questioned him first, he relates, as to when he was going to complete the job in question.

"I told him that I would start just as soon as the weather permitted," the engineer recalls. "Then the question was brought up at the session of the board of works, and then referred to the council. I did not bring the subject into the council or committee, as was evidently the opinion held by Ald. Drake, although I am sure that he knows different now that it has been explained."

The Brydges street project is through for this year, Ald. Douglass confidently explains. He chides Mel Cater and other members of the industrial area commission, who have questioned him, "I've had because one of our pet schemes has failed to meet with the approval of elected representatives of the people."

Chairman Douglass likens the industrial area committee to a club. "It's a nice pleasant way to pass the afternoon," he said.

Obituary

CHILD IS BURIED

The funeral of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Wooding, who died yesterday, was held from the funeral home of G. L. Ferguson today to Woodland Cemetery.

Rev. H. J. Tren, of Colborne Street Methodist Church, officiated.

TAKE ON BRAKEMEN

A. P. Sharpe, assistant superintendent of the C. N. R. division here, stated today that a number of men are being taken as brakemen to handle the special runs. A number of the older men in this division have been sent to Lindsay and vicinity to handle grain shipments, he stated.

POLITICAL ORGANIZER DIES OF INDIGESTION

Was Head of Most Famous Organization of Its Kind in the United States.

WELL LAST NIGHT

Patient's Heart Is Stricken and Death Occurs Shortly After Attack.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, April 25.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, died at 9:50 o'clock this morning at his residence at 305 east 17th street.

Murphy succeeded the late Richard Croker as chief of the most famous political organization in the United States. He was a native New Yorker, having been born here June 20, 1858.

Acute indigestion was the cause of the death.

Mr. Murphy appeared in excellent health last night. Household servants related that the Tammany leader complained of suffering chills when he arose at 8 o'clock this morning, as was his custom.

Murphy's valet summoned Dr. John E. Harrity, who lived near by, Father Lawrence A. Hogan of the Roman Catholic Church of the Epiphany, Murphy's daughter, Mrs. Foley, Dr. Foley, and her husband, Surgeon General Foley.

A glance convinced the physician that the patient's heart had been stricken, that he was in great pain and near death. He was given a hypodermic stimulant and put to bed.

Ten minutes later he died, with the priest, Surgeon General Foley, Dr. Harrity and the servants at his bedside. He remained conscious up to the last moment.

The Tammany leader, always taciturn, remained so up to the time of his death. To the doctor, who found him in the bathroom in agony, the Tammany leader seemed to be a man of surprise that he should suffer from indigestion and of impatience that his heart should have been affected. He did not suspect that his illness was fatal.

A street car driver, who became leader of the Tammany organization and as such played a prominent part in the managing of mayors and governors of New York, died of indigestion, such is the life story of Charles F. Murphy.

Murphy's political leadership began in the 18th assembly district in 1892, when he became district leader after the death of Edward Hagan.

WIFE DOES NOT KNOW.—Mrs. Atlantic City, N. J., April 25.—Mrs. Charles F. Murphy, wife of the deceased Tammany Hall leader, who has been at the Marlborough-Blenheim here, received a telegram today summoning her to New York, but she said she did not know the death of her husband's death.

MAYOR AND DRAKE LAID CITY ENGINEER

Suspension of W. P. Near Never Thought Of, Alderman Explains.

When the opportune moment is at hand, Ald. Gordon Drake will notify Ald. Douglass just who he meant when he vouchsafed the opinion that Mayor Wenige ought to suspend three or four others at the city hall.

One thing is certain, Ald. Drake explains, and that is that City Engineer W. P. Near is not one of them. The latter is one of the best engineers that London has ever had, he submits.

Mayor Wenige went further than that today with the declaration that "City Engineer Near is the best engineer London ever had and one of the best in the country today."

"There will be no need to have any pavements laid by contract in this city," he said, "as the city engineer, while he has such a good staff of men at his command," the mayor challenged.

HOLIDAYS FOR FIREMEN START EARLY IN MAY

The holiday list for the London firemen has been compiled by Chief Aitken and will start on Thursday, May 2nd, when Lieut. George Bolt will head the first batch in their two weeks' vacation. Other members are: Dave Tindle, chauffeur; Smithson and Jones, privates.

An officer will accompany each group. The holiday season will be finished on some time during the month of September.

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MISS KATHLEEN BRADY, B.A., who is visiting Canada under the auspices of the Irish Relief Association.

AMERICAN IS SEEKING HUSBAND'S LOCATION

Mrs. Andre J. Caissie Tells Chief Birrell of Spouse Leaving Her.

