

Y. M. C. A. HAS A BIG YEAR

Satisfactory Period Observed in United States and Canada by Association.

NEW YORK. (AP)—Data available on 1,673 Young Men's Christian Associations in the United States and Canada, reporting for the 1924 Year Book and Official Report, just issued, show the past association year to have been with and in several important directions to exceed the record year of 1923. George H. Hodge, who has directed the collection and classification of association information for many years, states that "the reported volume and quality of association work as a whole have been the largest and best in association history, and much larger than was anticipated."

The largest annual increase in membership yet recorded is shown in a gain of 9.5 per cent. The total membership of the reporting associations in 1924, of which 244,529 are boys. A gain of 11.6 per cent to 134,977 in the number of men and boys in swimming and life saving classes, and a gain of 10.1 per cent to 11,784 in the number of men under leadership instruction in physical educational classes, are the features of an expanding year in the physical work of the associations. There were a total of 249,367 different men and boys in gymnasium classes, a gain of 9.1 per cent.

Marked increase in the number of men and boys affiliated with Y. M. C. A. Bible classes is reported. A total of 232,942 for the year is a gain of 24,009 or 11.5 per cent. Aggregate attendance at Bible and religious meetings reached approximately 9,549,000, an increase of 11.6 per cent.

Endowment funds increased by 8.3 per cent to \$17,208,000, while the property debt increased by only 6.8 per cent. An increase of net association property to \$159,521,000, 8.1 per cent in the year, indicates the volume of property additions and is believed to mark the end of the deflation period of 1922-23.

In a foreword Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the International Committee, Y. M. C. A., states that at the present time the Building Bureau of the committee is retained on some 75 building projects, and points to the multiplication of branch buildings both in large and mid-sized cities and the evolving of building plans and projects for cities or isolated communities of under 15,000 inhabitants. The Financial Service Bureau of the Committee, he says further, reports campaigns for funds for new buildings and for clearing

They're After Tennis Honors



CLARA LOUISE ZINKE (LEFT) AND OLGA STRASHUN

THESE two girls in a few years are expected to be starring the circuit of Helen Wills and Molla Mallory. Olga Strashun, champion tennis star of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, won the tri-state honors from Clara Louise Zinke, child prodigy who went from a novice player into the finals in one season and established what is believed to be an unprecedented record.

Both young ladies, you will notice wear knickers instead of bothersome skirts.

TREASURE WORTH MILLIONS MAY BE SAVED FROM SEA

TERSCHELLING, Holland. (AP)—A new process for salvaging sunken treasure of the gold cargo of the British frigate Lutina, which has baffled a century's efforts, has just been put into operation here with every promise of success.

The Lutina was wrecked on a sand-bar near this island during a violent gale in the night of October 8, 1792. Her crew of over 400 perished. Her cargo consisted of several million dollars worth of gold bars and specie.

Fifty feet of sand covers the wreck and repeated efforts have resulted only in the recovery of about half a million dollars and the ship's bell, now at Lloyd's in London. At first divers were put to work, but later machinery was used to get at the wreck through the thick layer of sand by means of suction pumps.

Now a new apparatus, invented by a Dutch engineering firm in London, is being tried. It does away with the suction process and substitutes hydraulic pressure. A tube is driven into the sand and steel grapples at the bottom seize any objects beneath it. The machine can work in any weather that is not too rough for the salvage vessel to be out.

During three days that the new apparatus worked recently no gold bars were raised, but indications are certain, according to the inventors, that the right spot has been struck and hopes are entertained that the rest of the Lutina's precious cargo, estimated at between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, soon will be wrested from Davy Jones' locker.

European Told Americans Insist Upon Best in Music

VIENNA. (AP)—European musicians who have gained the reputation that the United States is a land of gold where art is not fully appreciated and that much money can be obtained with little effort, recently were given some sound, but perhaps shocking advice by Frieda Hempel, who is spending the summer on the continent.

The American singer warned the European musicians that the only artists who succeeded in the United States are those who are of high ability and quality and give their best to the American public. Americans, she added, are willing to pay well for their music, but insist upon having the best.

Place on Council Sought

EUGENE, Or.—R. A. McCully, realty dealer, has announced his candidacy for city councilman from the first ward. Dean Walker, ex-furniture dealer here, and now connected with the University of Oregon, is the retiring member.

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QUEEN ELENA MAKES LITTLE ITALIAN HAPPY

ROME. (AP)—Queen Elena of Italy has a mother's heart, and an exceedingly sharp eye for anyone, especially any child, who seems to be needy or in trouble. Recently when the Queen was motorizing near San Rossore, the hunting lodge in Tuscany where the royal family spends the summer months, she saw a little girl of eight or ten years of age, barefoot and clothed only in a few rags.

Calling the child Queen Elena spoke kindly to her, making her name and when she lived. The next day a grand footman brought little Jeppina a parcel containing a pair of stockings, one of which was filled with sweets and cakes, while the other contained a purse with money to buy her a frock. A few days later the Queen received a letter, badly written and worse spelled, which said: "Your Majesty: "Your magnificent present has caused me the greatest joy. My father has taken the money; my brother the cakes; and my mother the stockings. "Your most devoted, "BEPPIA."

London Dreads Possible Collapse of St. Paul's

LONDON. (AP)—Despite heroic efforts being made to strengthen its fabric, evidence accumulates that St. Paul's cathedral, Sir Christopher Wren's masterpiece, is threatened with disintegration. This evidence has been obtained from a variety of sources, during the past 25 years.

The latest warnings come from the recently constituted Fine Arts Commission, which argues against the erection of a new bridge over the Thames opposite St. Paul's on the ground that the great cathedral is threatened by heavy motor traffic, which is constantly increasing, and that any further shaking may lead to a catastrophe.

The defenders of the cathedral argue, two ways. Either the new bridge would carry little traffic and so would be unnecessary, or it would carry a great deal in which case the constant vibration would endanger Wren's masterpiece, recognized as one of the finest buildings in the world.

Fears for the safety of St. Paul's first were entertained when the subway was run through the earth in close proximity to the foundations. The vibration was recognized as a menace. This menace has been steadily augmented by the constant increase in surface motor traffic which rolls past the church, and in very close proximity to it.

Finally the arguments of the Fine Arts Commission against a new bridge and increased traffic are supplemented by a warning from Merwyn Macartney, surveyor of the cathedral. He argues that underground work for the structures of the proposed bridge would threaten the foundations of St. Paul's by tending to drain off the water under the "put earth" on which the cathedral stands.

Sticking Matches All Day Long Was Man's Work Many Years

LONDON. (AP)—Tom Tutill, who worked for 24 years in a London match factory sticking matches to test their quality, died recently from blood poisoning contracted while at work. His job, one of the quietest in King George's kingdom, was created for him after he had suffered from infantile paralysis, and needed an easy task.

All day long, day after day, year after year, Tutill went on with the work, searching all his matches to be found and passing judgment upon the quality of each fresh consignment from the workrooms. Some years ago he became eligible for a pension from his company but he filed his work and would not give it up.

Horse Owners File Protest. BALEM, Ore.—Horse horse owners have filed a protest with the state rail board with relation to a recent order which would close the railroads to horses and their attendants after October 1. Members of the fair board declared that their action was due to carelessness on the part of the state railroads who have neglected roadside state property in past years.



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