

OBSERVER DISCUSSES FLOATS AND PRIZE MONEY RACKET

Why Do Some Societies Prefer to Give Money? Two or Three Work on the Float --- Others Get the Credit

(Note: The Daily Mail while interested in "Observer's" articles, does not necessarily agree with what that writer publishes. Sometimes the views expressed are entirely at variance with our own opinions.)

Everyone is stunned by the Hindenburg disaster. So successful had this air-liner been that disaster to her had not been thought of. And yet the chance was always present as we can now see upon reflection. An inflammable gas such as hydrogen must ever be accompanied by grave danger, and the wonder is that the use of this gas for dirigibles hadn't been forbidden long ago. There have been many disasters to dirigibles.

Helium gas is non-inflammable, but has not the lifting power of hydrogen. Germany would have used it, though, if she could have got it in sufficient quantities. This she could not do since the United States controls the world's supply. Let us hope that the United States may be willing to sell some of this gas, and she cannot have a use for all of it herself, in the name of humanity, if for no other reason.

A decided falling off in passenger traffic by dirigible may now be predicted, until some safer type of gas is in use.

Arrangements for the local Coronation Day proceedings seem to be pretty well completed. The number of floats, while not so large as anticipated, still reaches a respectable total. It is rather puzzling why certain organizations prefer to give money rather than put in a float, seeing that the money cannot actually take the place of a float in a parade. The floats are perhaps not apportioned as evenly over the various organizations as might be desired. It is difficult to see why six schools need each to put in a float. One good float, representing the schools of Fredericton would seem to have been sufficient. However, as things are, they will go to swell the total.

This float business is an awful racket when you stop to consider it. The work of preparing the float always devolves upon two or three people in every organization who

happen to be handy in that line, but the finished article is supposed to reflect glory upon the whole society, or whatever it may be. Instead of labelling the float "The High and Exalted Palookas" it ought rather to be marked in big letters "This is the work of Bill Jones and John Smith." Then give the prize, if they win one, to Bill Jones and John Smith.

It is refreshing to know that the prize money tangle is at last straightened out. One wonders a little why, if these floats are entered to show the loyalty and good will of those who enter them, that there should be so much emphasis placed upon the prizes. Are the floats entered to show loyalty to King George VI, or simply on the chance of winning a prize?

The city is already beginning to take on quite a festive appearance. I was particularly struck with the announcement carried on the banner across the front of the Normal School. "Congratulations to King George the Sixth" it reads. Now why congratulations, I wonder? Had it read "Best wishes for a long and happy reign" or some sentiment of that kind, it would have been understandable. But congratulations; upon what? Upon being called, and unexpectedly at that, to a post that is no sinecure, to say the least, but one entailing meticulous attention to duty, and the giving up of practically all his private life? We might better express, first our sympathy, and then our good wishes.

We will have one advantage anyway which the crowds in London will not have. We won't have to wait from twelve to eighteen hours to see our parade. What an ordeal that must be. These long vigils have always made me curious regarding certain phases that are usually allowed to remain obscure. What happens to the man down in the front row, about midway between his twelve hour wait, who suddenly realizes that he "has to see that fellow about a dog?" Or the fellow who discovers that he "has to mail a letter?" Or the lady who "would like to wash her hands?" These are among the profound mysteries of life.

OBSERVER.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Visiting Members of Family

Mrs. A. K. Turner is visiting her son, J. H. Turner and Mrs. Turner in Toronto, and will later spend some time with her son Lieut.-Colonel G. R. Turner and Mrs. Turner in Ottawa, before returning home the first of June.

Miss Margaret Hall has returned

from a holiday trip to New York.

House Warming for New Residents

Last night the people of Douglas met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hawkins for a house warming party in honor of their arrival in Douglas. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins who has bought the McPherson property formerly lived on King Street in this city.

