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Karl Liebnecht Has Been Captured

Leader of The Reds Is Taken To Berlin

Premier Eisner Badly Beaten In The Elections In Bavaria—Clericals Polled Nearly Half The Vote

Berlin, Jan. 15—(By the A. P.)—Dr. Karl Liebnecht, the Spartacan leader, has been captured, it was learned late tonight, by officers and men of the division of mounted rifleguards who arrived in Berlin today.

The Spartacan leader is said to have been seized and taken to the fashionable Hotel Eden in the western part of Berlin. Private telephone communication with the hotel was cut off abruptly soon after it was reported that he had been taken there.

Nearly complete returns from the Bavarian elections show that the party of Premier Kuest Eisner polled only 75,000 votes out of a total vote in excess of 2,750,000. The Clericals polled more than one million votes and the majority Socialists 900,000. The Eisner party and the Independent Socialists secured only four of the assembly's 156 delegates and the Majority Socialists fifty, while the combined bourgegois parties have 102 representatives.

London, Jan. 16—Order has been restored in Berlin, it is announced by an official wireless appeal to the German nation sent out by the German government and picked up here. The appeal, which was signed by Premier Ebert and Phillipp Scheidmann, Herr Landsberg, Gustav Noake and Herr Wissell, members of his cabinet, says that the government is determined to prevent by every means at its disposal a repetition of "similar abominations."

London, Jan. 16—The Polish government has provisionally taken over the administration of Lithuania to protect the country from the Bolsheviki, according to a telegram from Warsaw today. The action was taken at the reequest of the president of the Lithuania republic.

Berlin, Wednesday, Jan. 15—(By the Associated Press)—Spartacan snipers continued their activities last night in some sections of the city. The government still maintained a strong force of troops in the Moabit section and the search for weapons and criminals there is said to be producing gratifying results.

Munich, Wednesday, Jan. 15—(By the Associated Press)—An attempt to overthrow the Bavarian government was planned for today. Government forces, however, intercepted Spartacans marching from Stuttgart and Augsburg to Munich and dispersed them.

DISCORD AT THE PEACE MEETING?

Paris Dispatch Hints at It—Meeting This Afternoon on Publicity Question

London, Jan. 16—Commenting on the decision that the proceedings of the peace congress are to be secret, a Reuter's despatch from Paris hints that "even among the five great powers there exists sharp and not diminishing discords."

Paris, Jan. 16—The supreme council today after considering the matter of relations between the conference and the press decided to call a meeting this afternoon to be attended by the members of the press and the representatives of the various nations in the conference to interchange views on publicity methods.

The Russian question has been discussed and will be jointly examined later after the various governments have exchanged their latest information on the subject with each other.

TURKS IN THEIR HOLY CITY CAPITULATE

London, Jan. 16—The Turks who have been holding out in Medina have capitulated to the King of the Hedjaz under the terms of the Turkish armistice.

OFFICER OF 26TH WINS MILITARY CROSS.

Fredericton, Jan. 16—Word has been received here that Lieut. Walter R. Clarke of Fredericton, now with the 26th, has been awarded the Military Cross.

CHILDREN WHO WERE HURT.

It was reported at the St. John Infirmary this afternoon that the condition of both Matthew and Joseph Garey, injured while sliding in Douglas avenue yesterday, is slightly improved. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Stanton, hurt while coasting on Carmarthen street yesterday, were reported doing well today.

MRS. ELEANOR PARKER.

The death of Mrs. Eleanor Parker took place on Sunday, January 12, at her home in Cheyne Settlement, N. B. She is survived by five sons and four daughters, two sisters, Mrs. Daniel Perry, Greenwich Hill, and Mrs. James Brown, Boston, and two brothers, Daniel and Benjamin Bunnell of Public Landing. Interment was made in the family lot at Cheyne Settlement.

METAGAMA IS IN WITH TROOPS

St. John Represented Among Returned Men

Lieut. R. W. Heine Had Been Twice Wounded and Was Prisoner in Germany—Cadet Percy Steel Home

The steamer Metagama with a passenger list of more than 1,200, of whom nearly 700 were military, arrived in port this morning and docked about 10.30 o'clock. The military passengers included 126 officers, 50 cadets and 489 of other ranks. The civilian passengers numbered 530. The steamer also brought a very heavy mail, there being 1,624 pieces of parcel post and 1,895 of letter mail.

