

PASTOR SCORES DANCING AND MODERN DRESS

Jumping Up and Down' Not Related to Terpsichorean Art, He Says.

EVE'S GARB IS TARGET

That "jumping up and down" and "hopping around" is not dancing, was the assertion of the Rev. Lewis Brown, D. D., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in a sermon last night on "The Degradation of Dress," which is the second of his series of Sunday night sermons on this series of Sunday night sermons week he will preach on "Criminal Moving Pictures." His subject last week was "Shattered Homes and Broken Families." The Rev. Brown said he is in favor of normal dancing which consists of full revolutions and which is "not only enjoyable, but a healthful pleasure."

In condemning the present day dress, the Rev. Brown said that it is a thing in civilization people should realize that there is no place for the garden of Eden garb. He censured the "waistless" waist, abbreviated skirt and the transparent hose, terming the present fashion a disregard for the principles of modesty and decency, and recommended a standardized garment for women which could be worn throughout the year.

GIVE VIEWPOINT OF ENGLISHMAN

"An Englishman who was in our country once wondered why the rainy Sunday attendance at the churches was so poor and when told that people could not wear their best clothes on rainy days he showed his surprise, saying that in his country the children were taught to wear their oldest garments to church," he said.

In discussing the conditions in the high schools Dr. Brown said the high school girl cannot be blamed when she has no education in decency and modesty at home for objecting to enforced control at school. Dr. Brown pointed out that the revolution in dress has come about by degrees, at the same time declaring that "something must be done to counteract the present frightfulness of the improper dress propriety."

In an address on "My Mother's Bible" yesterday afternoon, before the Men's Big Meeting at English's theater, the Rev. R. A. Elwood, known as the "board walk" preacher of Atlantic City, N. J., scored the modern innovations in Protestant religion as the destroyer of the teachings of the "Holy Bible." He advocated a revolution to the puritanic faith, and declared that the majority of people in the congregations today do not have a speaking acquaintance with the Bible for sin. He censured the modern church as lacking in hospitality because the religion in it is too respectable to allow an old-fashioned interchange of friendship.

PORTUGUESE LONESOME XMAS FOR SOME

He cited as an example of this that there will be many persons in Indianapolis who will spend a lonesome Christmas day, because nobody will ask them to spend the day in their homes.

In discussing sin, the Rev. Elwood said there are too many people today who are trying to make themselves believe that there is no sin and declared that the individual who says that sin does not exist, is no less than a liar.

At the meeting, which was the "Ladies' Day Meeting," the quartette from the Third Christian Church gave special numbers under the direction of F. E. Ellis. Preceding the meeting L. A. Von Staden's orchestra gave a thirty-minute concert. Out of the 2,047 persons present, 727 were women. There will be no other Sunday meetings until Jan. 9, according to the announcement of A. H. Godard, director of the "Big Meetings."

At the Capitol Avenue M. E. Church following an address by the Rev. Elwood on the persecution of the Armenians because of their Christian religion, the Sunday school of the church pledged to support twelve Armenian babies. A pleasant donkey with twelve bells for orphans babies was given by the children.

Pomp and Frolic to Mark Inauguration

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—For the first time in a dozen years, Washington is to have its inaugural ball. The ball, which was a function of President Wilson eight years ago. The committee recently appointed to arrange for the inauguration of Senator Harding has decided on the resumption of the ball, which is held in the big pension office and attended by several hundred persons—or all who can get tickets.

Another new feature of the Harding inauguration will be a Mardi Gras street, according to plans, is to be assigned to each State. There sons and daughters of the respective States will frolic in mask and fancy dress.

Incidentally, Washington merchants and hotel owners are among the strong supporters of an old-fashioned inauguration. For a week they eat meals at any old price and pay \$3 for a bed on a billiard table if the visitor is lucky.

Seeks Early Hearing in Receivership Suit

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Attorney W. E. Young, representing the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, was in Columbus today to speed hearing on the suit of receivership brought by the company against the Goodyear Rubber Company. The suit filed by Frank S. Monnet, Columbus, attorney, brought F. A. Seiberling, president of the rubber concern, back to Akron Sunday from New York. The official charges Monnet's petition was filed with misrepresentations and contains scarcely a truthful statement. Seiberling declared "untrue" the statement by Monnet that the June, 1920 stock dividend was not paid out of surplus earnings.

V. M. Armstrong Is Head of Root Post

V. M. Armstrong was elected commander of the Howard C. Root post No. 34 of the American Legion at a meeting of the organization in the Board of Trade building. Other officers elected were: L. V. Fadell, senior vice commander; Gerald Zeller, junior vice commander; N. A. Nicol, treasurer; Harry Von Wiler, adjutant; and Donald Hamner, insurance officer.

Boy Drops Match Into Gas Tank; Panic On

Special to The Times. NEW ALBANY, Ind., Dec. 20.—John Lamb Jr., 17, caused a terrific explosion which was followed by a costly fire and a theater panic yesterday by dropping a lighted match into a gasoline tank which he thought was empty.

His clothing in flames, the boy fled through the streets until he was caught by some men who smothered the flames with their overcoats.

