

PARENT-TEACHER CONVENTION OPENS

300 Persons Pack Y. W. C. A. Auditorium First Session.

MAYOR BAKER IS SPEAKER

Judge McCourt Extends Greetings on Behalf of Governor—Mrs. Kester Gives Response.

Three hundred parents and teachers of Portland and all parts of the state packed the Y. W. C. A. auditorium last night at the opening meeting of the annual Parent-Teacher association convention.

Mayor Baker delivered the address of welcome. "Portland always welcomes those who have an object, and particularly welcomes those whose object is moral uplift," he said. "I hope your deliberations will bring results."

"I know of no greater work the Parent-Teacher association can do than to educate the parent to realize his duty to his child. The parent who thinks only of his own pleasure or amusement is criminally responsible for the future of his child."

Too many parents do not know what their children are doing. We have a committee to watch the boy and girl life of our city, but they should have the cooperation of the parents also. It is wrong to expect police regulation of the home. The problem of juvenile delinquency lies in the home. The Parent-Teacher association can do much to bring about a better child in every respect."

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Mrs. J. P. Hill, president of the Portland council, welcomed the visitors, speaking for the association which she represents.

"America needs mothers, the right kind of mothers," she said. "No matter what a woman's honors may be, if she is not a mother, she is a failure. It is proclaimed a mother that she reaches her height."

Mrs. Bruce Kester of Vale delivered the response. "The good that arises from the conventions and expressing appreciation of the hospitality shown by the Portland council."

Years' Work Reviewed. Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst, president of the state association, reviewed the work of the year, explaining also the needs for the coming year.

The problem of more adequate salaries for teachers and better boarding places for them were discussed by Mrs. Hayhurst. Another need, she said, was that of a survey of the physical and sanitary conditions of the school buildings.

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AID GIVEN ACCUSED MAN

SLAYER ABSOLVES SHEA OF HELP IN DUNN MURDER.

"I Never Saw This Person Before," Is Testimony—Johnny Doyle Implicated by Witness.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 20.—Joe Redenbaugh, confessed slayer of Mrs. Alice M. Dunn, who is serving a life term in state prison, denied late today that Orrin M. Shea, of Tacoma, Wash., alias "Tacoma Johnny" Doyle, was the third party of the trio that staged a fake robbery at the Dunn home and killed Mrs. Dunn two and one-half years ago.

Shea is on trial in district court for alleged complicity in the murder. "I never saw this man before," Redenbaugh testified, adding, however, that a man named Johnny Doyle was the third party in the crime.

Redenbaugh was convicted of killing Mrs. Dunn for a certain sum of money paid by an alleged representative of her husband.

BABY DEATH RATE HEAVY

SOLDIERS IN FRANCE SAFER THAN INFANTS IN PORTLAND.

Dr. Moore Tells Medical Society of Failure Properly to Care for New-Born Children.

"It was safer to be a soldier in France than a baby in Portland during the late war. Only 2½ per cent of all the soldiers we sent to France lost their lives there from all causes, while 6.9 per cent of the babies born in Portland last year died before the end of their first year."

This statement, backed up by statistics, was made before the city and county medical society in their regular meeting last night by Dr. C. W. Moore, in an address on "The Care of the New-Born."

Dr. Moore pointed out that Portland has the highest infant mortality rate of any coast city of its size. The only way to combat the situation, he said, was by the initiating of plans for infant welfare work on a wider

scale than formerly, so that ultimately the city of Portland might have a clinic for every 20,000 inhabitants. In a detailed and highly instructive address on the care and treatment of the newly-born infant, Dr. Moore told how many time-honored practices in regard to the child's diet and general physical care had been relegated to the scrap heap and how newer and safer practices based entirely upon scientific formulae were being preached among the profession.

"Let us remember that our high infant mortality places upon us a civic duty," he told the assembled physicians. "Let us remember that our infant welfare stations, if properly supported and encouraged, will save lives, make homes happy and benefit the fair name of Portland."

Charts displayed before the assembled doctors showed the progress made in various cities of the United States during the past few years toward the checking of infant mortality through the infant welfare work. New York, according to the charts, had forced their infant mortality down from 28 to 8 per cent during the past decade, and New Haven from 25 to 7 per cent during the same period.

Other papers were presented at the session. Dr. C. Booth, who stated that 20,000 women die annually from 28 to 30 per cent of the total indirect result of childbirth. A very large percentage of these deaths were the result of opposition on the part of the prospective mother to go to a hospital during the period of confinement where the proper surroundings for expert treatment were available.

Dr. C. F. Stratton presented a paper on the question, "Should Catholics Be Used During Puerperium?" and a general discussion followed, presided by Drs. Booth, Noyes and Patrick.

