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AUGUSTINE COVE W. I.

The March meeting of the Augustine Cove W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Dawson. Meeting opened by singing the "Institute Ode," followed by "Creed" in unison. Roll call was responded to by ten members and one visitor present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was then read and discussed. Reports of the committees were heard and new ones appointed. Sick and Programme—Mrs. Eldon Dawson, Mrs. Verne Webster, Lunch—Mrs. Gerald MacFadyen, Mrs. Lester MacWilliams, Mrs. Brent Clark, Mrs. Eldon Dawson. Mrs. Lorne Casruthers kindly invited members to her home for the next meeting. Meeting closed with the National Anthem after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by committee in charge.

The Nutcracker is a small bird allied to the crows and jays which inhabit the mountains of British Columbia.

Speculate On War Possibility In Balkans

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr.

(Associated Press News Analyst) Does Cominform military activity in the Balkans mean that war is coming to Europe this year? No categorical answer can be made this side of the Iron Curtain. Marshal Tito's charges that Russia and her satellites are making aggressive preparations along Yugoslavia's borders certainly add a sombre overtone to long-standing fears.

There are domestic circumstances which could cause the Belgrade dictator to make such charges at this time for his own purposes. Tito's official family has not been unanimous in approving his recent steps toward Western friendship, his appeal for outright food aid and loans and his final break with Russia.

Until last Christmas Tito kept up the myth that his differences with Russia were with a regime which was deviating probably only temporarily from true Communism. Since then Yugoslav propaganda has charged that Russia was out and out Fascist. Some of his lieutenants haven't been too enthusiastic about that.

All this year Tito has been trying to overcome opposition among his own people with seeming steps toward democracy, obviously in the hope of creating greater unity. Right now he is negotiating for the purchase of war materials from the U.S. and Britain, and it is to his interest to create an atmosphere of urgency in this connection. It is to his advantage to intensify the attitudes already taken by Britain and America that any Cominform attack on Yugoslavia would almost certainly set off a third world war.

Regardless of Tito's motivation, the facts to which he calls attention are incontrovertible and critical. Whether they mean that the Cominform has decided on war cannot be said. That it is preparing for war, in fear or by design, is sure.

I.O.O.F. Celebrate Founder, Thos. Wilkey

On Thursday evening, March 8th, the Oddfellows and Rebekahs gathered together in the lodge room to commemorate the founder of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, when an interesting program was presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The first part of the evening consisted of a motion picture called "Scarlet and Gold," along with another short picture, "North West Passage" shown through the courtesy of the R.C.M.P. and the co-operation of the National Film Board. Mr. Ian Cameron was projectionist for this occasion.

The next part of the program was made up of music and various contests. The music was a duet by two young ladies from Parkdale, Misses Olive Newman and Shirley Clay, accompanied by Janet MacEachern. The contests were enjoyed by those willing to take part, and brought fun and laughter for the rest who gathered for the celebration.

The evening ended with refreshments which were prepared and served by the committee and some willing helpers. The committee wish to thank all those who helped in any way to make the event a successful one. The celebration committee, W. A. Warren, J. R. Compton, and A. O. F. Gill.

W.C.T.U. NOTES

THE CANADIAN TEMPERANCE FEDERATION

The Canadian Temperance Federation is the co-ordinating body of most of the organized temperance units in the Dominion, and the purpose of the Temperance Federation is to teach the youth the effects of alcoholic beverages, physically, socially and mentally; to present to the adult the startling figures of the gravest menace in Canada today, and endeavour to awaken all Christian bodies of the necessity of organizing against evil.

We must salute the organization, "Alcoholics Anonymous," as they do a marvellous work of rehabilitation, but if sufficient interest could be aroused in the cause of temperance across Canada, there would be fewer alcoholics. The purpose of The Canadian Temperance Federation is to unify the methods of approach to this problem all across Canada, for "In Unity There is Strength."

Is the liquor traffic a problem? Figures do not lie, and they tell us that this traffic in Canada costs us millions of dollars every year. The following is a quotation from an article in the United Church Observer—"A Canadian Industrialist estimates the cost of alcoholism to Canadian industry, through loss of time, inefficiency and production slow-downs, at eighty million dollars annually. Manitoba floods have caused terrible damage. It is estimated that it will cost between eighty and a hundred million dollars to repair the damage. An eighty million dollar disaster once in a quarter century awakens Canadians to an immediate response, but an eighty million dollar industrial loss to Canada, occurring annually, causes little apparent concern.

Perhaps some figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, concerning the hotel business in Canada in 1949 will further awaken us. Total business done by hotels in Canada was \$35,122,000, of which \$189,235,000 or 53 per cent was spent for beer, wine or liquor; \$78,373,000, or 23 per cent from room rentals; and only \$60,435,000 or 17 per cent for meals. Three times the value of the food was spent for liquor.

In the twenty-five year period, 1923-1948, the increase in liquor traffic in Canada was alarming.

Spirits — 1923 — 1,734,770 Gal.; 1948 — 7,320,388 Gal.; Beer — 1923 35,435,690 Gal.; 1948 — 166,742,842 Gal.; Wine — 1923 — 1,112,260 Gal.; 1948 — 5,213,608 Gal.

Figures would speak for themselves, but they do not tell of the murders, the filled jail-cells, the broken homes, the neglected children, the deaths by automobile accidents, caused by drinking drivers, the filled mental institutions, in fact, unaccountable misery caused by the "First Drink."

It is the aim of the Canadian Temperance Federation to present to all, the effects of the Liquor Traffic; but the task is great and it needs the support of every Christian man and woman in our Dominion. Will you support your local temperance forces with your time, your talent and your funds? Only by our united effort can we halt this alarming menace.

