

BIG INCREASE IN BIRTHRATE SEEN IN FRANCE

Rush of American Tourists Taxes Paris Accommodation—Even the Ex-President Had Trouble in Finding a Home.

MARSHAL FOCH NOW MEMBER OF ACADEMY

Church Leaders Forget Doctrinal Differences and Unite in Effort to Fight the Growing Craze for Social Gaieties.

(Special Cable to The St. John Standard.)

Paris, March 15.—It is as difficult to find accommodation in Paris, and when the announced influx of American tourists began to flock in from here and there, it will be if possible, even more difficult. Already inquiries have been made and accommodation in hotels, boarding houses and such like have been requisitioned, (and incidentally people unable to afford the higher prices offered have been given notice) for these overseas visitors.

Even the President of the Republic found himself a victim of this appalling scarcity when it became necessary to secure accommodation for himself and Madame Poincaré in anticipation of their having to visit the Elysee. After trying vainly to find a suitable home to let, M. Poincaré was obliged to buy one. As it happens this house is situated at Passy, and is built on the site formerly occupied by the house of the famous journalist, Henri Rochefort.

M. Maurice Barres was the spokesman at the recent celebrations held at the grave of Paul Desrozière, the great Frenchman, on the occasion of the anniversary of his death. Barres is now president of the Ligue Des Patriotes, a position held by Desrozière during his life-time. He is a strong advocate of the occupation of the Rhineland, and is so made one of his rare but always effective speeches in the Chamber in the near future on this important subject.

The church is very active in France these times, both in matters political and social. In the matter of modern dances, priests and clergymen forgot their differences in views in order to combat the growing craze for "fox trot," "one step" and "tango." One young devotee of these gentle arts asked a bishop why the church should be so adverse to dancing, seeing that David danced before the Ark, "Ay," replied the bishop, "but David danced alone."

M. Sabatier, a Protestant minister who happens to be one of the three new deputies who have stated their intention of working for France in respect of party politics, stood up recently in the Chamber and asked that France be represented at the Vatican for purely practical, common sense reasons. It is extremely probable that his request will be considered; the movement in favor of a return to the old tradition was started months ago, and religious Abolition especially could not understand very well why she should now further removed from home than when she was under the German rule.

Marshal Foch, dressed in the uniform of the French Academy, (which by the way now costs the little sum of 4000 francs) was solemnly admitted into the august assembly on Feb. 5. He occupies the 12th aim, chair, that which the illustrious Marshal Villiers occupied in the days of Louis XIV. Foch, contrary to usage, spoke very little of his immediate predecessor, the Marquis de Vogüé but explained in his brief manner his opinion of the three battles fought by Villiers and related by Vogüé in one of his books.

The speaker who extended a welcome to him was no less a person than M. Poincaré himself, and Foch with the graciousness and simplicity of the great man, paid a loving tribute to the memory of the Poltu, by relating an incident in the Battle of Denain in 1712, when the poltu's of that date saved France, with the same spirit as the poltu's of 1914-1918 saved France at Verdun and elsewhere. The men on this occasion had been given bread after having fasted for two days, but they threw away their bread as soon as the order to march forward was given in order to be less hampered for the coming encounter with the enemy.

A more encouraging feature is the increase in the birth-rate, a phenomenon that invariably follows on the heels of a war. Owing to the extreme difficulty of finding a home these days, and also owing to the increased cost of every commodity, mothers have sought medical advice at public dispensaries or asked for admission to the hospitals in totally unexpected proportions. The number of consultations and admissions has been increased by 50 per cent. since 1918.

BRAZILIAN TRACTION LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Will, it is Confidently Expected, Declare Dividend of One Per Cent Per Quarter.

Montreal, March 15.—In Ottawa, close to the Company, a dividend on Brazilian Traction Light and Power during 1920 is considered assured. Whether the declaration will be made in April or reported recently on these balances might be the case, or at the next quarterly meeting, seems now to be practically the only point at issue. Apparently some of the directors question the advisability of an immediate declaration, but are of the opinion that the matter should not be delayed beyond mid-Summer.

The action of the market regarding the stock of the company has been very good to confirm the view that the declaration will be made in April. The initial declaration, it is stated, will be at the rate of 1 per cent per quarter. The company is in splendid shape and is one of the few traction concerns which has shown a consistent increase in net earnings during the recent years of high operating expenses. The company has materially reap substantial advantages during the period in which dividends have been suspended because of the heavy cost of converting millwheels into steam and gas engines.

EXCESSIVE RAINFALL

The excessive rainfall of Saturday last has only once been exceeded. As shown by the Meteorological Observatory records for October, 1900, on the 9th of that month 1.20 inches fell, on the 10th 1.33 inches, and on the 11th 4.06 inches, making a total for the three of 6.59 inches.

Most of the neck lines are high in the back, forming a deep V in front. So far this season afternoon frocks of the best made in georgette, chiffon cloth and other airy materials are in medium tones, such as soft gray, tan, Old Blue and Burgundy. Later it is predicted, lighter tones will be popular.

The Young Women's Christian Assn.

Reports of Activities Received at Regular Meeting Held Yesterday — Delegates to Local Council Were Chosen

Reports of the activities of the Young Women's Christian Association given at the regular meeting of the board of directors at the King street building yesterday afternoon showed that in all departments the work is increasing.

Mrs. John A. McAvity, president, was in the chair and the devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, who read some extracts from the works of Phillips Brooks. For the campaign fund, the treasurer, Mrs. T. H. Somerville, reported that subscriptions to the amount of \$3,664.46 had been secured. This was a personal, quietly conducted canvass from which it was hoped to arouse enough interest in the splendid work of the association so that a sum of \$10,000 might be contributed.

Miss K. Matheson reported that there are 483 pupils in the "Gym" classes at the Recreational centre, and 945 girls have been entertained during the month on various occasions. The house on King street has been filled with the exception of seven beds Mrs. Hardie reported for the home committee. She told of a wedding of a member of the Cafeteria staff and of the illness of a number of the girls who were taken care of at the Y. W. C. A. Miss Austin stated that 160 meals had been served at the Travellers' Aid and 169 beds occupied.

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Mrs. J. D. Hunter of the membership committee, said that 30 new members have joined and a basketball team has been organized. She told of the Shamrock Tea to be held by the Girls' Cabinet, remarking that it showed the appreciation of the work accomplished at the recreational centre for the C. O. F. T. club.

The matter of providing a luncheon for the National Council of Women at their annual meeting in June came up for discussion and it was decided to co-operate with another society to give luncheon one day of the meetings. The following delegates to the Local Council were chosen: Mrs. John A. McAvity, Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, Mrs. Crutkbank, Mrs. T. H. Somerville, Mrs. J. F. Robertson, Mrs. R. A. Jamieson.

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