

DEBBIES ARE ALWAYS EAGER TO BE PRESENTED AT COURT

London, Jan. 20—Hurry up with your applications, debbies, if you want to be presented at this year's royal courts at Buckingham Palace.

The list is now open and, judging from the frenzied activity of the Lord Chamberlain's department, soon will be closed. Applications have been received from all over the world, and this year's courts promise to be more cosmopolitan than ever before. The American applications already exceed those of last year by 20 per cent. So hurry.

In addition to the three royal courts at Buckingham Palace, it is probable that King George and Queen Mary will hold one court at Holyrood Palace, Scotland later in the season.

The regulations regarding dress have not yet been issued, but it is expected that the question of coiffures will again be tacitly ignored, and the Eton crop may even be seen at court this year.

Mystery in Princess' Visit

Princess Astrid of Sweden, probably the most lovely princess in Europe is to pay a prolonged visit to Buckingham Palace next month. But London is still wondering over her secret visit of a few weeks ago, when she stayed incognito at Claridge's for a short time, and her visits to the Palace, not recorded in any way.

This incognito visit to London and the decision to invite her officially to Buckingham Palace for a long stay gives strength to the rumors concerning Wale's matrimonial future with a Scandinavian princess.

Princess Astrid is just 20. She is described as an extremely charming personality, skilled in many sports, an accomplished dancer and very fond of outdoor and country life. Early last year she took a four months' course at Stockholm in nursing and domestic work.

In September last it was reported that she had become engaged to the handsome Prince Olav of Norway, but the statement was promptly denied—with suspicious promptitude, malicious tongues say.

Why Forget Your Friends?

Dogs are getting interested in the weddings of the two-legged tribe, I'd have you know. If you're a fashionable bridegroom, and you haven't a dog to take to the ceremony, the best thing you can do is buy one—else your fashionable wedding is not complete.

Dogs have been not the least important guests at several fashionable weddings recently, the latest being that of Captain Robin Grosvenor and the society bud, Miss Ella Wignall. But still, dogs seem more or less inevitable at the weddings of the Grosvenor family. Lady Ursula Grosvenor's Irish terrier was a front-row spectator at her marriage last year to Captain Filmer-Sankey, and afterwards at the reception at the Savoy.

Who's going to be the first to take a cat?

"Mrs. Stan," as the irreverent and immodest call Premier Stanley Baldwin's wife, has changed her dress-maker, or better let us say "dress designer," for the storm is centered in Bond street.

The poor man sold a frock almost a duplicate to one of Mrs. Baldwin's to a visiting royalty who was expected to depart that week—but she didn't. And Mrs. Baldwin saw the frock.

No, it wasn't the incognito Princess.

Keep Engagement Quiet

One way and another, secrecy seems to be the new order in London. It is even possible in the future that engagements will not be announced publicly until about a month before the wedding, and when all arrangements have been completed for the ceremony.

There have been a number of broken engagements recently, and society mothers regard these happenings as liable to prejudice their daughters' future matrimonial adventures. Hence the engagement period is being considered quite a private affair.

Somebody in London, tired of washing mud splashes out of three pairs of silk stockings a day, decided to wear Russian boots. They became a craze.

GOOD PROSPECTS AHEAD OF THE DOMINION

Canada is entering upon a new year with possibly the best prospects she has ever had. For some reason or other, whether it has been of our own making or that nature has been particularly kind to us, says the Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior, we have just passed through a year of good crops, our mining industry has been busy, our forest resources have been actively developed and our manufacturing plants have gradually increased production. In fact, the possibilities seem to be about all we could desire, and there is only one question to be answered. "Are we prepared to make the most of our opportunities?"

If we sit down and limit the range of our vision to our immediate vicinity we may not see the bright outlook, while if we wish to be pessimists we can certainly find an excuse for being so, but we would have difficulty in finding a bona fide reason for any feeling of depression. Canada's clouds, the result of post-war conditions, are rapidly clearing away, and from the silver lining is shining forth a brightness that bids fair to place Canada upon the crest of the wave of prosperity in the coming year.

Let's see—what is it a cold bath, bragart lies about in the summer?

Somebody else is now tired of washing mud splashes out of three pairs of stockings a day—and also of wearing Russian boots.

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It sounds somewhat cold—but they may become a craze.

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PASTOR BARRED FROM PULPIT PREACHES FROM CHURCH STEPS, WITH POLICE TO KEEP ORDER

(Toronto Globe.)

Trouble between two congregational groups in the Ossington Avenue Baptist Church reached a climax yesterday.

