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PLAYGROUNDS.

Archdeacon Crowfoot, addressing St. George's Society, has given a new impetus to the playgrounds movement. The Archdeacon had in mind when he spoke of sport the clean amateur sport which makes for physical development, discipline, honorable conduct and good fellowship. He was not thinking of professional or semi-professional sport. He was not thinking of a little group of paid entertainers with a yelling crowd all around them, but of a community encouraging its boys and girls, its young men and young women, to take an active part in athletic games, on good playgrounds provided for their use.

A group of citizens met yesterday to discuss this subject in an informal way. They agreed that the plan of developing neighborhood playgrounds was excellent, but that there should also be a big athletic field. This is also the plan of those who are working for neighborhood grounds, and there is a thousand dollars in the city treasury that was voted last year to make a beginning of the development of the Rockwood Park area.

What, then, do we need? Engineer Hatfield has estimated that if the old creek bottom at the Rockwood Park ground were filled an expenditure of \$1,900 would make a possible field for baseball, running track and other sports on the nearer portion of that great field. If those who have been stirred by Archdeacon Crowfoot's challenge to interest themselves in this work will begin with a survey of what has been done, is being done, and is projected by those who have been sticking to the task with little or no encouragement for years, they will see that we do not need any new organizations other than the existing and projected Improvement Leagues and the existing Playgrounds Association. The latter body merely needs to be strengthened and backed up by the Improvement Leagues and the citizens and its various committees would provide all the machinery required. That it may be somebody else's baby should not prevent men and women who are in real earnest from giving it the nourishment it needs. The mayor and the commissioner of parks and playgrounds are ex-officio members of its executive, and its activities could be widened to embrace every branch of sport for boys and girls.

Two things can be done, and done now, and the Times-Star respectfully puts it up to those whose interest has been aroused to get into the game at once. Let them get Improvement Leagues going in the east, west and north ends, their first activity centred on playgrounds. Let them at the same time bring every influence to bear upon the city council to begin the improvement of a part of the Rockwood area. Let them take hold of the Playgrounds Association and make it what it ought to be—the centre and inspiration of every kind of play activity in St. John. Its present officers and members will gladly see it reorganized under new leadership to better and more fully serve the interests of healthy recreation.

Action is called for. The principle of the use and control of public playgrounds should be established at the outset. Are they to be used for professional or semi-professional sport by grown-up men—or for amateur sport only, and with regard first for the needs of the boys and girls, young men and young women? This question should be settled at the outset. The moment men and women who are really in earnest get together in a large way to solve the problem of play spaces and the development of athletic games for the young they will receive all the assistance they need. But if they merely say "Let George do it" the old conditions will continue, with now and then a spasm of virtuous indignation and another relapse into indifference. Keep the ball rolling. Let us have a real playground revival. The city council will help.

The Bolshevik movement in Germany appears to be pretty well crushed. It still raises its head in Munich, Bavaria, but that city is now surrounded by government troops and the end is not far off. Germany is greatly in favor of Bolshevism in Russia, the United States, or anywhere beyond the German borders—but not in its own territory.

The German delegates will probably all be in Versailles tomorrow. The fireworks will soon begin.

HON. MR. VENIOT

The highway programme announced in general terms by Hon. P. J. Veniot may not please the Standard, but the people of New Brunswick, who are enjoying the first fruits of a real highway policy, entered upon when the Foster government came into power, will rejoice that the policy is to be continued and enlarged. Mr. Veniot has proved himself the most active minister of public works the province has had for very many years. He began by familiarizing himself with the condition of the roads all over the province. He travelled over them and saw for himself what was needed. He could not call good roads into being by a wave of his hand, but he set himself to the task of improving them as rapidly as time and funds would permit. His staff of engineers prepared plans and these were carried out or are being carried out, and the result has been a great improvement where the roads were worst, and also a good beginning of permanent work such as may be seen in several parts of the province. The money now goes into the roads, not into the pockets of idle partisans or into the party fund. Mr. Veniot is making an honest effort to give the province better roads. The fact is realized by the people, and they have a much kinder feeling toward him than toward his critics, under whose rule the roads were permitted to run down to a disgraceful extent.

A girl of thirteen who was before the police court this morning, after spending last night in the cells, under a charge of theft from the counter of a store, left school when she was eleven and in Grade IV. At the age of thirteen she went to work, and has worked in various places during the last year, but has been idle for some time. She is now in the Children's Home pending disposal of the case. If a list of the boys and girls who are permitted to leave school at too early an age and are led or drift into evil ways were prepared it would give the smug self-complacency of this city a jolt that ought to make the doors of churches, school houses and social centres fly open as if an earthquake had struck them.

