

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEETS IN JUNE AT WINNIPEG

Rev. Dr. Baird, of Manitoba College, Likely New Moderator.
CHURCH UNION TO BE DISCUSSED
New Hymn Book for Church Ready Probably Next Year.

Winnipeg, May 16—Rev. Dr. Somerville, agent of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, reports all arrangements completed for the annual meeting of the General Assembly next month which is again to be held in Winnipeg. The first business when the delegates are seated will be the election of a new moderator. It is generally believed that only one name will go before the assembly, that of Rev. A. B. Baird of Winnipeg, principal of Manitoba College. Dr. Baird has been in the west thirty-five years. He was the first minister of the church in Edmonton, having gone to that settlement when it was far removed from railway connection and a mere trading post on the Saskatchewan. He is a graduate of Knox College, the next man in line for the honor is Dr. John Neil of Westminster church Toronto. There is a possibility that the opponents to church union may put up Rev. Dr. MacLeod of Barrie, Ont., but it is generally conceded that Dr. Baird will have a vast majority of the delegates at his back.

CHURCH UNION.
 The topic which will absorb the thought of the coming assembly to the practical exclusion of all others, so far as popular interest is concerned, will be that of church union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches. It is well understood in church circles that the Winnipeg meeting will be historic in this connection. The decision of the assembly will probably be that the union must be consummated, and that after the war is over, any congregation can take a vote, and if the majority decide that they do not want to go into the union, they can remain out, retaining all their property.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS.
 The assembly will follow in its general program in Winnipeg its time-honored practice and give up the second evening of the meeting to the discussion of its home mission work, and its third evening to the subject of foreign missions. In spite of the fact that both these enterprises have been going forward as usual.

NEW HYMN BOOK.
 The committee dealing with the new book of praise which the Presbyterians intend to issue at an early date, has been in session in Toronto. One of the most valued members of this committee is the Rev. Dr. Hamilton of Keewatin, well-known in Western Canada, especially in Winnipeg. Dr. Hamilton has been at work with his committee for a number of years, and has contributed largely to the success of the work. The new book will probably be published in 1917.

MONTREAL NEXT.
 The east has already been discussing where the meeting of 1917 will

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 German George Washington: "Me? I didn't do it: it must have been the cat."—Bystander, London.

MANY ARTICLES ARE PROHIBITED ENTRY TO FRANCE

Idea is to Obtain More Space in Incoming Vessels.
MOTORS ARE HIT AGAIN
Chassis and Automobile Parts Are Proscribed.

Paris, May 17—In accordance with a recent law, the government has just prohibited the importation of a long list of articles, many of which come from the United States and England. The representatives in Paris of American business firms to-day eagerly studied the official decree designating merchandise, the entry of which has been stopped, and were struck by its far-reaching effect.

The decree contains a clause authorizing the minister of commerce and agriculture to make exceptions and to permit under conditions to be determined by the minister of finance the importation of particular articles. No official explanation accompanied the decree, but it was said it undoubtedly had been put into effect with a view to procuring more space in vessels coming to French ports for such supplies as the government has absolute need.

The question of exchange and of the effect the decree would have on the lowering of the monetary rate were also mentioned as reasons for the new condition of affairs.

Among the importations prohibited in the decree are automobile chassis, with or without motor or body; automobile coach work and other automobile parts; parts of photographic apparatus, fresh and preserved fruits; perfume and soap or other perfumed articles; porcelain, glass, crystal ware, crockery, cotton, hosiery, gloves, undressed skins, imitation jewelry and musical instruments. A detailed list of the prohibited articles covers two pages in The Official Journal.

Famous Indian Runner
 Toronto, May 17—Tom Longboat, the famous Indian athlete, was arrested last night on a serious charge, preferred by Carie Thompson, a waitress in the London Cafe, at the corner of John and Queen Streets.

The American government is preparing to protest to Great Britain against its policy of refusing to allow the shipment of hospital supplies by the American Red Cross to Germany and her allies.

HAVE PURE BLOOD
 Hood's Sarsaparilla Makes Rich, Red Blood.

Boy Knight Notes

There was a good turnout of Boy Knights on Friday evening with the usual results.
 On Monday evening, May 22, the Boy Knights will gather at their armory to bid good-bye to their leader, Lieut. Hunt. All the boys are earnestly requested to be present, and a cordial invitation is also given to interested friends of the Movement.