The conducting party in charge of military passengers consisted of Major C. G. McLauchlan, O. C. troops; Captain S. R. Farquharson, adjutant; Captain Matthew J. Knight, paymaster; Major John W. Pitcher, medical officer, and Lieut. C. K. Ganong, Y. M. C. A. The medical staff consisted of Captain Murdoch W. Macaulay and Nursing Sisters Alice M. Howard and Hilda N. Stevenson.

Officers for this district, No. 7, were: Lieutenants Harold Frederick Alward, 84 Burpee avenue, St. John; Ernest Charles Vincent, St. Andrews street, St. John; Cecil Franklin West, Rothesay; Frank Albert Grimmer, St. Andrews; James Henry Ardiff, Sunny Brae; Edward M. C. Goodwin, Baie Verte; Joseph Steadman Henderson, Moncton; Alian Harrington Troy and James Henry Moore, Campbellton.

Others for this district were Cadet Percy J. Steel, Sergt. Harold E. Murray, Pte. Joseph Logan, Pte. Jerome Hood, all of St. John; Corporal T. H. Dillon, Derby Junction, and Pte. George H. Hood, Taymouth.

Officers for District No. 6, Nova Scotia, were: Lieutenants James Wilton Spence, St. Croix; Jas. Harold Dunn, Mertgorish, Pictou; Hugh Robert Grant, Eureka; Eldred MacDonald, Pt. Tupper; Jas. Douglas Maxwell (M. C.), Halifax; George Slavin, Sydney Mines.

Others for Nova Scotia were: Sergeants Robert J. Strand, New Glasgow; Willard Kennedy, Westville, and Privates Willis Beck, Blackhouse; William Booth, Halifax; Edward Green, Springhill Mines.

Medallists on board were:

Capt. Wm. L. McGeary (M. C.), St. Thomas, Ont.

Lieut. Horatio Nelson Darling (M. C.), Toronto.

Lieut. Jas. Davidson (M. M.), Toronto.

Lieut. Cecil Henry Hill (M. C.), Ottawa.

Lieut. Robert Hollidge (D. C. M., M. M.), Mont Albert, Ont.

Lieut. Wilfred Anthony Jackson (D. C. M.), 275 Northern Rd., Sault Ste. Marie.

Lieut. Wm. A. MacFarlane (M. M.), Wallacetown, Ont.

Lieut. Douglas Jas. Maxwell (M. C.), Halifax.

Lieut. Kenneth Dow Millier (M. C.), Winnipeg.

Lieut. Sydney Herbert Robinson (M. M.), Toronto.

Lieut. Harold Edward Simpson (M. M.), Selkirk, Man.

Lieut. Chas. Irwin Strand (M. M.), Elm Vale, Ont.

Was Prisoner.

Included among the returned men who arrived in the city this morning from overseas was Lieutenant R. W. Heine of St. John, a member of the Royal Flying Corps. Lieutenant Heine was a prisoner in Germany for five months. He said today that while he was a prisoner at Dantzic the girls of the city were wearing paper dresses in order to save cloth. Lieutenant Heine was wounded twice. He spoke very highly of the treatment accorded the British prisoners of war by the English people on their arrival in England.

Cadet Percy Steele arrived home this morning from overseas. He went over as a sergeant in Lieutenant Scammell's Machine Gun draft. Cadet Steele is well known in the city and his many friends will be pleased to hear that he has arrived safely home.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances Kelly took place this morning from the residence of her son-in-law, Edward McCarthy, 42 Broad street, to St. John the Baptist church where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. F. J. McMurray. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Mary Carman took place this afternoon from Trinity church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Canon Armstrong. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Miss Delta Thuber took place this afternoon from 103 Elliott Row. The body will be taken to Westport, N. S., for interment.

The funeral of Lillian Chater Hamilton took place this afternoon from St. Luke's church, where services were conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Thomas Clapton took place this afternoon from St. John's (Stone) church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. G. A. Kuhring. Interment was made in Fernhill.