Toronto Star: The strongest argument in favor of a League of Nations is that it should tend to make impossible a clash between the white and the colored races. To us it appears to be vital that the Peace Conference find some means of placating the yellow, brown, and black races that are smarting under the brand of inferiority. The way to defeat Bolshevism is to remove injustices in the social and industrial spheres. The way to avert a suicidal clash between the white and the colored races of mankind is to remove the evidences of white arrogance before a spirit of bitterness has developed that makes co-operation impossible between the different branches of the human family.

One Italian newspaper puts the case very clearly before the people when it says: "Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnino have not definitely withdrawn from the conference, but have simply suspended their participation in its work. After the vote of the Italian parliament they may return to France to continue with new strength and better hope the interrupted diplomatic battle. Therefore, let us not talk of getting the annexation of Fiume through act of parliament. We must get Fiume by direction of the peace conference." The Italian parliament will of course endorse the action of the premier and his colleagues, but will send them back to Paris.

The South End Improvement League has a very interesting meeting in the assembly hall of King Edward school last evening. It has large plans for the welfare of the boys and girls of the South End. Its example should stimulate other sections of the city.

Toronto Globe: Toronto has already paid out \$4,422,000 of insurance on the lives of soldier residents killed in action or who died of wounds or disease. It is believed that the total death roll of Toronto soldiers will, when complete, be little short of five thousand, or one in a hundred of the population.

Only 818 people in Fredericton thought it worth while to vote on the time question, and those against daylight time had a majority of 128. They will have a merry summer at the capital trying to find out what time it is.

The fight in the commons at Ottawa over the bill to incorporate the National Railway Company is practically over, and the bill goes to its third reading.

St. John welcomes Peter Wright and his message. The British sailor and the British navy have in him a worthy champion.

Former friends in St. Paul's church of the late Rev. F. H. Howell, have presented to the church, in his memory, a handsome silver credence patten.

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11 Rue de Dublin, Bruxelles, Belgique, April 1, 1919.

To the Editor of Times-Star, St. John: Sir,—Please allow me to send through your esteemed paper the heartfelt thanks of the Belgian Protestants for the help in men, food and money which Canada has sent to Belgium since the beginning of the war. Your gallant Canadian soldiers have fought during more than four years in the mud of Flanders, the floor from your wheat fields has helped to feed our starving population, the money from your purses has helped our Red Cross and other war organizations. Even the children of your Presbyterian Sunday schools have devotedly come to the help of our children, by sending more than \$7,000 to support our Brussels Protestant orphanage. Without this providential help, reaching us from Canada through a secret Dutch agency in monthly instalments, we dare not think of the dire distress in which the dear children confined to our care would have sunk. Will every Sunday school of New Brunswick who has contributed receive the expression of our deepest gratitude.

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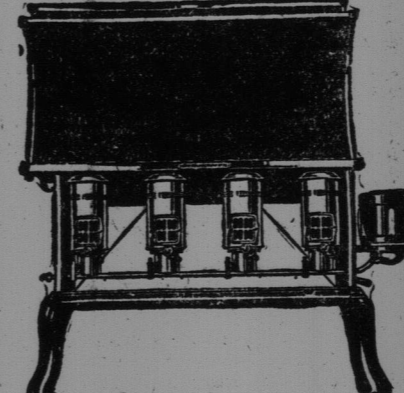
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THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF MUNICH PROCEEDING

Still Some Hope of Settling Matters by Negotiation

Berlin, April 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Gustave Noske, German minister of defence, has been appointed commander-in-chief of all the government troops to operate against Munich. Government troops have occupied the line of the Glonn river and reached north of Munich, Petershausen and Althausen and south of Olth-Oeting and Neureuting. The encirclement of the city is proceeding, but some days must elapse before a general attack begins. The government is still hopeful of settling the conflict peacefully by negotiations.

MORE AUTOS DEMANDED BY BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA

Supply Must Be Greatly Increased to Meet Demands Made

The demand for automobiles in British South African Colonies is far in excess of the supply, according to W. L. Reeder

of Johannesburg, who made the long trip from South Africa to America in quest of a distributing agency.

"There are few cities in the world more modern than Johannesburg," says Mr. Reeder, "and there are no people who are more appreciative of the advantages of the automobile than are the people of South Africa. This applies to the motor truck as well as to the motor car. The automobile has become part of our

daily life in that far-off section of the globe, as it has in the United States, Canada and Europe."

Mr. Reeder is a native of the State of Michigan, and has resided in South Africa for sixteen years.

A waiter in Delmonica's, New York, fell five stories to the sidewalk yesterday, struck and killed an aged woman and fractured his skull.



"I Do Not Know Just What Is The Matter But I Seem To Be Losing My Grip"

"WELL, I know. You have been worrying too much until you have got your nervous system all run down."

"I could not help that. I guess you would worry, too, if you had all the troubles I have had."

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"I think I will follow your advice, for judging from what you say the Nerve Food is exactly what I need."

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