

SOCIETY

By MOLLY BRUNK

THE dinner honoring Count Ilya Tolstoy, distinguished Russian, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Bishop Monday night preceding the lecture at the armory, must be recorded as the event of most interest socially the first part of the week.

Those who were privileged to meet Count Tolstoy in this pleasant intimate way found him most agreeable, approachable, and communicative concerning all subjects that were brought up of general interest.

The dinner was an attractively appointed affair. Red candles in candelabra centered the board, with candles in single sticks at either end adding to the dignity of the scheme.

Covers were laid for Count Tolstoy, Judge and Mrs. George H. Burnett, President and Mrs. Carl Gregg Doney, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hendricks, Mrs. W. S. Kinney, Paul Wallace, C. B. Clancy and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop.

Dr. and Mrs. William H. Lytle entertained with a ten-cover dinner last night preceding the Salem School of Expression.

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sent here as manager of the Wittenberg-King plant. During the time he has been promoted to producing manager in charge of all the company's plants, and it is this fact that is taking the family from Salem. Mr. Walker will establish headquarters in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker and their two children, Miss Phillis and Gordon, have gathered about them a wide circle of friends during their brief residence in Salem.

Miss Edna Sterling will be the inspiration for the reception to be given at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Powell tonight, by the Clarion staff of the high school, of which Miss Evangeline Powell is a member.

Mrs. D. K. Luthy joined her husband in Jefferson the last of the week, going up to be with him during the term of school, Mr. Luthy being an instructor.

One of the most enjoyable of the monthly noon-day luncheons and social get-togethers of the Ministerial union was the one held Monday in the parlors of the First Baptist church, the following group of church women acting as hostesses.

A most attractive setting for the affair had been arranged, giving as nearly as possible the semblance of a summer garden. Potted plants lent their color and freshness, while singing canaries told of the approaching springtime.

Herbert L. Stiff will be a host for a dinner tonight at the Hotel Marion, which is to be given for the employees of the H. L. Stiff Furniture company's store.

The 61st birthday of W. W. Cory was appropriately celebrated Sunday with a family reunion. Relatives from a distance who were present were two of Mrs. Cory's brothers, Finley and Hudson Carr of Lebanon, Ind., who will leave for their home in about a fortnight.

A dinner featured the occasion, a large birthday cake trimmed in red and white adding to the decorative scheme which was carried out in these colors. Covers were arranged for Mr. Cory, Mrs. C. C. Cory and Miss Florence Cory of Portland; F. M. Huddlestone of Eugene; Finley Carr, Hudson Carr, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Vance, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Cory,

TEACHERS TENURE TO GET HEARING NEXT MONDAY

Five Representatives Will Appear on Each Side of Bill

ACTION ON AMENDMENTS WILL BE POSTPONED

Gordon Would Have Instructors Examined Every Five Years

To forestall confusion and chaos at a public hearing to be accorded by the Multnomah delegation on the Staples teacher tenure of office bill, set by the delegation meeting last Monday night at 8 o'clock in the hall of representatives, it was voted to limit speakers to five representatives each of the proponents and opponents of the bill.

All members of the delegation were agreed that the speakers should be limited. There was some effort to limit attendance, but this was not insisted upon, and Representative Lynn made the prevailing motion that anyone who wished be allowed to attend, but that the speakers be limited to five on each side.

Representative Gordon was anxious to know what disposition would be made of amendments to the bill offered at the public meeting. The delegation agreed without dissension to have amendments read and explained at the meeting and acted upon by the delegation at later delegation meetings.

One of the amendments to be read, is proposed by Gordon, and requires that to keep qualified to take examinations every five years of the period they are employed in the public schools. He declared this necessary to prevent the teachers from growing stale in their methods of instruction.

The Multnomah delegation is dubious as to the practicability of the Overturf bill, introduced by the central Oregon union at the request of W. F. Woodward, member of the Portland school board, which would require the election of school boards in districts having 20,000 or more pupils at the general election. It was voted to refer the bill to the judiciary committee of the house without recommendation.