Brazil's President Dead.

Rio Janiero, Brazil, Jan. 16—Dr. Rodrichues Alves, president-elect of Brazil, died today. He had been critically ill for some time.

POINCARE IS TO OPEN CONFERENCE

Clemenceau Will Then Take Chair Till Officers Chosen

THE CEREMONIAL

The Decision to Keep Proceeding Secret and Give no Information Except What is Divulged in Official Statements

Paris, Jan. 16—The inauguration of the peace congress on Saturday will be carried out with ceremonies befitting such an occasion. A detachment of troops will pay honors to the arriving delegates and Stephen Pichon, French foreign minister, will receive the various delegations. The meeting will begin at three o'clock sharp. The plenipotentiaries will sit around a horseshoe table, the middle part reserved for officers.

When all are seated President Poincare will enter and take the presidential armchair to make the opening address. It is understood that he will refer to the tragic epoch ending so gloriously for the Entente and which for four years upheaved the world. He is expected also to refer to the immense task of universal reconstruction which must be the work of the conference, and the high ideals of justice which will be observed during the deliberation of the peace congress. He will then conclude by declaring the session open and will withdraw.

Premier Clemenceau will take his place in the chair as chief of the French delegation, this being his right as the congress is meeting in the capital of France. He will request the assembly to elect officers, which, besides a president, will include vice-presidents and a general secretary. Regulations for the congress will then be read. It is expected they will be ratified as they stand, after which they will be made public.

Formal invitations to attend the first sitting were sent out last night by the French delegation to ambassadors and ministers of various countries. These announce the number of representatives accorded to each country and ask the diplomats to transmit invitations immediately to the person or persons chosen to attend.

Paris, Jan. 16—(By the Asosciated Press)—No one outside of the delegates to the peace congress knows anything about the discussion which preceded yesterday's decision to keep proceedings secret and to limit information divulged in official statements.

This decision will preclude the American delegates, even President Wilson, from discussing the formal announcements that are issued. It will likewise stop the practise of Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain of discussing affairs with British correspondents for the purpose of guiding them in forming public opinion in England.

The complaints which the British correspondents have made to Lloyd George and which the Americans have submitted to Mr. Wilson concede that it may be incompatible with public interest to disclose certain phases of controversial questions while they are being discussed, but protest against the "gentleman's agreement," which forbids any one of the delegates from giving information whatever, outside of the official statements, on which public opinion may be formed and guided.

Official circles in Paris were not discussing peace nor terms last night. Attention was occupied with the question whether there will be a reconsideration of the action of yesterday.

DESKMAN HOPKINS RESIGNS FROM FORCE

Day Deskman F. C. Hopkins at central police station has tendered his resignation to Acting Chief Caples, to accept a remunerative position in the city with a private concern. His resignation will take effect on Jan. 20. Policeman Hopkins has been on the force for five years and during that time has done some exceptionally good police work. For the last three years he has taken all the finger prints and photographs.

A POLICEMAN AGAIN

George Totten was this afternoon sworn in as a member of the St. John police force. He had spent seventeen years a policeman under the old regime, but resigned a few months after Chief Simpson took charge. Now he returns to duty and will join the North End division tonight. Policeman Totten had a good, clear record while on the force, and was regarded as an efficient man in police work.

MRS. ELIZABETH CHEESMAN.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Cheesman occurred last evening at the home of her son, Simon Cheesman of 31 Prospect street, Fairville. She was seventy-eight years of age and leaves to mourn five sons—William, Richard, Walter, Simon and Joshua—all of this city. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon from the residence of her son at 2.30.

DEATH OF WARREN JONES

Warren Jones, proprietor of the Jones Hotel at Albert, Albert county, died this morning. Mr. Jones was a man well known by the commercial travelers' fraternity. He leaves his wife, in Albert, and children in western Canada.

HOME FROM ENGLAND

Mrs. John C. Kee returned home on the C. P. O. S. Metegama this morning from London, where she went to visit her son, Capt. William J. Kee. The body of Capt. Kee is expected home on the S. S. Montcalm.