Mrs. Andre J. Caissie of Fitchburg, Mass., arrived in the city last night on a hunt for her husband, who she believes is in the city, and who left her a year ago promising to send for her as soon as he became settled.

Mrs. Caissie called on Chief of Police Birrell this morning and told her story. She stated that her husband had always been faithful and good to her, and she cannot understand why she has been deserted.

The couple lived in Moncton, N. B., on the return of Caissie from the war. He enlisted and went overseas with the 160th Battalion, and had an excellent record in the army, Mrs. Caissie claims.

Later she heard he had shipped on a vessel at Eastport, Me., and had sailed as far as India and back.

Last June Caissie came to London, his wife was informed, and she believed he was still in the city. He was a carpenter, barber, and a good cobbler, his wife states, and she describes him as being about three inches short of six feet in height, fair complexion, blue eyes and brown hair.

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REV. MESS SCORED BY GOBERT FOR STAND ON CADETS

Labor Official Says Trustee Is Evidently Lacking in Christian Spirit.

MINISTER REPLIES

Members of the Labor party criticize the attitude of School Trustee Rev. Roy D. Mess in relation to cadet training in the schools.

Trustee Mess would be better employed advocating free or cheaper text books and the like, rather than devoting energy in the former direction, charges ex-Ald. John Gobert, president of the street railwaymen's union.

Ex-Ald. Gobert scores what he characterizes as Trustee Mess's "evident lack of Christian spirit," questioning why as a minister of the gospel as well as a member of the board of education, he recommends the continuance of the practice of "giving rifles and ammunition to the students so that they can learn to shoot."

"Trustee Mess says that some discipline is needed," Mr. Gobert stated. "I don't consider that it is necessary to hand out rifles and cartridges for that purpose. I think that he would be serving humanity better if he were to interest himself in a move for free text books as a greater aid to education."

The president contemplates bringing this question to the notice of the members of the Labor party at their next regular session.

Trustee Mess states that while such may be Mr. Gobert's views, his remarks as were expressed at the recent education convention, and he points to the fact that his views were evidently the choice of the majority present, as the resolution to abolish cadet training in the schools was defeated.

"I'm not going to worry about his views," Trustee Mess stated. "I stated my own views, and as far as the question of free text books is concerned, that is an entirely different matter and has no bearing on cadet training. No doubt the text book matter will receive due consideration when it comes up."

HAROLD M. GODARD SENTENCED TEN YEARS

Convicted on Charge of Maiming With Intent to Wound Miss Mary Duncan.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, April 25.—Harold M. Godard was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary today by Judge Wright, following his conviction on a charge of maiming with intent to wound Miss Mary Duncan in January last.

The judge instructed the crown officer to communicate with the superintendent of the institution to keep watch on Godard's mental condition. Austin Ross, his counsel, is making a plea for mercy, having expressed the view that he was a mental defective.

On sentencing the prisoner, Mr. Justice Wright said it was exceedingly difficult to sentence a returned soldier.

It had been shown in the evidence, he said, that the prisoner was subject to fits, but this did not go to the extent of showing that he was irresponsible for his act.

Godard was charged with the fall assault on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Martha Crooks in January shortly after the assault on Miss Duncan was committed.

The remainder of the evening will be given over to dancing and cards. The lodge anticipates a large number of guests, and has arranged for the use of the entire Masonic Temple, where the club rooms, auditorium and banquet hall will be thrown open.

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MAYOR ALMOST ONE-MAN GOVT., HAYDEN WARNS

Alderman Will Second Greer's Motion To Restrict Mayor's Suspension Powers.

JUST AN INDIVIDUAL

London, under the Wenige administration at the city hall, is next door to one-man government, warns Ald. Edmund Hayden, who, at the next session of the city council will second the Greer motion to restrict the suspension powers of any chief magistrate, present or future.

Ald. Hayden readily submitted his reasons today when questioned why he will second the proposal from Chairman John Greer of the board of works that the municipal procedure bylaw be amended in order that the mayor will be unable to suspend any city employee without the approval of the chairman of the committee, or in the event of a disagreement, a majority of the members.

"We Don't Want It." "We want no one-man government at the city hall, more particularly with the present mayor in office," Ald. Hayden stated. "At the last session of the city council, I seconded the motion by Ald. Greer to restrict the mayor's powers. I am going to stand by that, and I'll go through with it when Ald. Greer's motion comes to the council at the next session."

After more than a year in the city council, Ald. Hayden has concluded that too much power has evidently been vested with the mayor, who in reality, he argues, is of no greater importance than individual members of the city council, who may, he reminds, reinstate city employees just as readily as the mayor may choose to suspend them. It is time for a change and a drastic curtailment of such authorities, he charges.

