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COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

(Continued from Page 3.) tory stalls in Macdonald and Frontenac school buildings; estimated cost, \$200. That additional radiation be placed in two Victoria school rooms; estimated cost, \$200. That a sink and an electric two-plate stove be placed in the teachers' room, Victoria school; estimated cost, \$50. That electric lighting be installed in Sydenham and Rideau school buildings; estimated cost, \$150. That trees be placed in the spring on Macdonald school grounds, at a cost of \$40. That repairs be made to the stalls in the boys' lavatory, Victoria school, at an estimated cost of \$35. That Joseph Gould, caretaker of Central school, who is seriously ill, be granted two months' leave of absence with present salary. That the finance committee place \$2,500 in the estimates for repairs during the year. That a sink, with connections, and a gas supply pipe be placed in the gymnasium of the Collegiate Institute at an estimated cost of \$102.40.

Communications Received. The following communications were received and referred to committees: Mrs. E. Hill, of the Parent-Teachers' Association of Rideau school, asking permission to use the school on certain evenings of the week for working for a sale and that lights be placed in the school. H. C. Nichol, asking how many tried their matriculation in 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919; what percentage passed, what percentage failed, what percentage tried for the second time before passing; what percentage of those who tried for the second time failed. E. O. Sitter, J. W. Kelly, Miss H. L. Chown, G. R. Smith, W. M. Shurtliff, of Collegiate staff, thanking the board for increases. The chairman of the Board of Education of Smith's Falls, stating that the board would be pleased to allow Mr. Flaker, teacher of music in the Smith's Falls schools, to come to Kingston and give the board information.

Reports of School Officers. The school nurse, reporting that during the month, cases of sickness were: Measles, 66; diphtheria, 13; scarlet fever, 5; whooping cough, 4, and chicken-pox, 1. Principal Ettinger, of Victoria school, wrote, asking for definite information about the period of quarantine. There appears to be a difference of opinion among the doctors and the principal Board of Health. The matter was referred to the management committee, with power to act. Public School Inspector Stuart reported that there was an enrollment of 2,744, with an average attendance of 2,026 during the month. The attendance in February is thirty-seven less and the average attendance lower by 180, as compared with February, 1919. E. O. Sitter, principal of the Collegiate Institute, reported an enrollment of 538, with an average attendance of 518. Mrs. Eason, school attendance officer, reported non-attendance, 90; number of visits to the homes, 180; exemptions asked for, 3, and granted, 2. In attendance were Trustees Thomas Mills (chairman), F. B. Hill, L. T. Best, W. M. Campbell, J. G. Elliott, J. M. Farrell, W. H. Godwin, James Henderson, J. W. Jones, Allan Lemmon, L. C. Lockett, J. F. Macdonald, H. V. Moore, Miss E. G. Mowat, A. W. McLean, W. J. Renton and Frank Smythe.

SAVED A VICAR'S LIFE. But He Never Forgave or Forgot His Deliverer. A Bancroft correspondent, writing to the Belleville Ontario says: "At the time of the Eldorado gold excitement; I was running a sawmill in Madoc. The boom brought lumber up to nearly a quarter of what it is now and we thought that times were pretty good. Our mill was of the most primitive description. The saw was an upright one fastened in a heavy frame of oak plank called a gate, and as the saw, gate, stirrup and pitman, weighed more than a quarter of a ton with the force of the water added, it came down with great force. "One morning when a neighbor who had some business at the mill, happened to be around, we had a momentary delay in starting, and I had just arranged the matter and signalled my helper to start the wheel when I turned around and saw the vicar standing directly under the gate, while the saw had just started to come down. "To have spoken to the man would have been worse than useless, and in a quarter of a second his skull would have been crushed like an eggshell. His back was turned to me and I struck him a blow between the shoulders that knocked him flat into the sawdust, but saved his life. He got up and rubbing the sawdust out of his eyes asked me what meant by striking him. I pointed to the saw and told him that I was too busy to attend funerals if it could possibly be avoided, but although he did not say much I could see that he would have preferred to have had his life saved in a more polite way. I do not think that he ever really forgave me for taking the only possible means of saving his life."

Crows Seen All Winter. Kingston Junction, March 11.—Mrs. Knox returned home on Tuesday. William Gordon is filling his ice house. Mrs. E. McCallum has returned to her farm home after spending the winter months in the city. The man that was treated to a sight of a crow in the park should take a trip out to the station, where they can be seen all winter.

Wolfe Island Personals. Wolfe Island, March 11.—Farmers are hauling hay to Kingston while the ice is good. Henry C. Hogan, assessor, has begun his work. Measles are prevalent here. Miss Clara Hogan has gone to Tread to visit her sister, Mrs. F. Tracey.

