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### Still Believe in Fairies.

A case just heard in the Tipperary courts reveals the survival in Ireland of a belief in the fairies. It was a claim for compensation for cutting trees and bushes around a fort at Shanbally. The claimant said he especially valued these bushes as "there was dancing and lights there every night."

It was alleged that the defendant had taken away the bushes to evict the fairies.

The judge pointed out that if there were fairies they would visit their anger on the man who dared to cut the bushes and not on the owner. He did not accept the fairy theory and dismissed the claim.

### Receiving Wireless.

By use of photography, a method invented by C. A. Hovie, an electrical engineer of Schenectady, wireless messages can be received and recorded at a far greater speed and with more accuracy than heretofore. The invention permits the eye either to supplement or replace the ear in reading wireless messages. The machine has reached a rate of 400 words a minute, and in test as many as 600 words. Up to this time the most rapid method of recording radio signals has been by phonograph, but this must still be transcribed, so to speak, by the ear and not the eye, and moreover no permanent visual record is made.

### Harmful Dust in Factories.

The dust in various industrial establishments is found by Professor Winslow of Yale Medical school, to range from about one-twentieth of a grain of solid particles per 100 cubic feet of air in a good metal polishing shop to 12 grains in a textile factory. But while a carpet or blanket mill yields more dust than such industries as pottery, asbestos, tobacco and steel-grinding, little of it is inorganic matter, and it is the dust from abrasive materials that seems most harmful and to tend most to produce tubercular tests.

### Returns From Grants Pass—

W. A. Kimsey arrived home from Grants Pass where he has been for the last three weeks visiting his daughter, Mrs. Herman Schmidt, Mrs. Kimsey remained for a longer visit. Mr. Kimsey thinks that Albany and Linn county has the southern Oregon country out classed in business and opportunities for future development.

### Mixup in Relationships.

Adoption proceedings before Judge Raymond Dobb presented a complex situation that lawyers are trying to figure out, writes a Syracuse (N. Y.) correspondent. James and Lucy Loutwell were born six years ago. Their mother, Mrs. Lucy Loutwell, wife of James Loutwell, died shortly after their birth. Their father married again and then Percy McDonald, brother-in-law of the deceased Mrs. Loutwell, adopted Lucy. Charles Singer, brother of the deceased Mrs. Loutwell, adopted Jimmie.

Lucy must now call her own brother Cousin Jimmie. Her own father becomes Uncle Jim. Her hitherto Uncle Percy now becomes papa. While she will always revere the memory of the departed mother, she must regard her maternal parent as a deceased aunt, at least in the law. Her own cousins, the children of her adoptive parents, become her brothers and sisters, and the same holds true of little Jimmie. Lucy's now legal father becomes uncle to her own brother, while her stepmother she must address as aunt.

### Historic Inn to Be Sold.

The famous Saracen's Head Inn at Southwell, Eng., in which many American tourists have found entertainment, is to be sold at auction. Its history as a hotel runs back through 500 years.

In its early days the house was called "The King's Arms." King Charles I. stayed at the inn during the Civil Wars. Charles surrendered himself to the Scottish Commissioners on May 6, 1646, in the coffee room. The bedroom which that monarch used on the night before he gave himself up is still well preserved. Other English kings also stopped at the ancient hotel.

### Arts and Crafts in Australia.

Determined to revive interest in arts and crafts work, the executive of the Arts and Crafts Society for Victoria has invited the craft workers of the commonwealth to send exhibits without entrance fees to the annual exhibition in Melbourne in November. The exhibition will include examples of pottery, toy-making, metal work, stained glass, modeling, lace and leather work, engraving and etching, and design of poster work. Designs must be original, and if possible have an Australian motif. The fact that a number of disabled soldiers have taken up arts and crafts work will add additional interest to the exhibition.

## Y. W. C. A. PLANS WORLD PROGRAM

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Heads Association's 1920 World Service Program.

\$3,000,000 NEEDED FOR WORK.

Leader Calls Association a "Stabilizing Influence" in Outlining Post-War Program for Women—Federal Council of Churches to Announce "Y. W. C. A. Sunday."

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., chairman of the National Educational Campaign Committee of the 1920 World Service Program of the Young Women's Christian Association, has made the following statement:

"Since the war we are more than ever aware of the economic, industrial, educational, social and religious diffi-



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culties which beset the lives of men and women everywhere. In meeting the post-war needs of women the Young Women's Christian Association stands as an instrument of service, tested and proven by war, and organized to meet the manifold problems of peace.

"Because of its fifty odd years of experience in meeting fundamental problems affecting girls, the Young Women's Christian Association is an organization particularly fitted to exert a stabilizing influence upon the troubled times through a consistent program of service for girls and women.

