

ENTERTAINMENT

(In aid of Presentation Convent Association). An Irish Afternoon of Song, Dance and Music

In the Aula Maxima, St. Bonaventure's College, ST. PATRICK'S DAY, March 17th. Admission 50c. Tickets to be had at Blue Puttee, Rawlins' Cross; from the ladies of the Association and at the door. Performance commences at 8 p.m. mar11.31.6.3.3

To-Day's Messages.

PLAN OF ACTION UNCHANGED.

LONDON, Mar. 10. The Peace Conference spent the day in trying to work out details of military and naval plans in connection with Turkey, giving particular attention to Armenia. Admiral Beatty, Winston Churchill and others were called on to give their opinions. Premier Venizelos of Greece was also present, and again insisted that the Allies should take the sternest measures against the Sultan, but the general plan of action was not changed, however. It became known to-day that the military demonstration at Constantinople is likely to take the form of Allied military control of certain governmental activities, among them being probably the war department.

IMPERIAL TRADE PREFERENCE.

LONDON, Mar. 10. Under Secretary of State Amery in the House of Commons to-day said the question of preference between the West Indies, Canada and the United Kingdom had been under consideration by the West Indian Associated Chambers of Commerce. Jamaica has not so far given any preference to Canada or to the United Kingdom.

TANGLED THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10. Peace Treaty compromise negotiations entered a period of fevered uncertainty to-day, as the time approached for final Senate action on Article X. Working desperately for an agreement, Senators on both sides of the chamber confounded the plans of their party leaders, and threw the Senate into such a tangle that it tacitly was agreed to delay the vote for several days, in the hope that all elements might be more certain of their ground.

KEPT BACK ASSISTANCE.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11. Indications that the United States Navy Department withheld sending all the available American naval craft to European waters early in the war because of a desire to keep the main body of that nation's strength intact for possible contingencies, were contained in Admiral Sims' testimony to-day before the Senate Committee investigating the naval conduct of the war. Sims read a cablegram from the Navy Department, dated July tenth, nineteen seventeen, containing an outline of the Department's policy, and declaring that "While the successful termination of the present war must always be the first Allied aim, and will probably result in diminished tension throughout the world, the future position of the United States must in

no way be jeopardized by the disintegrating of our main fighting fleet." The same cablegram, Admiral Sims said, contained this statement, "The Navy Department announces as its general plan of action following its willingness to send its minor fighting forces in any number, not incompatible with home needs, to any field of action deemed advisable by the Allied Admiralty Council, it is unwilling as a matter of policy to separate any division from the main fleet for service abroad, although it is willing to send the entire battleship fleet abroad to act as a united but co-operating unit when any emergency is deemed to warrant it." With regard to this message and statement of policy, Sims said it was "the first definite statement of policy I had received, arriving a few days over the month after we had declared war."

"The astounding features of this policy were, however, that while it stated our intention to co-operate to the fullest degree, still such co-operation was conditioned, first upon adequate defence of our own waters, and next upon the future position of the United States after the war was finished," said the Admiral. "I am wholly unable to conceive of any war policy practised in a world war of this nature, which was certain to exhaust all of the participants with the possible exception of ourselves, based upon requirements of any possible future war. I am only introducing testimony so far along as nineteen eighteen to bring out the accumulated effect of not having thrown our full weight into the war at the beginning," Admiral Sims said.

YUDENITCH FOR PARIS.

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 10. (Havas)—General Yudenitch, former commander of the Russian North-west Army, arrived here yesterday on board a torpedo boat. He is on his way to Paris.

CUSTOMS GUARD SHOOTS SMUGGLER.

NEW YORK, Mar. 10. A negro, believed to be carrying shore liquor from the steamer Morro Castle, recently arrived from Havana, was shot and slightly wounded by a customs guard on the waterfront last night. This is the first shooting in a series of disturbances over liquor smuggling.

ALL ROOBERSHINE.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Mar. 10. End Hadasy of Girard, Ohio, was robbed and murdered of three thousand dollars in a taxi cab near here Tuesday night. The driver of the taxi declared that Hadasy was out in search of moonshine whiskey, with two strangers who had volunteered to act as guides.

AERIAL MAIL FATALITY.

ELKHART, Ind., Mar. 10. Lieut. Clayton Stoner of Chicago,

Government plane mail carrier, was burned to death in his airplane, when it fell near New Paris, Ind., yesterday.

INVOLVED.

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 11. Whether joining the League of Nations is synonymous with the duty of opening up a standing army to be placed at the disposal of the League, to enforce the League's decisions, has been for a long time a burning question in Denmark and Norway. The Democratic majority against protests of the Conservatives in both countries, read the Treaty as giving members of the League full right to abolish its army and navy. Lord Robert Cecil, British representative of the League, in reply to an inquiry by the President of the Norwegian Storting, says: "I have no doubt that your reading of Article Eight of the Treaty is right. Undoubtedly it was never meant to put on any member of the League the burden and duty to keep up military forces."

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Digby left Halifax at 10 o'clock yesterday morning for this port. The John W. Miller sailed yesterday for Pernambuco, fish laden from Barr & Co.

S. S. Rosalind arrived at Halifax at 3 p.m. yesterday and leaves for New York to-day. Schooner Preceptor which loaded salt bulk at Lawn also sailed for France.

Schooner Vogue sailed to-day for Brazil with 3966 qts. codfish, shipped by Hickman & Co. Bowings Evelyn sailed to-day for Pernambuco with a load of fish. S. S. Sachem sails from Liverpool on the 13th.

From the Sealers.

The Marine & Fisheries Department received the following messages via Fogo this morning from S. S. Terra Nova.—"Crew on board all well"—KEAN. S. S. Ranger—"Men on board all well"—WINSOR.