Last Wednesday night, at a congregation meeting, members ruled, by a vote of 106 to 61, that Rev. G. W. Allen must vacate his pulpit because of his support of Rev. Dr. T. T. Shields, pastor of Jarvis Street Baptist Church in the latter's controversy with Professor Marshall of McMaster University.

Yesterday morning Mr. Allen entered the church as usual and opened the service. Immediately members of the congregation jumped up protesting, declaring that he had no right there. One of the deacons stepped before the assemblage and queried: "Do you think this man should preach?" "Yes!" shouted one group. "No!" shouted the other. Mr. Allen opened his Bible and commenced a Scripture reading.

Some Leave the Church.

In the midst of it members of the congregation got up and left the church. One hundred and thirty-five of Mr. Allen's supporters remained throughout the service.

As soon as the service was over Trustees took action. The church doors were closed. Boards were nailed across them. Signs were put up announcing: "Services for Today Cancelled." "No Sunday School, Due to Unforeseen and Uncalled-for Circumstances." These were signed: "Board of Trustees."

Throughout the day several of Mr. Allen's friends remained in the church, as if to hold it for further services. But barred doors opened to no more of his supporters.

All through the day groups of people stood about the church discussing the situation. Finally two police constables were stationed near the edifice.

Shortly before 7 o'clock Mr. Allen went to the church for the evening service. So did a hundred of his followers. And so did Inspector Miller, plainclothesmen and four uniformed constables from the Ossington Avenue Police Station.

Preaches From the Steps.

Mr. Allen sought a side entrance to the church, but was refused admission. Finally, on a little square formed by the walls of the church building and a Bloor Street residence, the minister and his supporters gathered and there he conducted his evening service.

He preached from the church steps. Behind him the barred doors. Alongside of him the Police Inspector and his men.

Members of the congregation who opposed his preaching in the church joined the group. Passers-by were attracted, until finally three hundred people heard his words.

"They'll be sorry to lose us if we walk out," he declared. "Who is going to face the \$40,000 debt? It's easy for people to put up their hands to vote, but they are not so likely to stick their hands down in their pockets for the dollars."

"Amen! Amen!" shouted several of his followers.

"Shame! Shame!" cried two elderly ladies.

"There are lots of people I neither trust in my sight nor out of my sight," Mr. Allen continued. "But we have friends." He continued to say that the Advent Christian Church had offered its building for his meetings.

Another Day Coming.

"Remember," he declared, "another day is coming. Here tonight three men have closed the doors of this church against 404. But there is another day, and then we shall see."

Nearing the conclusion of his service he asked his hearers to sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." In a clear, strong voice he led them: "Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?"

Then his followers sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." In conclusion, he prayed: "Oh God, enable us to keep sweet through all these things."

Mr. Allen believes that the vote last Wednesday cannot force his resignation. He has taken legal advice, and last night showed The Globe a letter in the matter from Thomas Urquhart of Urquhart, Urquhart & Smith. He stated that Mr. Urquhart had considered the fact that only 167 members of the 404 in the congregation had voted. Mr. Urquhart's letter states that apparently the church is without a constitution, and that the situation must be judged by precedent.

He believes that when a congregational meeting is to deal with the matter of asking the pastor to resign, notice that this will come up must be

received by all members of the congregation. He states that apparently the members attending the meeting last Wednesday had not received such notices.

In conclusion, he tells Mr. Allen: "I am of the opinion the resolution was null and void; that you are still the pastor, and entitled as such to take charge of the services and perform all the necessary acts in connection with the pastorate of the church. I may say that I am satisfied that if application were made to the courts they would declare the resolution null and void."

The Minister's Version.

Speaking of the day's happenings, Mr. Allen told The Globe that, while on other occasions he had met members of the choir in the vestry before the service and so came from a rear room to mount to the pulpit, yesterday he entered the building by a front entrance and went directly to face the congregation.

"We usually open with a song service," said he. "I opened as usual. But then the heckling started. There was considerable heckling all through the service until fifty members walked out in the midst of the Scripture reading. We took up the collection and it was placed at the front of the church. And then the Treasurer came in and took away the money. It shows they want our dollars anyway. As far as my people were concerned they were very orderly."

Last night Trustees of the church met for a further meeting to consider the situation. At its conclusion A. H. Read told The Globe that they had no statement to make in the matter.

It is expected that the question of trouble in the church will be thrashed out next Wednesday evening, when a further congregational meeting is to be held there. The meeting last Wednesday adjourned to resume in a week's time.