"American women are asking how they may share in the world's reconstruction. They can do so by enlarging the support of their communities for this World Service Program, which will insure to the world a healthier and better womanhood.

"This campaign of the Y. W. C. A. to tell the people of the United States about its work and to raise \$3,000,000 with which to carry on Y. W. C. A. work during 1920 in the United States, Europe, China, Japan, India, South America, Egypt, Siberia and Mexico will close the week of February 22 to 29, which will be known as Y. W. C. A. Week.

"The Federal Council of Churches will probably set one Sunday as a time for ministers throughout the country to address their congregations on general conditions affecting women and the Young Women's Christian Association as an instrument of service.

"The immediate task is to bring to the people of the United States a knowledge of conditions affecting the lives of women in all parts of the world. We can no longer ignore the character, the manner of life and the ideals of other peoples, whether we want to or not. A special call is now coming to the Association from China, Japan, India and South America, where work was held back during the war because of the necessity for special activity in France and the United States.

"The World Service Program calls for \$4,500,000. Of this amount \$1,500,000 has already been secured."

The educational campaign committee includes among its members Mrs. Robert E. Speer, president of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.; Mrs. Henry P. Davidson, Mrs. William Van V. Hayes, Mrs. Robert L. Dickinson, Mrs. William Adams Brown, Mrs. Van Sanford Merle-Smith, Mrs. Lewis H. Lapham, Miss Ellen Hale Stevenson, Mrs. Frederic B. Pratt and Mrs. Herbert Lee Pratt.

### SMALL Y. W. C. A. IS COMMUNITY CENTER

Recreation for Girls Is Important Feature of Work.

Fifty-two young women in the United States are known as Y. W. C. A. "town secretaries." All of which means that the fifty-two are organizing recreation work for girls and for the community at large in towns of less than 10,000 inhabitants.

The Y. W. C. A. may be in one rented room or more. It may be a whole building, but at any rate there is a recreation room and if possible a kitchen, reading and writing rooms. If the Y. W. C. A. has a building of its own it becomes a community center, where all women's organizations may meet.

## Y. W. C. A. CALLS BIG CONVENTION

2,000 Women Expected to Gather in Cleveland the Week of April 13-20, 1920, for National Convention.

### MEETING POSTPONED TWO YEARS BY WAR

Delegates Will Discuss New Membership Basis for Students and Question of Future Support for Work. Many Other Things.

The Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America will meet in national convention in Cleveland, O., the week of April 13 to 20, having postponed the convention from the spring of 1918 in order to comply with a government request that expense and travel be reduced to a minimum during the war.

The department on conventions and conferences of the National Y. W. C. A., of which Mrs. Harry Emerson Fosdick is chairman, estimates an attendance of 2,000 women, representing all departments of Y. W. C. A. work—board members, secretaries, students, club girls, Girl Reserves, girls from Industrial Service Centers, women from the International Institutes for foreign born women, members from city, town and country Associations.

Each Association in the United States will be entitled to one voting delegate for every one hundred voting members in the Association.

Two of the most important questions which will come up before the convention will be the membership basis and the question of support. Of old business to be considered the most important question will be the membership basis for student associations, the granting of charter membership privilege to the Chicago Young Women's Christian Association and a recommendation providing an increase in membership of the National Board of the Association will also be presented.

Rev. Charles W. Gilkey, pastor of Park Baptist Church, Chicago, will give a series of morning addresses during the convention week. Dr. Robert E. Speer, secretary to the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, North, will also give an address. Mrs. Speer is chairman of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

The convention will be in session morning and evening, the afternoon being given over to sectional meetings held in various churches. Attendance at these meetings will be determined by group membership and also by activities.

Mrs. W. P. Harford of Omaha, Neb., will preside at the opening session, having been elected as president at the last convention of the Young Women's Christian Association, held in Los Angeles in 1915.

The committee on business to come before the convention has for its chairman Mrs. John French and includes among its members Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Miss Eliza Butler, sister of Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University; Mrs. Martha McCook, Miss Mabel Cratty, general secretary for the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., and Mrs. William Adams Brown, all of New York city.

## TOWN GIRLS TO HAVE Y. W. C. A.

Association Maintains 52 Town Secretaries—Wants to Expand Work at Once.

"During the war girls all over the world had their first lesson in nation wide and world wide thinking," says Miss Mabel Head, director of Town and Country Work for the National Y. W. C. A.

"Girls learned something of the inspiration of working with hundreds and hundreds of other girls, unselfishly and unstintingly, through Red Cross work. Now the Y. W. C. A., through its world wide program of service for women, is planning to expand its work so that girls all over the world, and particularly in smaller communities, will not lose this experience. Citizenship forums are being organized for girls in small communities, where girls may come together to learn more about their country and their responsibility to it and as citizens of the world.