W. S. Barker, Secretary for New Brunswick. P. S. — If you wish to support your local Temperance Federation you may send your contribution to the following: In Prince Edward Island, Rev. Howard Christie, Hunter River, P. E. I.

CRESCENT CARNIVAL

FRANCES PARKISON KEYES

(Continued)

He was sorry they had decided on a barbecue. He and Anna had made a mistake in considering what Celeste and Walter would enjoy rather than what Mrs. Fontaine and Olivier would enjoy. Marie Celeste and Walter—Ann kept coupling their names and so did everyone else. Anyone would think to hear Anna talk, that they were engaged already. Breck flung himself into his clothes, after a hasty shower. Several guests were already clustered around the brick barbecue pit when he went out on the rear lawn. Both the lamb and the pig which had been roasted whole had been taken from the large iron skewers and laid, already sliced, on a wooden butcher block. A big bowl of highly flavoured celery sauce stood between the platters arrayed on a long plank table.

Mrs. Fontaine appeared to enjoy the evening's entertainment. She said she would never have believed that eating outdoors could have given her so much additional appetite.

Marie Celeste threw herself into the spirit of the occasion with even greater zest. And when the feast itself was over and the Negroes came from the quarters to sing, her delight in their performance was unbounded. They began with some spirituals which she had never heard before.

When the darkies switched from spirituals to love songs, she was even more enchanted. After the guests had dispersed and the choir had gone back to their quarters, the last cadences dying away in the distance as the singers strolled along, Celeste seated herself at the inland piano in the parlor, running her fingers happily over the keys as the lines she had just learned poured joyously from her throat.

"I'm a thinkin' of you honey, Thinkin' I love you, And my heart keeps thumpin' As I see her row after row." "Sing the chorus with me," she said, looking up at Breck, who had followed her into the parlor. "I couldn't sing a note to save my life, Celeste."

"Nonsense! Of course you could. Everyone can sing. You too, Walter."

Walter had come into the parlor too now, Walter and Mrs. Fontaine and Anna. Only Olivier was missing. But in a minute Celeste had all the others singing with her: "Row after row, my baby, Row after row, my baby, Row after row, my baby, Row after row."

Breck went, as usual, into the fields at six on Monday morning with Drew, returning to the house in time for breakfast. He found Anna alone on the piazza. Mrs. Fontaine had sent down word that she was still a little tired, and felt that she should conserve her strength for the day's outing; she was selfishly keeping Celeste with her. Olivier had not sent down word at all. He had apparently taken it for granted that he would receive service in his room. Anna was inclined to be querulous again.

"I don't believe Mrs. Fontaine ever takes any exercise. At least she never seems to. If she got more fresh air she wouldn't feel so tired. And I think it's dreadful, Breck, for a young girl in her teens, perfectly healthy, to get the habit of breakfasting in bed. The more I see of the way Celeste's brought up, the less I think of it. Why, she isn't encouraged to make the slightest effort, to take the initiative in anything! And as for a man having breakfast in his room—"

"You really wouldn't call Olivier Fontaine a man, would you? He's just a spoiled sump!" Ann immediately rose to the defense of Olivier. She was more and more intrigued by the handsome Creole all the time.

CHAPTER XIV.

Breck left the house as soon as he had finished breakfast Monday morning, inventing small tasks with which to busy himself. He had hardly slept at all, and he was very jumpy; the hours were certainly dragging for him. Until he could see Celeste, he knew that he would have no rest. He did not go back into the house until the last possible moment, and while he was changing his clothes Breck knocked on the library door and told him that he had visitors.

"Here's a Mr. de Gruy from St. Martinville here to see you, Mr. Breck. He's got another gentleman with him, a Mr. de Hauterive. Tell them I'll be right out. And, by the way, tell Mrs. Fontaine as well as Mrs. Breckenridge that he's here. He's a cousin of hers. She'll want to know."

When Breck reached the drawing room, though Anna was nowhere to be seen, Mrs. Fontaine had the situation graciously in hand. She and Celeste were making agreeable conversation with the two visitors, and coffee was already being served.

(To be continued)

Report Chinese Province Under Russian Control

By R. K. Kak

SRINAGAR, Kashmir, March 12 (AP)—West China's mineral-rich Sinkiang Province "has passed under Russian occupation and control for all practical purposes," says a former Sinkiang Nationalist official now in Kashmir.

Isa Yusuf-Effendi, 44-year-old former secretary general of the Province and advisor to Chiang Kai-Shek, told a press conference that Russian troops now are manning strategic Sinkiang outposts.

He said Russia wants Sinkiang as a source of mineral deposits—uranium, platinum, coal, iron, and oil—and as "a safe military base and a naturally-guarded centre of Russian war industry" far from the range of any potential Allied bombing.

Estimating that Russian and Chinese Communist troops in Sinkiang total nearly 200,000, Isa said 30,000 troops had been stationed in areas bordering Kashmir and Tibet and larger contingents assigned to Northwest districts near the Kansu Province of China.

"The Russians are exploiting to the fullest extent possible the uranium deposits of Sinkiang," he added. "Batches of Russian experts and specialists have been rushed with the necessary equipment to a new uranium field near Gochi, east of Urumchi."

Isa, now a refugee in Kashmir, said that in the last six months at Illi into one of Asia's largest for handling heavy aircraft.

Russian officers on the borders regulate the entry of Chinese travellers into Sinkiang and control all transport facilities, he said.

Isa termed the Russian consuls in Illi and Urumchi and the president of the Russian-Chinese-Turkistan Association "the de facto rulers of Sinkiang."

WELLING, Kent, England (CP)—Petty officer Charles Carley, 18, of the sea cadets was somewhat embarrassed. He has been called up for the army.

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