Dr. A. B. Mackay, president of the association, presided over the session.

PLEAS MADE TO SOUTH

COOLIDGE CITES REASONS FOR REPUBLICAN SUPPORT.

Party Held to Be Doing the Most Toward Promoting Sound Business Policies.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 20.—Support of the republican party by the south on the ground that it is doing the most to promote sound business policies was urged here tonight by Governor Coolidge, republican candidate for vice-president. "As the great and rich natural resources of the south are being more and more developed, it is essential that the south be given the support of the party which is doing the most to promote these policies."

He stressed for adequate transportation facilities by land and by water, and for an efficient navy, but against the states entering into a "race for armaments," by approving an excessive naval program.

At all the stops today as well as tonight's meeting, Governors Lowden of Illinois and Morrow of Kentucky, and Hedden of New York also addressed the crowds. They emphasized the league of nations as an issue and the need for better boarding places for them were discussed by Mrs. Hayhurst. Another need, she said, was that of a survey of the physical and sanitary conditions of the school buildings.

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COMMONS REFUSES PUBLIC INQUIRY PROBE

Government Policy Upheld After Hot Debate.

MILITARY IS INVOLVED

America Said No Longer to Welcome Immigrants From Erin Because of Radical Tendencies.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—A motion made in the house of commons today calling for a public inquiry into reprisals in Ireland was withdrawn this evening after heated debate. The government, which had firmly resisted the demand for the inquiry, had a large majority in the house at the time of the withdrawal.

Lord Robert Cecil, ex-assistant secretary for foreign affairs, and ex-Premier Asquith both pressed urgently for an inquiry. Lord Robert declared that the administration in Ireland in the last 18 months was one of the most disastrous and tactless things in the country's history.

Mr. Asquith asserted that there was prima facie evidence that some of the officers and servants of the executive in Ireland had exceeded the limits of legitimate self-defense and that until the perpetrators of the reprisals received punishment there would not be the shadow of respect for the authorities in Ireland.

Reprisals Held Condemned. Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the house, based his refusal of an inquiry on the necessity of supporting the officials and others responsible for the security of law and order. He declared the authorities had condemned the reprisals, which since then had been greatly reduced. The government, he added, could be no party to any surrender to crime.

On a motion to adjourn, Commander Joseph M. Kenworthy, independent liberal member for Hull, raised the question of Lord Mayor MacSwiney, who is a hunger striker in Brixton prison. He said he had received a telegram from the lord mayor's wife and sister saying the prisoner doctor had threatened to punish her for forcible feeding with lime juice.

Information Is Denied. Edward Short, secretary for home affairs, declared he had no information, but if the doctor thought lime juice would ease MacSwiney and help him to live and regain his faculties, the doctor would be justified in trying to induce him to take it and, indeed, in forcing it upon him.

Mr. Short added that he was aware that the prisoner had taken light medicines from time to time, but that he did not know whether he had taken lime juice.

The Irish debate in the house of commons today revealed the deep chasm between the opposition and the government, the former demanding and the latter resisting independent inquiry into reprisals.

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WAR MEASURE IS URGED

RESTORATION OF FINANCE CORPORATION DESIRED.

Bankers to Appeal to President to Take Action to Promote America's Export Trade.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—A group of bankers attending the national convention here of the American Bankers' association decided tonight to ask President Wilson to recreate the war finance corporation to aid in exporting cotton, wheat and other agricultural products.

The action was taken after Eugene Meyer, Jr., formerly managing director of the corporation, had explained that the funds placed at the disposal of the corporation were still available should its powers be restored.

The meeting was called to hear Mr. Meyer discuss methods of financing export trade.

Mr. Meyer's advocacy of a resumption of the corporation's activities was based upon what he declared was a very exciting need for the extension of credit.

"The use of credits in the hands of those who know how to use them," he said, "can be most helpful, useful and healing for America."

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MAYOR ASKED TO WRITE

STORY ON PORTLAND VICTORY OVER DISEASE IS WANTED.

Health Authorities Would Have Other Cities Know How One Handles Social Problem.

Mayor Baker has been requested to prepare an article outlining how Portland succeeded in coping with the social disease problems during the war, for use by the United States public health service.

The request was made in a letter received by the mayor yesterday from David Robinson, Oregon's former Portland resident, who is now director of the section of legal measures of the public health service with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

In part the letter says: "Know that it must have been with considerable pride that you learned the enviable position that Portland achieved in the war in the matter of social disease."

The problems which confronted you in Portland then this work was undertaken were not different from those now existing in many cities in the United States. Adoption of ordinances were not enough; had you not wholeheartedly backed the program and insisted upon your police department rigidly enforcing the law, these ordinances would have been more or less a dead letter."

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