An important action of the delegation was to fix next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for a hearing on several bills introduced by Senator Hume in which Multnomah county judges are interested. There are five of these. One would abolish circuit court departments for purposes of election, which simply means that candidates for the office of circuit judge could not run for any particular department.

regret this exceedingly, but unfortunately I am called away sooner than I expected. There is a favor I wish to ask of you, however. May I?

"Of course, Captain Grantland." I returned as smoothly as I could, "provided it is anything in my power to grant."

"It is entirely within your power," he said. "Upon several occasions I have gathered, not from anything you have consciously said, but otherwise, that you are cherishing in your soul a rather harsh judgment of the one nearest to you. If I have any claim upon your forbearance, as you have assured me, I want to ask you to withhold that judgment until you are sure it is deserved."

What Did He Mean? I am sure I gasped audibly—at any rate Captain Grantland went on as if I had answered him in words.

"I know I have surprised you," he said, "know also that I am perhaps unpardonable for thus meddling. But—your—wellfare—your—happiness—is—of—great—moment—to—me, and I could not refrain from saying this to you. And now I must not delay another minute. Good-bye, and—God bless you!"

The receiver clicked at the other end, but I sat with mine in my hand dumbly until recalled by the voice of the central operator inquiring if I had finished. Mechanically I put it up, mechanically I made my way back to the library.

What in the world did the man mean? (To be continued)

and make other changes. Clarence Gilbert, Portland lawyer, has requested a hearing on this bill and this has been accorded by Senator Moser for Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when at least the senate members of the delegation and perhaps the house members will be called.

Another of the Hume bills calls for the drawing of a jury and the holding of court in Multnomah county every month in the year, not allowing the recess of July and August as at present.

The fifth of the Hume measures increases the jurisdiction of the district courts to cases involving up to \$500 instead of \$300 as at present, and provides for an increase in the salaries of the district judges from \$2000 to \$4000 a year.

European Commercial Organizations Wanted BERLIN, Jan. 12.—There is a spontaneous demand from commercial organizations of Europe and the American continent for simpler passport regulations, says Fred W. King, acting president of the American Chamber of Commerce of this city.

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49 NATIONS NOW FORM LEAGUE

Three Fourths of World's Population Belong to Yearling Organization

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The league of nations will be one year old today. Its membership now comprises 49 nations, representing it is estimated, 1,260,000,000 people, or three-fourths of the world's population of 1,605,000,000. Eleven additional states with a total population of 44,000,000 have formally applied for admission, while it is known that Germany with its 60,000,000 people wants to join as soon as she is given a chance.

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for bodies to deal with international communications and the suppression of the white slave traffic and the creation has begun of permanent machinery for the regulation of international credits and the economic rehabilitation of countries ruined by the war. Friends of the league point to its intercession in the Polish-Lithuanian and Swedish-Finnish disputes, the latter over the Aland islands, as among its achievements, although both cases await final settlement. They also enumerate as standing to the league's credit the repatriation of more than 200,000 war prisoners and a campaign against typhus in Poland. They say it has furnished a government for the Saar district, formerly German, and that it has helped Danzig to assume its position as a free city under the league's special protection.

Fiume Aviators Spread Propaganda Over Rome

ROME, Dec. 21.—Aviators from Fiume have been repeatedly allowed recently to fly over the Italian towns dropping propaganda leaflets. They have gone so far as to use an Italian aerodrome for refueling their fuel. One Fiume aviator flew over parliament buildings and dropped an insulting message calling for the conclusion of the Italian-Jugoslav treaty at Rapallo, afterwards obtaining a supply of gasoline for the return journey to Fiume.

On the journey home the aviator encountered engine trouble and was forced to land in San Marino, the little republic with about 7,000 population, within the boundaries of Italy. The San Marino government, seeing that he was a military aviator, considered the landing a violation of their boundaries, confiscated the machine and interned the aviator.

Sam—I saw you sitting between two fat men on the trolley car this morning. Weren't you most squeezed to death? Elm—Oh, I hadn't much room for complaint.—Boy's Life. Teacher—Jimmy, give an example of minority ruling. Jimmy—When there is a baby in the family.—Boy's Life.

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