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THE MAKING OF CRIMINALS

Commissioner Wigmore yesterday assumed the responsibility of denying St. John a juvenile court and probation system. Had he supported it there is very little room for doubt that the measure would have been approved by a majority of the Municipal Council.

He opposed it, he said, because he had not sufficient information. The information could have been given him when the delegation in support of a juvenile court was before the finance committee of the Municipal Council. It could have been given yesterday, but a resolution adopted by the committee of which Com. Wigmore was chairman, prevented those who could have given it from getting a hearing.

As a matter of fact, the information was given in 1920, when the subject was before the Municipal Council, and many times since. It has been given in the press many times. It is spread on the records of juvenile courts all over this continent.

It is most unfortunate that a delegation of well-dressed men and women made the appeal to the Municipal Finance Committee. There should have been present the one-hundred and forty-eight children who were before the police court last year.

Com. Frink's motion asked for an appropriation of only \$1,800. To save this paltry sum the interests of the children are to be sacrificed. Com. Wigmore said if he can be satisfied of the need he will support a juvenile court. Why not take Judge Henderson's word for it, and the experience of other cities all over America? Is he waiting for an angelic visitation?

One of the County members was understood to say yesterday that when any of their parish boys gets too bad they do something with him. A juvenile court would do something for him. Its whole business is to save, not to wait and then punish.

Do the citizens of St. John want to save the children? The issue is squarely up to them. The Rotary Club, the Gryo Club, the Women's Council and other organizations have appealed in vain. Will they take the count-off fight on?

WILL CRERAR COME IN?

The western provinces were keenly interested in the rumor that Hon. T. A. Crerar might enter the Cabinet at Ottawa. A Winnipeg despatch said that the Progressive members favored the move, and that while he could not expect to take all of them across the floor with him a considerable number would go. The Winnipeg Tribune, which has Conservative leanings, declared that this was Mr. Crerar's opportunity, and that it believed the general sentiment of the west was that he should accept a portfolio. After eulogizing him as a public man and friend of the west the Tribune said:

"He would moreover be in a position to urge justice to the west in the matter of the return of the natural resources—might well, indeed, make the settlement of this long standing issue a condition of his acceptance. That he in the way of tariff reductions may be doubted, but, as any rate, in these and other issues he would be the voice of the west and politically potent. Crerar made an excellent record as minister of agriculture in the Union government. His administration of this department was successful, and it was a greatly rejuvenated and efficient service when he turned it over to his successor. Three important objects would be accomplished by Mr. Crerar's acceptance of a portfolio at this time. It would end the political confusion. It would put a strong champion of the national railways in a position of great influence, and it would enable the presentation, under favorable circumstances, of the west's demands for justice, particularly in the matter of the natural resources."

It has been announced that Hon. Mr. Crerar has not been asked to enter the Cabinet, but the fact that the Government cannot carry on without Progressive support lends much interest to the expression of western views.

The Ottawa Journal publishes a story to the effect that Mr. Crerar was not at all pleased with the result of his conference with the Prime Minister, and intimated that any further negotiations with himself would have to take place in Winnipeg. Mr. Crerar, however, made no such public utterance, whatever he may have said to his friends. The Journal is a Conservative paper.

Press Comment

CITY PLANNING

(Kansas City Star.)

American cities are definitely committing themselves to ideas of beauty, sanitation and order. The new sense that have gained headway ought to run their full course. From a thing of ugliness the American city may become a sight pleasing to the eye—a centre, in truth, of all the best influences that affect living.

SAVING WOMEN'S STEPS

(Department of Agriculture Bulletin)

Studies of step saving in household tasks have been given considerable attention by extension workers. A report from Grays Harbor county, Washington, says: "My remodelled kitchen saves me twenty steps and five minutes in the making of gingerbread or cornbread. The new location of my wood boxes saves me 400 steps in getting dinner." A home maker in Snohomish county in the same State, wore a pedometer while doing her work, and when the readings on it were checked it was found that she had saved in travel, through the better arrangement of her kitchen, 5,544 feet in one week, or four and three-eighths miles in a month, and fifty-four and eight-thirteenths miles in a year.

TAKING HEART FROM PARIS

(New York Herald.)

The news from Paris on the eve of the economic conference is heartening. It is evident that most of the men who will participate in the investigation of Germany's fiscal affairs realize that it is impossible to balance the German budget and establish a sound system of currency. While the French attitude is brought to light, and these related facts necessarily include the capacity of Germany to pay and the effect of the Ruhr operations.

What lends much optimism to the outlook is the fact that the French are now to contemplate the investigation in a mood far more conciliatory than before. While the French attitude has been severe as compared with the viewpoint of the world in general toward the German situation, France, now that the struggle and suffering of war is left further and further behind, may be finding a truer perspective. The news indicates that there is now a disposition among the French to regard the German problem from the angle of the general good of all Europe; to look at it as a grave economic question which involves the fortunes of all of Germany's neighbors.

America has a very deep interest in this settlement because she holds that it is the part of victorious nations to convert triumph into peace. The vanquished cannot do this. America too has a very keen interest because of the fine and able American men on the committee of inquiry.

If the high hopes which the present atmosphere of official Paris seems to warrant should be fulfilled the world may look forward to adjustments which will permit Europe to go back to work. Vanquished nations as well as victorious will have a chance to regain their usefulness and their happiness.