Marriage is sometimes an illusion—and sometimes a disillusion.

KEEPING SPAIN NEUTRAL.

Bull Fighter Tipped Scale in Favor of Allies. Did Spain at one time plan to enter the war as an ally of Germany? The question is not of great importance now, but it is of no small interest, and recently documents have been published indicating that Spain was about to take the plunge. Spain's attitude for several years was widely discussed, and there was a consensus that her sympathies were with Germany. About King Alfonso's feelings there was much controversy. It was known that his favorite hunt in pre-war days was France, and that he had much admiration for the French people. The fact that his wife was an English woman might incline him to the cause of the Allies; and again it might have a directly contrary effect. Again it was said on what appeared to be good authority that the war was never discussed in his presence. After the armistice a statement was given out to the effect that as soon as the war began King Alfonso sent a message to the French that they could remove all their troops from their southern frontier in the certain knowledge that they need fear no aggression from Spain. Not long ago Alfonso visited Paris and publicly showed his deep satisfaction that the Allies had triumphed. So far as the King of Spain is concerned the evidence shows him to be pro-Allies.

But there were other important factors that were pro-German. The church in Spain was sympathetic to Austria. The army had been built on the German model and among the high officers there was a belief in Germany's invincibility. The aristocracy's attitude was in favor of the church and the army. The middle classes were probably making money out of the war. Germany was spending vast sums with them. Great numbers of the poorer people, too, permitted the church to do their thinking for them. A staunch, probably element was that of the "intellectuals" and the Socialists. These people saw clearly enough that the struggle was between freedom and autocracy, and knew that a victory for Germany would put back the hands of the clock of human progress all over the world. The most brilliant Spanish writer of the century, Ibanez, was a passionate pro-Allies, and has to his credit the most powerful novel dealing with the war in any language. It is as well a terrible indictment of Germany.

The facts are familiar to the public. The new evidence is supplied in a letter by Admiral Decker, of the United States navy. Admiral Decker believes that if the United States had not entered the war Spain would have plunged in to help Germany. Her motive was not to help Germany so much as a desire to stand well with the victor, and as long as she picked Germany as the winner this danger remained. Entry of the United States caused her to hesitate, and it was the duty of those in charge of Allied propaganda to set up the newspapers with propaganda showing that Germany was in a position with the tremendous weight of America tossed into the scales. The Press Bureau claims that there was not a German lie it was not able to expose the day after it was published. Opposed to the Allied propaganda was the German propaganda which spent an average of \$4,000,000 a year in Spain, and we have an idea that \$4,000,000 a year would go a long way with Spanish public opinion. Shortly before the United States came in, according to a gentleman who works under Admiral Decker, a mobilization of Spanish troops was ordered at Burgos, only a few miles from the French frontier. To this it may be said that the news is so startling that it is difficult to believe.

But the vital factor in the crisis was not the press bureau, but a bullfighter, Belmonte, the most famous torero in Spain, who was known to have pro-Allies sentiments. On his return from a triumphal tour of several South American countries, the Press Bureau secured an interview from him in which he flatly came out as a friend of the Allies. The interview, having good news value, was telegraphed all over Spain. It had greater weight with the Spanish people, says the American propagandist, Mr. F. J. Marion, of Miami, than if the King had given it.

Aviation in Africa. In East Africa, says Major W. T. Blake in the Wide World Magazine, it was almost impossible to find open ground suitable for airdrome, and space had to be cleared in the dense bush sufficient to allow a skillfully-piloted machine to rise and land. Frequently the airmen were away from headquarters and then returning to their lairs in the bush, lions and leopards attacked the camps and waited for anyone who dared move far from the tents at night; on at least one occasion elephants charged down upon an airdrome and did tremendous damage. A forced landing in the bush meant almost certain death, even if pilot and observer survived the crash it was highly probable that they would lose themselves in their efforts to return, or be killed by wild beasts during the journey.

A Greedy Youth. The young Shah of Persia has been visiting Paris. He is twenty-one and weighs 285 pounds. The Shah was invited to a tea at the Ritz, at which a number of notables were present. The boy potentate drank three cups of chocolate, ate six caviar sandwiches, had two cups of tea and nine assorted cakes.

Tact. Little Lydia had been given a ring as a Christmas present, but, much to her disappointment, no one of the guests at the Christmas dinner had noticed it. Finally, unable to withstand their obtuseness or indifference, she exclaimed: "O, dear, I'm so warm in my new ring!"

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