"Reading courses have been planned at National Headquarters in New York so that a girl in any community may carry on a course of study, either by herself or with other girls, on a wide variety of subjects.

"The Y. W. C. A. has at present thirty-nine secretaries doing county work. This means that they travel about from one community to another helping girls to plan out social, recreational, educational and religious activities for themselves and organizing them to carry on these activities. These secretaries work with the county agents of the Department of Agriculture in carrying on home economics work. They help plan picnics, arrange benefits, assist the girls in going to Y. W. C. A. summer conferences and help plan all sorts of social good times for the community."

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### UNCLE SAM'S GAME RESERVE

Island of Afognak, on South Coast of Alaska, Peculiarly Adapted for the Purpose.

One of the most picturesquely interesting parts of our national domain is a large island off the south coast of Alaska. It is called Afognak and is about 65 miles long by 40 in width, with a very irregular shore line and deeply indented by bays.

It is the property of the government, and in 1892 was set aside by President Harrison as a game and fish reserve. The important purpose that it serves is that of a preserve for salmon, all the finest varieties of which run up its streams in great numbers at the breeding season to spawn.

Afognak is a mountainous island, of volcanic origin, its loftiest peak rising to an elevation of 1,300 feet. In the interior are a number of large lakes, which are the breeding grounds of the salmon. One of these, Letnik lake, is seven miles long, and on its shores is located a big government fish hatchery.

In the days of long ago, before the United States bought Alaska, the salmon fishery of Afognak was operated by the Russian-American company, which established on the island a colony of its superannuated and pensioned employees. These were Aleuts, whose descendants today compose the native population, somewhat more than 400, though their blood is much mixed.

### Soldiers and Bananas Growing.

The New South Wales government has not been long in providing its returning soldiers with work. One of the enterprises undertaken with this object is the cultivation of bananas on a large scale. There is no fruit crop that yields such a quick return as the banana and in the present flourishing state of the market no better undertaking could have been selected, given the right men. It is not work for the lazy. But among the demobilized troops are plenty of men who are young, tough and teachable. Four hundred acres have been taken as a beginning and each settler has 12 months' probation before a block is entrusted to him. The sum of £625 is advanced to each for implements, stock, and house-building material. The soldiers have already started and enjoy their rough life in the hills. The experienced planter, Mr. C. Rose, who is in charge, sees nothing but success ahead in reward for their efforts.

### Prickly Pear Proving Pest.

Australia is suffering from a prickly pear pest, which takes advantage of the rivers as a means of spreading. Shoots break off from the parent plant growing along a stream and the part is carried downstream to found a new colony. Thousands of acres are being ruined yearly owing to the ravages of this plant, and no means have been discovered of stopping its march. Rolling, spraying and poisons have proved ineffectual, and it is hoped that some scientist may find some commercial use for the plant.

### Indian Women Progressing.

Oklahoma Indian girls are as much interested in the canning campaign as their paleface sisters. In Beckham county, Okla., they attend all the meetings held by the home demonstration agent, and this year made an excellent booth exhibit of the fruit and vegetables they had canned and dried. One Indian woman also exhibited 100 chickens of her own raising. —Exchange.

### London's Housing Problem.

The London housing board has inspected 2,000 houses that may be converted into flats. Of these 1,000 have been approved and work is to be commenced immediately. Work has also been begun on 8,000 houses.

### Democrat Want Adds Get Results

### German Workmen Urged to Resume Work on Roads

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—A. P.—The government has issued a manifesto urgently calling upon the striking railway workmen to resume work immediately, pointing out, among other things, the consequences of the strike on 400,000 war prisoners "whom your tactics are shutting out from wife and family."

### Missionary Is Held for Ransom

PEKING, Jan. 12.—A. P. (Delayed Wednesday) — Dr. A. L. Shelton, Christian missionary captured by bandits near Yunna Fu, Jan. 3, is being held for ransom, according to reports received here.

### Basket Ball At Stayton

The Stayton Mail in speaking of the local Basket Ball team states that the next home game is with Albany which promises to furnish thrills for both players and the audience.

### Teachers Meeting at Salem

The principals of the schools of Marion county held a live meeting at Salem Saturday and discussed ways and means of solving the many problems of the school man from A. to Z. Supt. Churchill made a talk on the organization of the public high schools of the state. Prof. Thomas Gentle of the faculty of the Monmouth Normal also addressed the teachers along practical lines.

### Visiting at Marshfield—

Mrs. Willard Marks and son Robert are spending a few days visiting in Marshfield at the home of Mrs. Mark's mother Mrs. G. L. Dindinger.



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