PRINCIPLE IS GOOD, BUT CAN NOT BE PRACTISED
Armistice After Battle Not a Proposal Possible to be Adopted.

Geneva, via Paris, May 17.—The bulletin of the International Red Cross, which has just appeared, gives the answers of the various governments to the proposal of Gustave Ador, executive head of the Red Cross, requesting several hours armistice after every engagement to permit the removal of the wounded and the identification of the dead.

Alpine Club.
 Montreal, May 17—Although many of its members are at the front, the Alpine club of Canada will hold its annual camp from July 13th to July 31st in the Bow valley at the foot of the massive range about twelve miles west of Banff in the Canadian Pacific Rockies.

Italy Cuts Down
Rome Takes Steps to Stop Importation of Bulky Luxuries.
 Rome, via Paris, May 17.—The cabinet issued orders to-day prohibiting the importation of luxuries and bulky articles which are not of prime necessity, such as pianos and furniture. This step has been taken to remedy the difficulty of securing freightage for government supplies and such common articles of food as it is necessary to import.

The government is also considering establishing maximum prices for provisions and making a more extended use of female labor. Other measures to improve the economic and industrial situation arising from the war are being planned.

PREOCCUPIED.
 Following the appalling losses of the Germans in their attacks on Verdun comes news from Germany that their financial resources are being rapidly exhausted.
 How long can it last?—Reynolds, London.

HOHENZOLLERN "WHITE LADY" SCARES KAISER

Always Seen Just Before Calamity Visits His Family.

Kaiser Wilhelm may fear no man on earth, but at the very mention of one woman's name it is said his cheeks blush.

CLOTHED IN WHITE
 On the latter occasion it is said the intruder, challenged by a sentry, walked up to him with such fierce eyes and such a menacing aspect that he uttered a piercing shriek and fell unconscious.

GHOST FORETOLD A SHIP-WRECK.
 But the most attractive or the least unattractive—of them all is the White Lady who, for centuries, has foreshadowed calamity to the Hapsburgs.

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LITTLE RESOLVE

GUNS

Yet in Spite of a Stuck Resolve—Many Individuals Daring Record Witness.

Ottawa, Ont., May 17.—The final official report on last week's operations at the front was received by the Militia Department yesterday from the Canadian eye-witnesses. Day after day, night after night, the Canadian front guns thumped, boom, their menacing rumble swelling in gradual crescendo roar of the bombardment, now swelling in volume to an intense growl. There is little rest or seven in the rearward areas. Oft labor of weeks is undone in a moment, fortifications crumble, apertures collapse, buildings, machine sweep roads and approaches at intervals and from points of vantage keen-eyed snipers watch for the unwary.

TOLL IS HEAVY.
 Under these conditions men to live, hold the line, dig entrenchments, erect entanglements, carry the food and ammunition and give relief. For both sides it is approximately the same, and even in a devoid of outstanding features the active siege warfare is heavy. In succession an exceptionally intense bombardment directed by the enemy's artillery mortar batteries against the defense of an Ontario brigade and the age of a British Columbia battalion. Some of our trenches were badly aged and in places advanced were temporarily isolated, owing to communications being blocked.

HELD THEIR POSITIONS
 In spite of the terrific fire and casualties our men everywhere on to their positions with the greatest steadiness. When the fire vally died down the damage quickly repaired. The retaining cur artillery to hostile bombardments was at all times prompt and effective. German parapets were breached, strongholds destroyed and fortifications heavily pounded. Lumber and sandbags were thrown into the air. At several points the lines of the enemy were observed to escape from the trenches in order to escape our hail of shells.

AVIATORS WORK.
 German aviators were less aggressive than for many weeks past. Now and again they crossed our lines, dropping bombs and directed the fire of their artillery, but on the approach of our planes retreated rapidly to their own territory.

CLEVER WORK.
 Lt. S. J. Matheson, Royal Highlanders of Canada, led a small patrol to the German wire and moved along it made a use of reconnaissance. On the same night a patrol of a western Canada brigade entered a sap leading to the enemy's lines. Advancing up the sap for ninety yards our patrol came across the bodies of five Germans and brought in articles for identification purposes.

SCOUTS OF A BRITISH COLUMBIA BATTALION RECONNOITERED AN ENEMY'S POSITION. While engaged on this duty they detected a large hostile working party. Word was taken back to the lines and the enemy was scattered by our machine gun fire.
CARRIED BACK MINE.
 About the same time a patrol of

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