Sweepstake Holders

Take Warning.

We are informed by the Inspector General that he will start prosecution in all breaches of the lottery law that come under his notice. Those who hold sweepstakes had better take warning.

Tichborne Trial

Anniversary.

On this date, 1874, the great Tichborne trial ended, after lasting 188 days, the claimant Arthur Orton, being found guilty of fraud and perjury.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind West, strong weather, fine, preceded by snow; the steamer Viking passed in afternoon yesterday; nothing sighted today. Bar, 29.93. Ther, 35.

MEIGLE'S PASSENGERS.

The following passengers who were on the Meigle from Lunenburg to Placentia, arrived by express yesterday afternoon:—T. F. Armstrong, P. W. Kelly, S. Lewis, A. Michael, M. Kerwin, D. C. Connolly, E. Russell, H. Willard, W. H. Parsons, S. A. Deyreux, Miss Stick, A. J. Mackenzie, Isaac and Mrs. Levitz.

M. C. I. L.—Debate to-night.

Resolved.—That a System of Education along the lines of Commercial Training would be more adaptable to the needs of our young people than the system of Higher Education now in vogue. Leaders: Messrs. L. C. Morris and T. F. Herestford.—mar11.11

NOTE OF THANKS.

The wife and mother of the late Francis Payne, beg to thank the matron staff and patients of Waterford Hall, for their kindness and help during his illness, and for their sympathy; the G.W.V.A. for their warmth, Mrs. Symonds and Miss Carter for flowers, and those who sent notes and telegrams of condolence.

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Had to Hobble.

That clever actress, Miss Stella Campbell, set the whole company laughing at a recent rehearsal at Arms and the Man over a story she told concerning a small boy who arrived at school half an hour late.

The master (said Miss Campbell) asked the reason. "It's my boots," said the youngster, hobbling towards the master's desk. "They're new 'uns."

"How on earth can a new pair of boots make you late?" objected the master, eyeing the small boy astutely.

"Well, you see, sir, mother forgot to cut the string."

Trees Which Hate Each Other.

Trees, says a well-known naturalist, are very like human beings. They have their sympathies and aversions. Most of them like company, and grow better in clumps, but many are very particular about the company they keep. When they have what they like they flourish. When they have un congenial neighbours they are stunted and often die.

If you keep your eyes open when walking in the country, you will see for yourself that these remarks are perfectly true. Observe a solitary tree standing alone in an open meadow. It is rarely so fine in size or shape as one which grows in a wood. At first sight this seems curious, for one would naturally imagine that a tree which had an unlimited supply of soil and air and light would have a better chance of prospering than another which had to share these necessities with its neighbours.

The real truth of the matter is that a young tree must be protected from the wind. If it is not it gets a set back from which it never recovers.

But it does not pay to plant a young tree near to one which is already in full growth, and especially is this the case if the older tree be a pine or a Scotch fir. The pine will simply push its roots out and absolutely strangle its younger companion.

Almost all evergreens exercise an evil effect upon the so-called deciduous tree the ones that lose their leaves in winter. The worst of the whole lot is the yew. No other plant or shrub can keep up the struggle for existence beneath the black shadow of a yew tree. Even grass and weeds will not grow in such a place.

London Bridge's Predecessor.

Probably few of the millions who pass over London Bridge know much of the romantic story of its predecessor, which spanned the Thames for six centuries and a half, with its long street of houses and shops.

This was the bridge that was a familiar spectacle to every Londoner and to every "county cousin" from the days of Henry II. before Magna Charta was yet thought of, to the days of people still living. Three times the bridge was in danger of being destroyed by fire—once in its infancy in 1212, again when the Great Fire laid London low, and lastly, seventeen years later, in 1583.

This old bridge had witnessed many strange happenings; but one of the oddest, and certainly the most romantic of them all, was when it served as a tilting-ground for two doughty knights of the fourteenth century. John de Wells, a valiant knight, who was Ambassador to Scotland, had boasted that there was no such cavalier north of the Tweed as the south coast produce, and David Lindsay, Earl of Crawford, had picked up the gauntlet the Englishman had thus thrown down. The duel was arranged for St. George's Day, 1390, and the scene of it was to be of all places in the world—London Bridge.

On the day appointed the two gallant champions, John de Wells and David Lindsay, each clad in mail, took up his position.

At the first onslaught the knights met in the centre of the bridge with a terrific; but, although their lances were splintered like matchwood, each remained immovable in his saddle.

A second course had a like result, so sturdy and so equally matched were the antagonists; but in the third course the assault of the Scottish knight was so irresistible that De Wells was fang senseless to the ground.

Such was one out of hundreds of the strange sights old London Bridge had looked on before, in 1392, it vanished altogether from a city in which it was evident it had "jagged superstitious."

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No Easy Job.

Mr. H. W. Forster, up till recently Financial Secretary to the War Office, and whose services have now been rewarded with a peerage, has a good fund of electioneering stories.

One that he is fond of relating concerns a certain Labour candidate—who, by the way, was unsuccessful—at a bye-election, who was making an impassioned appeal for the support of the electors.

"Fellow-workers," he said, "I'm a horny-handed son of toil, and not ashamed of it either. I'm a brick-layer, and here's my tools to prove it."

Here he produced with undignified emotion a trowel and a hammer, and the applause was thunderous.

"Pass 'em this way," cried a sympathiser. And the tools were accordingly passed.

"Those are the very tools, sir, with which I carved my way to prosperity," reiterated the candidate, "and I trust, now that your curiosity is satisfied, I may count on your support."

"That you may," was the enthusiastic response. "Anyone as could lay bricks with a gardener's trowel and carpenter's hammer deserves every one's support! There ain't no way as could do it."

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