Wilmot Church W.M.S. Meeting

The monthly meeting of the W.M.S. of Wilmot Church was held yesterday afternoon. The President opened the meeting with the hymn, "Joy to the World the Lord is Come," after which the devotional period was introduced by Mrs. H. Cunningham. She read II Thess. 2: 16, 17 and a leaflet entitled "The Joy of Service." Among other things it brought out the wonderful work accomplished among the lepers by Father Damien who willingly gave himself to this though realizing that he would himself fall a victim to this dread disease. Prayer was offered by Mrs. N. Squires. A short account of the life and work of Miss Florence Bird was given by Mrs. Hallett. Miss Bird's life is of especial interest as she spent her girlhood days in Marysville, attended our Provincial Normal School and has many relatives in this vicinity. Mrs. Allaby gave us a brief and interesting account of the work of Miss Ruth Asbell a missionary whose home town is Sussex, N. B. She is in charge of the Archibald Institute in Trinidad and writes saying "Our prime interest is that of training Christian homemakers." We were then given some glimpses into the

Engagement Announced

Dr. W. H. Irvine announces the engagement of his daughter Mary Eleanor to Kenneth Fowler son of Mrs. Allan D. Barbour and the late Mr. Barbour of Saint John. Marriage to take place early in June.

Mrs. Charles Ellegood of Dumfries

and Mrs. Geneva Young of Ludlow spent the day in the city.

Hostess at Double Dinner Bridge

Mrs. L. S. Morrison entertained charmingly at a four-table mixed dinner bridge last evening at her home on Brunswick street. The prizes were won by Mrs. E. C. Armstrong, Mrs. John Neil, Hedley Wilson and Major E. C. Armstrong.

life and work of Mrs. Lily Hockin, a missionary in China, who has been working there for some years. She spent a part of her girlhood in Sheffield, N. B., her father Rev. Isaac Howie being for a time pastor of a church there. Miss Chase wrote to her daughter now studying in Toronto and received a very interesting account of her parents' lives. Her father was Rev. Arthur Hockin Jr. who died of typhoid in China several years ago. Miss Hockin also sent to Miss Chase part of a letter lately written to her by her mother. The hymn "Take time to be holy was sung." The treasurer's report was encouraging and a plan was discussed to bring up our finance to half the amount of our allocation by the end of June. This plan was left in the hands of the finance committee. Mrs. O. Peters was asked to tell us next month something about the life and work of Miss Kinney a missionary whose home is in Florenceville and Mrs. F. W. Barker consented to tell us about Miss MacDougall, a missionary in Trinidad, whose home is in Debec, N.B. The reading from the study book was left over for the June meeting. The president and members joined in the Mizpah benediction.

Late Senator

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shares; the Father Lacombe Home, 200 preference shares.

After all annuities have been completed to relatives, two-thirds of the residue of the estate is to be distributed among nephews and nieces and one-third is bequeathed to form a trust fund to be known as the "Burns Memorial Trust."

The income from the trust fund is to be divided between the Father Lacombe Home; the Calgary Branch of the Salvation Army, the Children's shelter and the widows and orphans of members of the Calgary police and fire departments.

Executors of the estate include Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett and Michael John Burns, a nephew.

FOOD SALE

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COUNCIL RESCIND MOTION PASSED REGULAR SESSION

Cannon Not to Be Removed From Its Position

Special Meeting

Aldermen Acted on the Request of Mayor G. W. Kitchen

The motion passed at the request of His Worship Mayor G. W. Kitchen who was acting on the request of the Local Improvement Association to instruct the city engineers to remove the cannon from the Customs House lawn, was rescinded by the city council at a special meeting of the city council held at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The meeting, held for the purpose of clarifying the circumstances regarding the passing of the motion at the monthly meeting of the council held last Tuesday, was attended by representatives of the militia groups in the city as well as members of the Local Improvement Association. Deputy Mayor R. T. Forbes presided in the absence of Mayor Kitchen.

Discussion was opened by the chairman who explained the purpose of the meeting. Ald. B. R. Ross, in his remarks, stated the council had called the meeting for the purpose of hearing from representatives of the different organizations which had taken acceptance of the action of the council and to clarify the circumstances surrounding the matter. He referred to an editorial appearing in a recent edition of The Daily Gleaner which intimated that the council wanted the cannon removed.

No Retraction

Continuing further, Ald. Ross said the editor of the Gleaner had been approached by certain aldermen who asked that the statements in his editorial be retracted. This however, was not done, he said. He explained that the council passed the motion as an act of courtesy to Mayor Kitchen who asked the council to endorse the resolution passed by the Local Improvement Association as was explained in The Daily Mail. The matter was not discussed by the council, he added, stating that the aldermen knew nothing about the matter until it was introduced by the mayor.

Deputy Mayor Forbes concurred with the explanation given by Ald. Ross, stating that the editorial in the Gleaner which suggested that the action was "engineered" by the council was entirely wrong. It was only carried out as an act of courtesy to the mayor, he said.