TO SPEAK ON TEACHING FRENCH

Rev. F. J. LeBlond, who has a plan for better methods of teaching French, will be in the city next week, coming from his parish at St. George. He will give a lecture before the French Club in the Natural History Society rooms, which will be free to any who wish to hear it. Rev. Mr. LeBlond is a humorous speaker, who has an apt way of presenting cold facts that is very entertaining.

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WATER CASE DEFERRED.

The case of the interim injunction against the town of Hartland which was secured at the instance of three of the residents of the town was to have come before Judge W. C. H. Crittenden in Chambers yesterday, but the parties concerned decided to bring the case to trial and it will be heard some time next month. The case has to do with the cutting off of water supply by the town because the residents refused to pay water rates that they claimed were unfair.

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TO FARALINE MEETING.

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There is a steady movement to the cities in Japan.

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Ramsay MacDonald made a remarkable speech yesterday in regard to British relations with Europe. While he outlined no policy he made it clear that the course pursued by the Baldwin Government is not satisfactory to him. He declares that its policy is neither decisive nor effective, and that British influence in Europe must be restored. This would seem to fore-shadow interesting developments if Labor gets its opportunity.

HIDDEN RIVER.

(Christian Science Monitor.)
Why do the poets sing of Far Cathay? Why must they always talk of Samarkand?

I know a place where little sunbeams play,
Crisp crossed with shadows on the shining sand.
Why do they talk so much of blue lagoons,
Or tell of islands in a mystic sea?
I know a place where, golden afternoons,
A little cool, brown river sings and sings.

I know a place where there is water
falling,
And ferns and cresses in a pine-square
dell,
Where faintly sweet you hear the white
throats calling,
And no sound else is there, save of the
river,
And there is comforting and rest, as
deep
And far within the wood, no mention
there,
Save leaves and tinkering water. En-
chanting
Is on the place, with water falling—fall-
ing—
Why do they talk so much of Far
Cathay?
Why must they always sing of Samarkand?

—Ruth Aughtless.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Better His Ankle Than His Rib.
From an exchange—"William Anderson, who sprained his ankle, instead of his wife, is much improved at this writing and expects to be out soon."

If He Had Wandered
"Twenty years ago Ike Einstein stood on this corner selling shoe strings. Now he owns the corner."

"Oy, oy! If he had only walked up and down he might have owned the block."

Boothed It.
The maiden was pretty and charming and young.
Coquetish she stood where the mistletoe hung—
He was fondly intent upon kissing the miss
But only succeeded in misting the kiss.

A Matter of Ownership.
"Has the 230 Manchester train gone, my good man?" the agitated passenger demanded of a Euston porter.

"Yes mum, your train's gone."
"Why do you say, your train," when you know perfectly well it belongs to the company?" asked the lady.

"Why do you call me your 'good man,' when you know I belong to my old woman?" he retorted rudely.

Cutting It Short.
A butler always annoyed his mistress by announcing her visitors separately.

For instance, instead of saying, "Mr. and Mrs. Kilkenny and the Misses Kilkenny," he would call out, "Mr. Kilkenny, Mrs. Kilkenny, Miss Nora Kilkenny, and Miss Kate Kilkenny," mentioning each member of the family by name.

His mistress told him on her next "At Home" day to make the announcement shorter.

As it happened, a Mr. and Mrs. Penny, with their grown-up son and a little daughter, were the first to arrive, whereupon the butler electrified his mistress by throwing open the door and shouting, "Threepence-halfpenny."

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HARDWARE CLERKS TO MEET
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ARENA.

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NOTICE.

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WILL CONSIDER GERMAN BUDGET

Paris, Jan. 15.—Brigadier-General Chas. G. Daves, and Owen D. Young, the United States representatives on the first committee of experts are finding reparations a difficult question to hurry along. It is understood that the real work of the committee will begin on the subject tersely defined as "the German budget." Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, is the first German specialist invited to confer with the committee.

DECIDES TO EXTEND CALL TO MINISTER

First Presbyterian Church to Invite Millerton Man to be Pastor

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church in West St. John has decided to extend a call to Rev. W. McN. Matthews, of Millerton, N. B. A meeting of the congregation was held last night with Rev. W. M. Townsend, interim moderator, presiding. A. W. Fraser was appointed secretary and, on the motion of Mr. Fraser seconded by Leonard Wilson, it was decided to proceed with the business of extending a call to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison. On the motion of W. W. Allingham, seconded by Miss Janet Sinclair, it was decided to extend a call to Mr. Matthews. The call was practically unanimous. It was decided to hold a meeting on Jan. 30 in order that the call may be formally sent on to the presbytery of Miramichi. Mr. Matthews was born in Prince Edward Island and, when still an infant, was taken by his parents to New Brunswick and his early home was at Chatham. He is a graduate of Hill College, Halifax, and after graduation was called to the church at Bathurst, where he ministered for several years, removing to Millerton later. He was heard recently in the First Presbyterian church pulpit and his address was most appreciated.

WILL BE MISSED

His friends in St. John will be sorry to learn that "Sandy" Peake, of Halifax, who has been relieving as operator on the Canadian Press wire during the last month, will leave for Digby Saturday en route to Halifax to take up his duties in the C. P. office there. Norman McPhail, whom Mr. Peake was relieving, is being welcomed back after a month's vacation.

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