UNITED STATES GOES DRY; 36TH STATE HEARD FROM

Chicago, Jan. 16—The United State s today completed the legislative process of voting itself dry. When word flashe d over the wires that the thirty-sixth state, Nebraska, had ratified the prohi bition amendment prohibition leaders declared that the accomplishment was th e greatest piece of moral legislation in the history of the world.

The amendment to the federal con stitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages, will be come effective one year after the date of its final ratification. Meanwhile the na tion wil go dry on July 1 next by presidential proclamation as a war measure unless the president rescinds it before that date.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 16—Immediately upon receipt of the word, steps were taken by temperance forces of New York with a view to bringing about the enforcement in the empire state at the proper time.

Chicago, Jan. 16—Congress passed the resolution submitting the amendment to the various state legislatures in the midst of the seething preparations for war in 1917. The senate adopted the resolution Aug. 1 by a vote of 65 to 20, and the lower house on Dec. 17 by 282 to 128.

In California court action has already been taken to restrain the governor from certifying the action of the legislature to Washington. Every resource of the distillers with $1,000,000,000 available will be employed in the supreme effort to save their business, it is said. An important meeting of the distillers' committee will be held at New York on Jan. 28, when it is planned to adopt a detailed programme.

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES TO BE RETURNED AT THE PUBLIC EXPENSE

London, Jan. 16—(By Canadian Associated Press)—The Canadian Associated Press learns that dependents of Canadian soldiers will fro to Canada at public expense. Some two months ago the business of repatriating these dependents was undertaken by the Canadian military authorities. This work has now been again placed in the hands of Obed Smith, immigration commissioner, who conducted it during the time of the submarine menace.

STATEMENT BY THE NEW BRITISH FOOD CONTROLLER

London, Jan. 16—George H. Roberts, new British food controller, said yesterday that the continuance of food control in England is to be governed by the need of the British people just as during the war.

"Rationing was more drastic and complete here than in any other allied country," he said. "This was the direct outcome of ever increasing calls upon British tonnage, caused by the needs of the Allies for munitions, clothing, food and other materials. The supreme food council is now going to do for the rest of Europe what the inter-allied food council and the inter-allied executives for wheat, sugar, meat, etc., did during the war for the Allies alone.

"Great Britain of course takes her share with the United States, France and Italy in the necessary financial arrangement. My duties are thus not limited to this country, and just as Great Britain helped to save the Allies in the war, so she will take her part in helping to save Europe from starvation and chaos now that peace has come."

LOCATED AT HISTORIC HASTINGS

Nursing Sister Edna Granville, daughter of Mrs. T. F. Granville, Adelaide street, writes home that she is located in her war work at Hastings, England, that historic spot noted for its battle between the early Britons and William of Normandy. There are ten nursing sisters in the Canadian party, two other of the girls being New Brunswickers. Upon reaching their station the nurses were granted a ten days' leave of absence to get freshened up for duty after the journey. Miss Granville and some of her chums skipped off to Scotland, where they spent the Christmas season. They were charmed with the quaint Yuletide customs of the Scotch people and their outburst of special joy over the peace-coming.

Another in Distress.

Washington, Jan. 16—Wireless S. O. S. signals were picked up today from the steamer Ansabro Tyseo, in distress with wrecked stearing gear, about 175 miles southeast of Nantucket Lightship. Assistance has been sent from the Philadelphia naval district.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The general weather conditions are again becoming unsettled. The temperature has fallen somewhat in the maritime provinces, but continues unseasonably high in the west, Ontario and West Quebec.

Colder, With Snow

Maritime—Strong west to north winds, becoming somewhat colder; snow flurries.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—North and northeast winds, colder with light local snowfalls.

New England—Fair and somewhat warmer tonight; Friday cloudy, probably followed by snow; fresh winds.

WORKS ESTIMATES $49,116 HIGHER

Commissioner Fisher Submits The Details

Removal of Ashes and Garbage Accounts for $18,000 — Application for Permit to Build Garage

Commissioner Fisher presented his estimates this morning to the common council in committee. He is asking for an appropriation of $49,116.51 over last year. The greater amount of this is made up of three items which did not appear in last year's estimates—$18,000 for removing of ashes and kitchen waste; $8,500, 1919 loan for new machinery, and $1,460 Workmen's Compensation Board assessments. They were held over for further consideration.