Same as Alderman. "Mayor Wenige should have no right to go in and upset things or fire right off the bat than the aldermen have," he contended. "He may think that he is 'it' with a capital 'I,' but he'll find that he isn't without the help of the rest of us in the council."

"Two men should not be the 'whole works.' Another case in point. The ruling has been made that no member of the council may consult the city solicitor, but the mayor and the chairman of the two committees, I think that such a ruling is far too high-handed. Other members of the council were elected by the citizens as well as the mayor and chairman."

"We should have more co-operation. Mayor Wenige should consult the members of the committee before drastic measures are taken, as suspensions of veteran city employees. While I'm not the instigator of this proposed amendment to the procedure bylaw, I second it when Ald. Greer moves it, and my support is guaranteed for the next session."

WILL ACCEPT AS A WHOLE. Brussels, April 25.—The Belgian reply to the reparations commission, after paying tribute to the high moral authority attached to the unanimous conclusions of the reparations experts, expresses readiness to accept the conclusions as a whole with a view to practical and equitable regulation of the reparations.

The Belgian Government looks to the reparations commission to examine the laws and decrees which it has asked the Belgian government to submit to it, and which are necessary for complete execution of the experts' plan. The government trusts that the commission will rapidly prepare the measures which the report left to its care, working out the details so that the plan recommended can be put into effect as soon as possible in common accord with the allied governments.

ACACIA LODGE PLANS BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY

Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Drope To Come For the Occasion.

The annual birthday party of Acacia Lodge, No. 550, A. F. and A. M., will be given in the Masonic Temple on Saturday evening. The lodge will be honored by a visit from Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Drope of Grimsby.

The celebration will begin with a banquet at 6 p.m. This will be followed by a brief session of the lodge for the purpose of presenting to the lodge an illuminated certificate of life membership in the lodge.

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WHAT IS TASCHEREAU'S STAND ON PROTECTION?

This Question Is Asked by Arthur Sauve at Conservative Club Meeting.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, April 25.—What attitude will Premier Taschereau take when the time comes for protection for the industrial life of the province of Quebec was the question put by Arthur Sauve, leader of the Quebec opposition, at a meeting here last night inaugurating the official opening of the Liberal-Conservative Club in Outremont. Mr. Sauve remarked that Premier Taschereau had gone to Toronto and had drawn attention to the fact that the interests of both provinces were identical; that both should unite against encroachments on their needs from elsewhere in Canada.

He asked if the premier would remain true to that attitude and would he denounce the persons who demanded protection for the development of Canadian industry.

Hon. E. L. Patenaude, M. L. A. for Jacques Cartier, pictured Premier Taschereau and Hon. J. E. Caron, minister of agriculture, as rushing forward to welcome the budget at Ottawa.

HAS NEW ANGLE. Mayor Wenige has another angle to the question as to who suggested that the last session of the Port Stanley Railway Commission be held in secret.

He quotes the following and asks who it would remind one of: "I detect these meetings with reporters present and one can't say all he would like otherwise."

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W. J. STEWART

John H. Hammond Addresses National Civic Federation in New York.

WAGES IMPROVED

General Trend of Changes Has Been Forward, Not Backward, He Says.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, April 25.—The general trend of industrial, social and civic changes in the United States during the last decade has been "forward," not "backward," as apostles of gloom claim, John Hays Hammond reported yesterday at the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation as chairman of the federation's department on current economic and political movements.

Among the "black spots" in the nation's development the report cited the "divorce evil," encouraging wholesale breaking up of homes; the recent exposures of "moral turpitude" of a few government officials; and the "lack of trained teachers despite the existence of 6,000,000 illiterates in the country."

Improved wages and working conditions of labor were exemplified in the report by the anthracite coal miners, who earned an average of \$1.10 a day in 1895 and worked 150 days a year and are now earning a minimum of \$4.62 and working 270 days a year.

MEETING TODAY ON REPARATIONS

Commission Discusses Replies of Nations Concerning Experts' Plan.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, April 25.—The reparations commission held an unofficial meeting this morning to discuss the replies of the French, British and Belgian governments to the commission's note regarding execution of the experts' reparations plan. The Italian reply not having been received, the members exchanged views unofficially regarding the other responses.

All the documents will be made public as soon as they have been received, probably tomorrow.

The commission requested Louis Barthou of France, its president, and Sir John Bradbury, the British member, to enter into communication with various representatives of the financial world to learn their opinions on the conclusions of the experts and the possibilities of carrying out the proposed plan. As J. P. Morgan is due in Paris shortly after his trip in the Mediterranean, it is considered probable that the commission's representatives will be especially anxious to consult him. These conversations with financial leaders will be of a purely consultative character.

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