The tank, when it exploded, ascended into the air, setting fire to the White House Department Store and the Grand Theater, causing a loss of \$3,000.

TWO GAMBLING RAIDS MADE.

A total of \$600 and several prisoners were taken in two raids on two reputed gambling games early Sunday morning. Charles Jones, 30, was arrested for operating a gambling house at 936 North Garfield street. Five men were arrested in a "friendly" game at 618 North Meridian street.

PRISONER SENT TO NORTH VERNON.

James Hill, 23, 21 North East street, has been returned by the police to North Vernon, where he is said to be wanted for an automobile theft.

Family Fuss Is Seen Back of Postponing of 'Zaza' Premier

Mme. Walska, Wife of Former 'Richest Bachelor' Leaves Chicago After Conference.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Postponement of the premiere of "Zaza" by the Chicago Opera Company, which was to have taken place tomorrow night and the sudden departure for New York of Mme. Ganna Walska, "the world's most wealthy prima donna" who was to have sung the title role gave rise today to a flood of conflicting rumors.

Announcement was made by officials of the opera company that the postponement was due to inability of the company to do the vast amount of preparatory work necessary to the successful production of the opera. It was said that Mme. Walska had gone to New York for the holidays.

Mme. Walska is the wife of Alexander Smith Cochran of New York, whose reputed fortune of \$80,000,000 caused him to be known as the "world's richest bachelor." It has been declared that Cochran objected to the prima donna appearing in the rather daring role of Zaza. Cochran passed several days in Chicago, but returned to New York a day before the singer did.

Mme. Walska is reported to have said that "if my husband should object to my singing—well, not for long would he be my husband."

CITY HOSPITAL EFFICIENT AS LAWS PERMIT

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was sent to the hospital by a physician in private practice who diagnosed his sickness as pneumonia, admitted to the pneumonia ward and regarded as a pneumonia patient for approximately eight hours before he was subjected to an examination by the interne who questioned the diagnosis and subsequently transferred him to the care of another interne for treatment of an infection of the finger and the eye.

REDUCES BIT HIM, COMPLAINANT SAYS.

During the interval between his entrance into the hospital and his examination by the interne, he complained to the nurse of being bitten by bedbugs and, according to his own statement and the record of his case, he was removed from one bed to another with a complete change of linen.

Trouble was encountered in taking blood from his arm, owing to scar tissue which made it difficult to locate a vein, and owing to a defective syringe, which is a part of the hospital equipment.

All records of the hospital go to show that his infected finger and eye were treated properly and promptly and the only disagreement between the statements of the patient and the hospital records is as to the number of times his infected finger and eye were treated.

The chart of the case shows two treatments which the patient denies having received. The chart also shows the administering of morphine and the complaint of neglect becomes a question of veracity between a patient whose memory was clouded with suffering and drugs and a nurse with an excellent reputation for devotion to duty.

HOSPITAL LACKS PROPER EQUIPMENT.

Summed up, the circumstances surrounding the complainant's stay at the hospital will be observed by a fair investigator to reveal:

1. That he was neither wilfully mistreated nor wilfully neglected by any hospital attendants.

2. That he was subjected to conditions that never should exist in any institution, either public or private, but do exist in the City Hospital owing to lack of proper equipment.

3. That his complaint is fully justified, but that the responsibility for the things which he complains cannot be placed on the shoulders of any one connected with the City Hospital.

Investigation discloses that the City Hospital is immeasurably cleaner and in

every way more efficient than it has ever been in its history, yet there is still room for much improvement—of a kind that only the taxpayers of Indianapolis can bring about.

The hospital administration appears to have brought the institution to as high a point of efficiency as it can.

The level is not a satisfactory one and can only be raised by some radical changes in the system of administration and in the attitude of the taxpayer community toward expenditures for its improvement.

Bedbugs are not welcome hospital inmates. They do infect the patients at the City Hospital. A constant war is waged upon them, but it is in evidence that the measures taken for their elimination are not efficient and it is a fact that the administration rests content with the measures that are well-known to be inefficient.

There is no apparatus in the hospital for the sterilization of mattresses. A sterilizer formerly used for that purpose gave way under steam pressure and efforts to repair it were unavailing.

A new sterilizer is reported to have been ordered for the hospital more than three months ago. It is not yet in sight and in the meanwhile the mattresses hatch bedbugs.

The source of the bugs is known to the hospital authorities and a method of combating them has been evolved. Beds are subjected to a blow-torch and to commercial disinfectants and deodorizers. Linen is thoroughly washed and sterilized. Mattresses are sprayed in a solution designed to kill the nits and bugs.

But the sponging of the mattresses is not sufficient to make certain the elimination of the pests and the hospital practice does not provide for any other efficient method pending the arrival of that sterilizer, the delay in the installation of which is doing more to ruin public confidence in the institution than any other thing.

NURSES' HOME IS NEEDED.

In the meanwhile, every once in a while bedbugs are found in the wards. Attention to them is rapid and complete as far as the prescribed measures go—but they do not go far enough to eliminate the bugs and that fact does not appear to have prompted the addition of any more drastic means of righting the situation.