In his appropriation for street repairs last year, he asked $14,500, whereas he said that he had spent $19,000. This year he is asking for $19,000.

In answer to Commissioner Bullock he said that he spent at least $7,000 last year in crossings. In his estimates for street, stables, feed and labor, the commissioner asked $9,500 for 1919, as against $7,000 for last year. He said that the increase was due to the high cost of feed. When asked as how he bought the feed, he said, usually in small lots. Commissioner Bullock thought the hay and oats should be bought by tender. Commissioner Fisher explained that it was impossible to get anyone to tender in view of the ever changing prices.

The increase in the appropriation of steam crushers of $5,000, the commissioner said, was due to his contemplating asking the council for privilege of buying a new motor crusher, and also expected to run the crusher longer during the coming year than last year. With regard to the accounts, sundries, Commissioner Fisher explained that the largest item in this account was gasoline.

In reference to estimate of $18,000 for ashes collection, the commissioner explained that his intentions were, that if the estimates were passed, to employ those men now in the business of ash collecting, if possible.

Commissioner Bullock was of the opinion that the amount asked for would not cover the expenses.

Commissioner Fisher said that this new scheme was not to benefit the poor or for the convenience of the landlord, but purely a health measure.

The Estimates Are:

	Appropriation 1918	Appropriation 1919
Street Repairs	$14,500.00	$19,000.00
Sidewalks and Crossings	6,000.00	8,500.00
Street Cleaning, Watering and Sanding	18,000.00	24,000.00
Street Stables (feed, showing harness, labor, etc.)	7,000.00	9,500.00
Stone Crushers	8,000.00	13,000.00
Asphalt Mfrg.	7,000.00	11,000.00
Street Plant Additions	800.00	800.00
Street Plant Repairs and Renewals	8,000.00	7,500.00
Public Grounds	2,800.00	4,300.00
Bridges and Fences,	1,000.00	1,000.00
Retaining Walls	500.00	800.00
Sundries	1,200.00	1,400.00
Salaries	6,880.00	8,910.00
Rent of Offices	700.00	700.00
Insurances	1,000.00	900.00
Interest and Sinking Fund on Debentures	20,509.37	18,057.45
1914 and 1915 Loans ((5 years)	7,561.93	7,153.93
1919 Loan for New Machinery (5 yrs., 6 payments)	.....	3,500.00
Garbage (Disposal of Ashes, Paper, Vegetables Matter, etc.)	2,400.00	3,000.00
Ashes Collection	.....	18,000.00
New Asphaltic Pavements	16,000.00	17,600.00
Workmen's Compensation Board Assessments	.....	1,460.45
		$180,081.83
2 1-2 p.c. for Assessing, Collecting, etc.		4,502.04
		$184,583.87

Assessed in 1918, $135,467.36.

Expropriation

Commissioner Fisher reported regarding the street widening at the corner of Mill and Union streets that, acting under authority granted by the council, he engaged H. C. Mott to make plans and an estimate of the cost of making the necessary alteration in the building.

On receipt and consideration of Mr. Mott's report, a letter was sent to Messrs. Fowler & Freeze, Mr. White's agents, suggesting a settlement. This did not meet with their approval and the commissioner now recommends that the land required be expropriated. The matter was recommended to the council.

George Carvill asked for a permit to build a garage in Cliff street. He said that he had asked before, but for some unknown reason his request had been refused. He said that he was perfectly within the law to build a garage where he intended, as he would not be within 300 feet of the Cathedral. The matter was referred to the commissioner of public safety.

Case For Power Co. Is Opened

New York Engineer Submits Report of Larger Physical Value — Thinks Eight Per Cent Reasonable Return

The case for the company was opened at the morning session of the inquiry into the affairs of the N. B. Power Company when the company's principal expert witness, Mr. Brinckerhoof of New York, took the stand. This witness submitted a report on the physical value of the company's property, and found a higher value than of the other witnesses, running the figures up to about $4,000,000. He said his first work on the case began two weeks ago when other reports were sent to him for study and that his personal examination of the property had been made since his arrival on last Friday night.

