

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

The Right Honourable the Countess Ashburnham entertained at dinner on Saturday night at her home Ashburnham Place in honor of Mrs. J. Mac O'Brien of Nelson and Miss Muriel Crocket daughter of Honourable Mr. Justice Crocket and Mrs. Crocket of Ottawa.

With the color scheme in green and red in keeping with the festive season, the appointments of the dining room were a work of art. The table was centred with a Christmas floral piece in the form of twigs on which rested small birds, in red and white. A single candelabrum on each side of the table bore red and green tapers, short silver sticks holding red tapers being placed at each end of the table. Hanging down from each taper and falling down on the candle sticks could be seen a small poinsettia. The favors were small vases containing maiden hair fern and Jerusalem cherries, the whole surmounted with a white dove bearing the place cards. The finger bowls also were in harmony with the color scheme, as was the dome over the table. On the mantel piece were placed ferns and Christmas cherries.

Covers were laid for ten, those sitting down to dinner being the Countess Ashburnham, Mrs. J. Mac O'Brien, Miss Muriel Crocket, Mrs. A. J. Gregory, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Crocket, Miss Molly Barry and Miss Minnie Crocket.

Miss Margaret Jones, daughter of Dr. C. C. Jones Chancellor of the University and Mrs. Jones leaves today for Toronto. Miss Jones who has been spending the Christmas holidays at her home here will resume her studies on the staff of Branksome Hall, Toronto.

Mrs. A. Pierce Crocket entertained charmingly at a not-out bridge and tea on Saturday afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Muriel Crocket, of Ottawa. Two tables were in play, the prizes being won by Miss Crocket and Miss Barbara Douglass. Those present were the Misses Muriel Crocket, Mary Barker, Barbara Douglass, Mary Holmes, Christine Holmes, Margaret Rainsford, Nancy MacCunn and Mary Neville.

Mrs. Gerow, wife of Dr. A. L. Gerow is entertaining at the tea-hour this afternoon.

Miss Louise Sterling entertained at a supper party on Saturday in honor of Mrs. W. D. Gunter of Parrsboro, N. S. who is visiting in the city.

NOTICE of MEETING

MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

The Annual Session of the County Council of the Municipality of York will convene at the Council Chamber, County Court House, Fredericton, on TUESDAY, the EIGHTH day of JANUARY, 1935, at Two o'clock p.m.

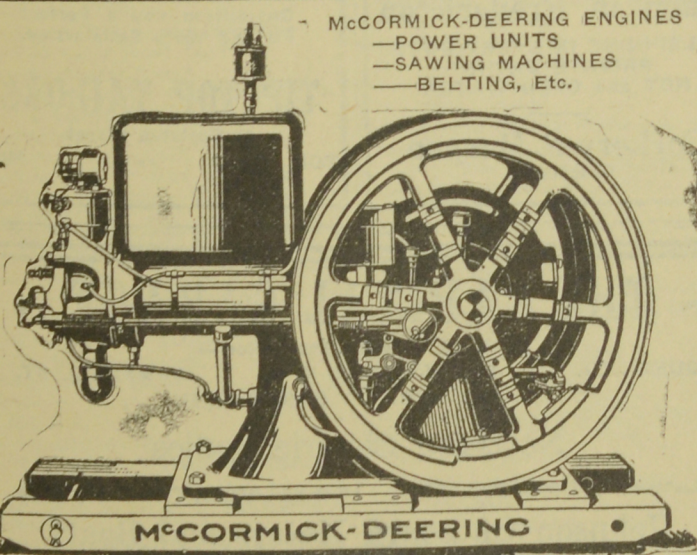
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PERSONAL

Hanford Fowler, principle of the school at McAdam, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fowler, returned to McAdam this morning.

Miss Myra Crocker, who is on the teaching staff at Branksome Hall, Toronto, leaves tonight to resume her duties in that city.

The Misses Mary and Helen Neill, students at McGill University, who have been spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neill, returned to Montreal on Saturday to resume their studies. Miss Dorothy Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer, who has also been spending the holidays here, has returned to Montreal, where she is taking a secretarial course.

Miss Edith MacRae, of the staff of the Fredericton High School, arrived today from Montreal, where she spent the Christmas holidays.

CUPID PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART

LONDON, Jan. 7.—As a result of the high marriage rate in London's force of women police there is a tendency in some quarters to regard the police "beat" as a short cut to the altar. At any rate, Cupid is on the black list at Scotland Yard because of the shortage of women cops.