William Gibson

William Gibson, representing the Fredericton branch of the Canadian Legion, stated that it was the unanimous opinion of the executive that the cannon not be removed. He referred to the fact that the guns have much significance to returned men, if not to civilians. They were captured by some comrades who still rest in Flanders, he said, pointing out that they serve as sinister reminders of the great conflict.

Speaking further, Ald. Ross again pointed out that the council was not asked to consider the matter, stating that the matter was not the council's idea. It was understood that the mayor was acting on the request of the Local Improvement Association, he said.

Major Armstrong, representing the Officer's Mess, explained that at a recent meeting of the mess the members were requested to submit a resolution of protest to the council. This was not done, he said, due to the fact that the meeting was not

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largely attended. However, he continued, a resolution would in all probability be passed at the next meeting of the organization. Personally, he said, he was opposed to the removal of the cannon.

Mrs. A. E. Mathewson, member of the Local Improvement Association, stated that the matter regarding the removal of the cannon was not discussed at the last meeting of the organization. Whether or not the matter was taken up at the previous meeting she said she was not in a position to say as she was not in attendance.

Was Not Approached

W. G. Clark, M.P., said he was not present during the entire session of the last meeting of the Local Improvement Association, stating there was no mention made regarding the matter on hand during the time he was there. The first he heard of the matter was when he read it in the newspapers, he said. He said he had not been approached in that connection.

Mr. Clark criticised the council for their admission that the matter was not considered by them before they passed the motion. He contended that the matter was of sufficient importance to warrant careful consideration.

Replying to the criticism, Ald. Forbes again explained that the matter was dealt with on the request of Mayor Kitchen. The council felt there was no alternative, he said, referring to the fact that the attitude of the mayor was indicative of the fact that he had dealt with the matter conclusively himself.

Ald. Ross said "we were not asked to consider the removal of the cannon but to instruct the city engineer to remove it."

Ald. T. Earl Doohan, commenting on the question, stated that the council has confidence in the personnel of the improvement group and feel that the association would not make a resolution without first carefully considering all phases of the matter. He then moved that the motion granting the request of the association be rescinded. Ald. Ross suggested the wording of the motion be changed to

CHURCH SERVICES

Christchurch Cathedral
Sunday after the Ascension. Services at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The service will be appropriate to the Sunday preceding the Coronation. The choir will sing a special Coronation Anthem at 11 a.m.

United Baptist, Marysville
11 a.m. Worship with sermon on "The King on the Throne." Patriotic service. 7.00 p.m., sermon on "The Queen in the Home." Mother's Day service. Both services are in the Canada Street Church.

Gibson Memorial United Church
11 a.m., Young People's Society and Sunday school will be in charge of the service at South Devon. 3 p.m., Nashwaakais, reception service. 7 p.m., South Devon; the theme of the day "Honor the King and Motherhood." The pastor, Rev. W. A. Burge will be in charge of the service. The church will be decorated in memory of "Mother" and honor to the King.

Brunswick Street Baptist Church
10 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., Coronation service, broadcast by C.N.B.; 2.30 p.m., Brotherhood; 7 p.m., evening worship; studies of the Early Church, VI, Martyrdom. Gerald W. Guion, pastor.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Rev. George E. Ross, B.D., D.D., minister. 11 a.m., public worship. Coronation service. "And all the people shouted and said, 'God Save the King!'" The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, and Troops of the Boy Scouts of Fredericton will attend this service. 2.30 p.m., Sunday school and Bible class; 7 p.m., public worship; subject, The Mothers in Israel, commemorating Mother's day. Robert Bailey, organist and Choir Director of St. Andrew's church will render the closing numbers of his series of six pre-service Recitals at 10.40 a.m. and 4.40 p.m.

Wilmot United Church
John W. Bartlett, D.D., minister. Special Coronation Services, 11 a.m., public worship; sermon, "Three Coronations." The Girl Guides of the city and the church Scouts will attend in a body. Coronation Ode by choir. God Save The King. 7 p.m., Coronation Mothers' Day Service; sermon, "A Mother Enthroned." Let us make this a great family service. God Save The Queen. 2.30 Sunday school; 3.30 p.m., Baptism.

the "motion passed at the request of the mayor on behalf of the Local Improvement Association." The latter motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

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