Mr. Brinckerhoff testified that eight per cent would be a reasonable return to the owners on the value of the property, but Mr. Sullivan pointed out that this would represent a charge of $320,000, while the interest and dividend charges prior to the amalgamation were $112,000 and since that date, without increase in property value, $182,000.

When the morning session opened, Mr. Sulivan placed in evidence a copy of the letters patent, dated February 2, 1917, incorporating the N. B. Investment Company, a copy of the Power Company's pay roll for 1918 and the vouchers presented by P. W. Thomson on Wednesday.

New York Engineer

Henry M. Brinckerhoff, of New York, consulting engineer, a graduate of Stevens' Institute in mechanical engineering, and now a member of Barclay, Parsons & Klapp, consulting engineers of New York, was called by Mr. Taylor. He testified that he had made an examination of the N. B. Power Company plant and of the water-power sites. He had examined the Sloan and Waterman reports and made comparisons.

In looking over the company's property he had found values not included in the Sloan report. He had found in West St. John a car barn site under perpetual lease from the city, which had a capitalized value of $15,000, and a siding at Glen Falls worth $800.

After figuring wages and other costs, he had added $13,638 to the value of the special work.

In the gas distribution system, figuring on the cost of trenching, etc., he had estimated the cost at $16,827, more than Mr. Waterman had reported.

In the light and power department he found two motors, omitted by Mr. Waterman, owned by the company, but located in private plants, which he valued at $2,100.

He found an increase of $8,630 over the Sloan estimate of the cost of the transformers. He had added the ten per cent. discount saved by buying through the Eastern Electric Company.

The witness had found values, without overhead, of $2,282,673. To this he would add two per cent. for administration and legal expenses, or $45,000. For engineering he allowed five per cent. For interest during construction, he allowed three per cent. For contingencies and omissions, he allowed six per cent. For injuries during construction he added one-half of one per cent. These items, allowed for overhead, totalled $376,641. The total allowed in the other reports was $267,310.

For promotion, etc., the witness allowed $50,000, and for franchises and value as a going concern he would add $200,000. In this he had included for franchise values only the legitimate expenses in securing the franchise. He had included $118,000 for the water-powers.

The total value he found to the end of 1917 was $3,140,000, and to the end of November, $1918, $3,215,186. To this, he said, should be added the cost of the present investigation, which he could not estimate.

In the Waterman report the values given for railway, transformers, distribution system, gas system and cars was $699,420. He estimates the reproduction cost, less depreciation, at $1,107,163. Exclusive of the water-powers, he estimated that the total reproduction cost, less depreciation, would be in the vicinity of $4,000,000. Regarding the water-powers, the witness said that it would be difficult to estimate the saving that could be effected by developing the water powers, and that it would not be fair to compare that saving with the present high cost of operation, but the saving would justify placing a value on the water-powers. It would be possible to supply St. Andrews and St. Stephen, as well as St. John.

In rate-making consideration must be given to the fact that the company must secure such return as would enable it to secure additional capital to meet new needs.

To Mr. Holgate, the witness said he found the plant in fair condition, although there was much that could have been done to modernize it.

To Mr. Sullivan Mr. Brinckerhoff said he believed the commisison would be justified in figuring a return on a value of $4,000,000. As to what that return should be, he said that this should be sufficient to attract new capital. It would also be necessary to allow for depreciation, and for a surplus. He was unwilling to fix a percentage to cover these items without careful study.

Eight per cent on $4,000,000 would mean a return of $320,000, to the investors. The witness said this would be a fair return if the commission approved of a value of $4,000,000.

Mr. Sullivan remarked that the present charges for interest and dividends are $182,00, and prior to the amalgamation were $112,000.

"Should you regard the commission as justified in ordering an increase in return from $112,000 before the amalgamation or $182,000 at present, to $320,000?' 'asked Mr. Sullivan.

"That would depend on whether the present return is sufficient to attract new capital."