When women were first employed as police here there were citizens of the metropolis ungracious enough to suggest that preference seemed to have been shown for angular amazons, although it was admitted that rumors had been heard that pulchritude had also been a factor in the choice of a certain proportion of the force.

But even the most critical Londoner would admit nowadays that there are good lookers in police uniform, and one cop recently appointed in the provincial town of Walsall received such wholesale testimony as to her comely appearance that "The Police-woman's Review" has called a halt to "sentimental gush" about those of their sex who are minions of the law. As this publication says: "To offer any remark on her appearance beyond her usual qualifications of height, age, etc., is to bring into being in the minds of the general public an entirely false impression of her capacity and usefulness."

In the view of many persons there is no more justification for withholding praise of the handsome woman cop than there is for the masculine cop. Several of the London women police have been stunners when they have discarded their uniforms for evening frocks and aided "The Yard" sleuths to obtain evidence at fashionable night clubs of infractions of the legal drinking hours. For such work, of course, the policewoman more brawny than beautiful is not chosen.

The normal complement of the women's force is 55, although efforts have been made by women's organizations to have the number greatly increased. At the outset the woman cop receives from \$18 to \$20 a week. The candidates chosen have first to undergo a course of ten weeks' training at the Police School. During the schooling period they are paid \$10 a week and have to make their own arrangements for board and lodging, for which an additional \$1.50 is allowed them.

While women police officers have the same powers of arrest as the policemen they are not expected to undertake any duty for which they are not fitted.

Upholds Validity Of the Marriage

Quebec, Jan. 7.—Justice G. F. Gibson yesterday upheld the validity of the marriage of Rabbi S. Eliasoff, which had been contested in the courts on the ground that the rabbi performed his own marriage ceremony.

Justice Gibson found no opposition to the ceremony, according to rites and regulations of the Jewish faith. In recognizing the validity of the marriage, he ordered that it be entered with the registrar of civil status of the Jewish community. He found that failure to register the marriage at the time it was contracted was due to an oversight.

S.S. HAVANA ON FLORIDA COAST, ALL ARE SAVED

But One Man Died in a Lifeboat--Master Stood By His Ship.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 7.—Rescue ships last night sped to shore all the passengers and 43 members of the crew of the Ward liner Havana which went aground Sunday on dangerous Mantanilla Reef, 60 miles off the Florida coast.

Re-check of persons taken aboard the steamships El Oceano and Peten from lifeboats accounted for the passenger list of 51 after earlier reports indicated two were missing. Robert Rittenhouse of Brooklyn, N. B., a passenger, died of apoplexy in a lifeboat. Of the crew of 127 men, 83 remained on the Havana which still was stuck fast but in no immediate danger. Coast Guard craft were standing by.

El Oceano, Galveston bound, was turned in for Miami harbor to discharge 30 members of the Havana crew. The Peten was due in Havana, Cuba, tomorrow morning with 21 passengers and 13 crew members.

Captain A. W. Peterson messaged the Coast Guard base that "all is well" aboard the Havana. It is waiting for a wrecking tug to assist it off the coral reef.

The Havana was southbound to Havana, Cuba, when it ran onto the reef. It went aground on Manzanilla Shoal about 4.30 a.m., but did not send out S.O.S. until 7.03 a.m. The first report told the grounding and asked the Coast Guard to stand by. The second said the ship was "pounding badly" and asked for immediate help.

The Coast Guard seaplane, three Coast Guard boats and four steamships immediately sped to the scene. The El Oceano was the first to arrive, but was followed within a short time by the seaplane. Before rescue operations could be started the steamer Peten arrived.

The tugs Carrabasset and Warbler will attempt salvage operations, the Coast Guard was advised, but reports from the Havana indicated the ship may be badly damaged.

Upholding the traditions of the sea, the Havana's master refused to desert his leaking, sea-battered craft.

The weather which had been thick during the tense hours preceding the passengers' rescue, was clearing and no immediate fears were felt for the stranded vessel or her remaining crew.

"Weather moderating, resting easy," The rescue of the passengers, routed out of their cabins when the Havana jarred against Manzanilla shoals, was effected in rolling seas.