In addition to the elimination of the bugs, which competent authorities say can be done even without the expected equipment, the City Hospital needs a nurses' home.

It needs more student nurses and it needs better accommodations for the nurses in order that it may attract persons who wish to complete their course of training.

Mayor Jewett has included in his program of building for next year a proposed home for nurses to cost \$500,000. This is an overestimate of necessary costs and the overestimate will doubtless create some opposition to the project.

Delaying the nurses' home means deprivation of hospital patients of nurses' care. The better the facilities for the nurses the better will be the nursing at the City Hospital, and although the average taxpayer will howl long and loud for the very best nursing possible when he is sick, his howling will not be equal to that which he will do when well and asked to part with a few cents on the dollar of his valuation for the purpose of providing better nursing at the hospital.

Mayor Jewett's administration is not without fault in the premises. It has never explained the need of a nurses' home at the hospital and it has shaken confidence in the project by asking for a greater sum than is necessary to its consummation.

CITIZENS NEED BETTER ACQUAINTANCE.

What Indianapolis citizens need is a better acquaintance with their City Hospital. The writer recently passed through basement rooms that were closed to the public not so very long ago. Then the floors were covered with slime and filth, the walls were black with dirt and the whole floor was piled high with rubbish that made of the old hospital building

a fire menace such as made one shudder to think of the appalling risks.

Today these rooms are clean and smart in new paint and the floors and walls are spotless. The rubbish is gone. The place looks like a hospital, just as the power plant looks like a commercial power plant. In no way has the hospital been improved more than it has by a thorough cleansing and painting.

The Times has had occasion in the past to criticize the mechanical condition of the plant. The criticisms were justified and apparently produced results.

For to the everlasting credit of the engineer and the hospital management, it should be known that today the power

plant invites inspection and there is little of that dilapidated condition about the plumbing and fixtures of either the old or new building that disgusts one with municipal ownership. Just who is responsible for this change is not known, but whoever it is should have a vote of thanks from the community.

From the storerooms to the attic the investigator found cleanliness. Throughout the whole institution he found a high grade of efficiency. Nowhere was there a tolerance of sloped methods and in no instances were there conditions found that should be righted, the responsibility for which does not go back to the old, old axiom that in this world we get only that for which we are willing to pay. And we have not heretofore

been very willing to pay for a high class City Hospital.

Two criticisms of the City Hospital stand out as such as should receive the immediate attention of the administration:

1. Something else should be done about those bedbugs besides wait for a new sterilizer.

2. Some other arrangements should be made immediately for the care of demented patients, even though it involve the fitting up of a temporary detention home.

It is not inductive to the recovery of patients to be annoyed by bugs. Nor is it inductive to the peace of mind of citizens to see a demented woman attempt to brain a nurse with a telephone.

Whenever Mayor Jewett's administration gets sufficient of a hump on itself to make it possible for the hospital attaches to eliminate bugs and the State of Indiana realizes its responsibility to its people sufficiently to make adequate provisions for its unfortunately insane, the City Hospital will retrieve a great part of the confidence of the public that it has lost through years of neglect on the part of both officials and the public. Were these two menaces eliminated, the writer would have no hesitation in trusting himself to the institution for medical or surgical care and if the need were great he would have little hesitation about doing so right now.

Which is a lot more than could have been said not so very long ago.

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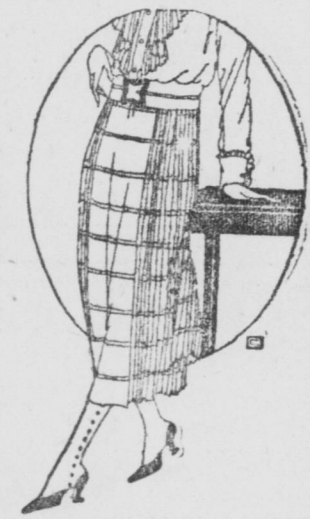
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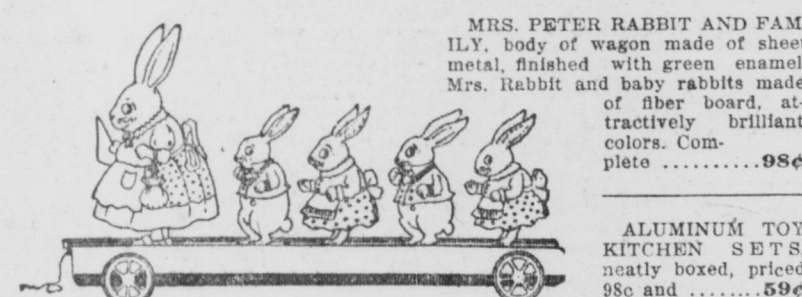
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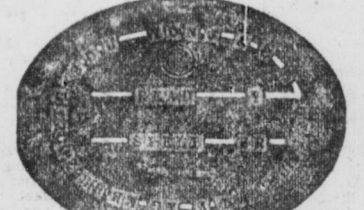


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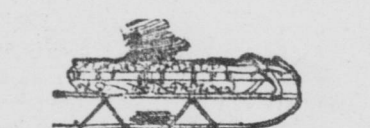
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