"If you were acting for the city, would you think the increase in returns, with no increase in the investment was justified?"

The witness hesitated and Mr. Sullivan asked if he would regard the amount of securities outstanding as any measure of the return which should be paid. The witness said the consumers should be expected to pay a fair return on the present value of the property.

"In arriving at the value of $3,215,000 you did not take into consideration the value of the securities outstanding?"

"No."

"You do not regard the face value of outstanding securities as any representation of the value of the property?"

"No; that day has gone by."

If $100,000 had been expended on a property and securities to the face value of $5,000,000 issued, the witness said that the securities should be disregarded in fixing the rate of return.

For rate fixing value, the witness would not include for the water powers more than the $118,000 which it was said they had cost. He had no personal knowledge of the cost.

Mr. Holgate remarked that the only evidence of this expenditure was the unsupported statement of one man.

The witness agreed the relation between the company and the public should be one of mutual helpfulness and that the public should pay and the company receive a fair return on the value of the property used and useful in furnishing service, and the company should conduct its affairs with prudence and honesty.

Examined regarding the condition of the gas mains, on which he had found an increased value, the witness said that

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MEMBERSHIP NOW IS 584

Successful Year in Germain Street Baptist Church Shown at Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of Germain street Baptist church held on Wednesday evening the pastor, Rev. S. S. Poole, B. A., presided. The church clerk reported a net increase in membership of eight, total membership now 584.

The treasurer, W. C. Cross, reported the finances in good shape. Total receipts, including all societies in connection with the church, were $9,536.37, leaving a balance of $141.42. Two thousand dollars has been paid on mortgage fund. In all $2,871 had been raised last year for this fund, leaving a balance of $17,000 still due on mortgage.

The church accountant, F. C. Fisher, reported that the church had reached its denominational allotment of $1,800. Thank offerings reached $461.71. There are 237 regular subscribers to a weekly offerings fund.

Donaldson Hunt, Sunday school superintendent, reported a successful year with total membership of 368.

The Philathea class reported a busy year, funds amounting to $322.98, of which $50 was for missions, $50 for church extension fund, $75 sent overseas to chaplain and nursing sisters for comforts for soldiers.

The Willing Workers also had a busy year, raising in all $482.96. Christmas boxes were sent to boys overseas in connection with this church, in all seventy-two boxes, containing fruit cake, chocolates, nuts, raisins, pad and pencil, candles, socks, etc. Eight hundred and thirty-one finished pieces were contributed to the Red Cross and 102 pair of socks were sent to Soldiers' Comforts. Money raised was distributed to home and foreign missions and patriotic purposes.

The Women's Missionary Aid Society also reported a successful year. Meetings were held monthly except during the ban period. The sum of $522.76 was raised for missions. The jubilee campaign to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the maritime union and incidentally to increase membership and missionary knowledge among the people is well under way. Ten members support a child in one of the mission schools of India at a cost of $12 each, one member supports a Bible woman at a cost of $16. Officers for this year are: President, Mrs. E. M. Sipprell; 1st vice-president, Mrs. S. S. Poole; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. LeB. Vaughan; secretary, Mrs. G. W. Parker; treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Rising.

The following church officers and committees were elected:

Treasurer—W. C. Cross.

Church clerk—S. E. Fisher.

Accountant—F. C. Fisher.

Pew stewards—E. L. Rising and W. F. Nobles.

Church stewards—C. W. Brown and S. H. Davis.

Trustees for three years—W. C. Cross, D. Hunt and E. L. Rising.

Finance committee—D. Hunt, J. W. Vanwart, R. N. Dean, J. H. Marr, F. C. Fisher, Harry Magnuson, Dr. P. L. Bonnell, Gerald Parker, W. C. Cross, Kenneth Dalton, W. C. Brown, E. A. Titus, T. H. Belyea, H. C. Mott, L. W. Simms, H. W. Rising, F. A. Dykeman, S. E. Fisher, W. F. Noble, E. L. Rising.

Choir committee—Mrs. W. C. Cross, Mrs. F. E. Holman, Mrs. D. Hunt, Mrs. F. P. Vaughan, Mrs. H. G. Marr.

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