SOME QUEBEC BEARS SLEEPLESS IN THE WINTER

Hunters Are Menaced By Mother and Cubs

Roberval, Que., Jan. 7.—The fact that all bears do not suffer from sleeping sickness in the winter time is attested by three residents of this town, Ernest Leclerc, his son, and Alcide Crousette, who had to do battle with a quartette of bruins on a bush road near Lac Edmond.

The Roberval men were on their way to hunt on the lake when a mother bear and three youngsters raced toward them out of the woods. Apparently hungry, the animals approached menacingly, but a bullet in the head brought the bigger bear down.

Undeterred, the cubs began circling the three men and became so threatening that they too had to be killed. The four dead animals were brought into town by the hunters.

Kitchener Likely Choice For Plant

Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 7.—The \$100,000 experimental plant forecast in Toronto by T. Stewart Lyon, chairman of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, may be built in Kitchener, N. Asmussen, M.L.A. for North Waterloo said yesterday.

The choice has dwindled down to two places, Kitchener and Leaside, Mr. Asmussen said.

Soldiers-Then and Now

(By Theodore Goodridge Roberts)
This series of Articles by a well-known Fredericton Writer will appear each day until further notice.

But to hard back to our unhorsed horsemen at Festubert. Though spurless, they performed great deeds on that tragic ground; and their valor cost them a red and heavy price. Lieutenant J. A. Critchley of the Strathconas, with remnants of his troop, did in a strong redoubt which harbored machine-guns.

The Galloping Critchleys
A remarkable family, that of Critchley. Four of them were in action together—a father and three sons; or were there four sons? All were with the L. S. H. except Bill, the youngest—if my memory serves me. Bill was with the 10th Battalion. He became a major in the distinguished Tenth, then went to the Royal Flying Corps. And then what? (I wish that someone—anyone who knows—would write in and tell me about Bill Critchley now. Hundreds of readers of these pieces must remember Bill; hundreds of you may know him now. And what of the father of the Critchley boys, who was attached to Canadian Corps Headquarters as a cavalry expert in 1917 and 1918? And what of yourself, then and now? Please write in and tell me—one "old soldier" to another. Address me care of the editor of this paper).

One of the Critchley boys—the J. A. who took the machine-gun nest at "Bexhill." I believe—died a heroic death later, still serving with the L.S. H. And here is a strange thing! One of these young Critchleys who helped to subdue and capture that fortified trench known as "Bexhill" in May, 1915, became a brigadier-general in due course and commandant of the great Canadian Officers' Training School at Bexhill in England. The cadets of Bexhill, England, were "old

soldiers" (many of them very young in years) who had been dragged out of the mud of Flanders to be smartened up for commissions. And were they smart? There were no smarter cadets in England. Not even the cadets of the Guards, nor the Guards themselves, were smarter. And yet these were the lads who had passed months, perhaps years, in fatigue, indescribable discomfort and daily and nightly peril of life and limb. One Canadian cadet while on sentry-go made a striking discovery, perhaps by accident but just as likely by design. He found that the salute at the slope—the smack of the hand on the rifle-butt—gained in effectiveness if the lever of the bolt lacked a very small fraction of an inch of being all the way "home." It added a metallic click to the ordinary smack. He made known his discovery to his brother cadets; and this became the peculiar and particular sloped-arms salute at Bexhill. It was hard on the thumb; but it was the very last smack in smartness. It filled the Guards with envy—but, pray as they might, they never twigged the secret of it.

Corporal Pym
I must hark back to Seely's lads and May, 1915. On May 25th, the brigade's bombers went up to the assistance of the Post Office Rifles, a London Territorial outfit. Sergeant Morris, 2nd King Edward's Horse, distinguished himself that day by taking and holding a trench. He was not alone in taking it, but by the time it was taken all his companions were either dead or wounded; and he held it, single-handed, until he was reinforced. Next day, Corporal Pym and Sergeant Hollowell, both of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, wrote their names in history—but not for fame, but for pity; and Hollowell died in the very act of mercy.

Two New Reports Describe Attempt To Kill Hitler

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Unconfirmed reports from unrelated quarters in Munich and Berlin tonight said two storm troopers attempted to shoot Adolf Hitler in the chancellery on the night of Dec. 31, not harming Hitler, but wounding a chauffeur.

Another version, likewise unconfirmed, said the chauffeur was killed.

Both reports were promptly denied in responsible circles. It was noted that Chancellor Hitler has a new driver for his automobile.

It was said the repeated attempt against Hitler's life was the reason for the mysterious secret meeting at the Opera House in Berlin last Thursday.

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