Rev. Dr. Shields's Comment.

Commenting on the situation, Dr. T. T. Shields of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church told The Globe: "It is my opinion that every member of the Ossington Avenue Church who has a spark of divine grace in his heart will be present on Wednesday night to rally to the support of the pastor."

Speaking of the boards nailed across the church doors yesterday, Dr. Shields declared: "It was with hammer and nails that they put Christ on the cross. No hammer and nails can lock up the doors when God wants to open them."

"While I regret the action of the members who opposed the pastor, I rejoice in Mr. Allen's testimony," said he. "Then, here is another side: At our meeting on Thursday evening one of the speakers was a student pastor of the Fairbank church, Rev. M. Fieldus. His deacons have met and praised and endorsed his stand."

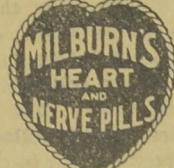
DARTMOUTH TEAM BEATEN BY CRESCENTS

Halifax, Jan. 19—Crescents defeated the newly organized Dartmouth hockey team 7 to 6 in a City League fixture played here tonight. It was their first meeting since the reorganization of the City League, following the confusion caused by Dartmouth's starting the season with Halifax players in violation of the M. P. B. A. A. U. of C. residence clause.

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FRANCE, ITALY ARE HIT BY VERY COLD WEATHER

Paris, Jan. 20—Both France and Italy are suffering from severe cold waves. Central and northern Italy, and southward as far as Naples, are blanketed with snow. In France the mercury dropped abruptly from 60 deg. Fahrenheit to zero and below to some points. Snow also is falling at various places.

Where last week floods were raging the water has been converted into frozen swamps over which is howling a bitter easterly gale. The lowest temperature recorded is at Briançon where 5 deg. below zero was registered. The thermometer this morning stood only just above zero in Touraine and Burgundy. Central France and even the sunny south are affected from Perpignan to Mentone.

Crash at Sea.

A heavy fall of snow is ravaging the flower raising countries around Nice and Cannes, doing damage estimated at millions of francs. At Toulouse the snow is a foot deep. There are also white mantles at Bordeaux, Montpellier, Avignon and other cities where snow has not been seen once in 10 years.

Violent storms are raging in the Mediterranean which are playing havoc to shipping. Much damage also is being done by the gales to shipping and ports on the west coasts. The British torpedo boat destroyer Wolfhound collided with the small coastal sailing vessel Miarka, which was cut in two and sank. Her crew of six men were landed at Brest by the destroyer. The second officer in command of the destroyer was swept overboard by a huge sea while directing the rescue work and perished.

Snow in Italy.

Several inches of snow fell in Milan, Turin and Trieste, Italy, while there was considerable precipitation at Florence and other Tuscan cities. Naples, the warm southern tourist centre, also was visited. There are heavy snows in the Italian Alps, the Apennines and in Abruzzi.

ADMIRER OF POSTER GIRL ARRESTED

New York, Jan. 20—The funeral march of an unflinching love with the tinkling of coins in a subway change booth for a dime and two city detectives as "pallbearers," shattered the dreams of a great romance for Rudolph Raymond.

Rudolph stood before Magistrate McKinry and unfolded a tale of love over two years old, which had carried him across the seas from Rome seeking his ideal, and in front of the subway booth he found "her" and the romance was ended.

It started with a Red Cross poster, displayed in the window of an Italian shop in Rome over two years ago. Rudolph saw the poster and loved the woman it pictured.

He sought the artist and found the girl who had posed was a French miss who had lived in Italy, but following the completion of the poster moved to the United States.

Undaunted by this announcement, Rudolph set sail and came to New York. Again a show window played the hand of fate, and again it was a picture, and stranger still, it was, he thought, a picture of the same young woman.

Careful inquiry led to the revelation of the name of this woman in the New York photographer's window. It was Helen Lewis, and Rudolph found she lived in the Bronx. The telephone was then brought into service and the infatuated swain called often.

She would meet him, she finally told him over the telephone, and Rudolph prepared for the great event of his life and the reward of his tireless search. She would meet him in the subway and the date was made.

The reception was not the success anticipated by Rudolph, for while the woman was there, she was not alone. Two city detectives had accompanied her, and they arrested Rudolph and took him to the lockup, his love untold, and he was charged with disorderly conduct.

The girl's full name is Mrs. Helen Lewis and, with her husband and 11-year-old daughter, she lives at 798 Burke avenue, the Bronx.

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Woman—"Any, your honor, as long as he isn't allowed on them."

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