

WOULD GIVE EDUCATION BOARD ENTIRE CONTROL OF SCHOOLS Supt. Ballou, Before Congressional Committee. Protests Divided Authority. Refers to Curtailed Appropriations.

Complete authority over all matters pertaining to the schools should be centered in the board of education, Supt. Ballou of the public schools yesterday afternoon told the joint congressional committee investigating the school situation here.

"All of the school business should be handled by the board of education," said Dr. Ballou, "and the board should be held fully responsible for the schools and everything in them.

Dr. Ballou described what had happened during the past year, and said that the board of education had been given authority to make estimates for the coming fiscal year, and that it was the duty of the board to submit these estimates before the board of education.

Dr. Ballou went over in some detail the joint committee on the construction program, and said that the board of education had approved the plan for the construction of the new schools.

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MRS. CARUSO, CONVERTED TO SPIRITUALISM, JOINS SET TO ATTEND SEANCES

NEW YORK, February 18.—Mrs. Enrico Caruso, widow of the Metropolitan Opera star, today announced that she was interested in spiritualism, and had enrolled in a small group of society and stage people who have been attending various seances in the last few weeks.

"At the first meeting the medium hadn't the least idea who I was," she declared, "and said, 'I see somebody asleep, and there is a chapel, and a priest, and a nun. I also see a cross. Don't worry.'"

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"I am not seeking any message from the dead," she exclaimed, "but I want to know what the future holds for me, and I want to know what the future holds for me, and I want to know what the future holds for me."

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NEW FINNISH MINISTER PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS.



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GIRL OF 13, LICENSED BY M. E. CONFERENCE, BECOMES PREACHER

By the Associated Press. OKLAHOMA, February 18.—A thirteen-year-old girl was among seven persons granted licenses to preach by the northeastern Oklahoma conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church here yesterday.

The girl became a church member two years ago and immediately became a Sunday school teacher in the primary department. She was intensively interested in all church activities and soon attracted the attention of her pastor.

Under the direction of Rev. George A. Kline, pastor of the church, she prepared a sermon and delivered it from his pulpit. Soon she was urged to address regularly the members of the Old Ladies and Men's homes. Later she filled vacancies at Picher, Okla., and then preached at Baxter Springs.

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ONLY FOUR DAYS LEFT TO ENTER STAR'S ARMS ESSAY CONTEST

Pupils From Seventh Grade Up Studying Developments of Conference—Some of Winners to Have Work Published.

Only four days remain for pupils in the public, private and parochial schools of the District to enter the competition for the eighty-eight cash prizes, amounting to \$1,000, to be awarded winners in The Star's essay contest on the subject, "The Arms Conference and Its Significance."

The contest closes Wednesday, George Washington's birthday anniversary, and best compositions must be in the hands of the essay contest editor on that date or in the mails postmarked before midnight of that day.

Pupils in virtually all the public schools from the seventh grade through the senior institutions have been intensively studying the developments of the arms conference, and are believed to be thoroughly familiar with all the important phases of this historic event.

There will be twenty prizes of \$10 each awarded as fifth prizes, ten of \$20 each awarded as fourth prizes, and five of \$50 each awarded as third prizes. There will be two prizes of \$25 each awarded as second prizes, and one prize of \$100 awarded as first prize.

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NEW DELAY FACED IN OPENING SCHOOL

Eastern High Will Not Be Ready February 1, 1923, Unless \$375,000 Provided.

Opening of new Eastern High School, planned for February 1 next, will be necessarily postponed to September, 1923, unless an appropriation of \$375,000 for equipping the new building is provided in the pending deficiency bill, Charles Hart, principal of the school, told members of the Home and School Association of Eastern High School at a meeting last night in the auditorium of the school.

Mr. Hart declared no funds are available for such a major building, laundry, gymnasiums, assembly hall, public library, school library, office training and typewriting equipment, domestic science equipment, all laboratory equipment, other furniture, domestic science equipment and domestic art equipment.

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URGES EDUCATION FOR MOUNTAINERS

Dr. Day, Berea College Head, Cites Sterling Character of Hill People.

Educate the mountaineers of Kentucky, Tennessee, the Virginias and Carolinas and make every one of them a Rob Roy, was the plea of Dr. Jonathan C. Day, president of Berea College, Ky., to the members of the Caravan Club at their weekly meeting in the New City Club yesterday afternoon.

The educator, himself a product of the mountains of Kentucky, spoke in glowing terms of the sterling character of these "red-blooded Americans," and begged the same opportunities be given them as are daily extended to latest arrived immigrants from Europe.

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\$75 GLIMPSE LOWEST PRICE FOR OBSERVERS AT PRINCESS' WEDDING

By the Associated Press. LONDON, February 18.—It will cost some persons who can afford to pay it the equivalent of \$75 or more for a glimpse of the royal processions between Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey on the day of Princess Mary's wedding, February 23.

Bidding for seats at windows or on the roofs of buildings "anking the processional route, about a mile in length, is progressing briskly. The vantage points most coveted are those about parliament square, adjacent to Westminster Abbey, as these will afford a view of the arrival and departure of the wedding party.

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U. S. TRADE BALANCE PILED UP IN 1921

Four Times Greater Than Last Pre-War Year Despite Import Decline.

The United States piled up in 1921 a world trade balance four times greater than the last pre-war year, notwithstanding a decline of 52 per cent in imports for 1921 over 1920, the Department of Commerce announced today in a review of world trade conditions.

Exports for the year to European-Mediterranean countries were \$2,409,000,000, and more than half this total was taken by the three western European countries—England, France and Belgium. About one-fifth went to central Europe, Holland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland, and one-eighth to the western Mediterranean countries—Spain, Portugal, Italy and North Africa.

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SECRETARY AND MRS. HUGHES GIVEN CORDIAL WELCOME BY BERMUDANS

By the Associated Press. HAMILTON, Bermuda, February 18.—Charles Evans Hughes, American Secretary of State, and Mrs. Hughes arrived at Bermuda yesterday for a visit with their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, at Honeymoon Cottage.

They were met at the dock by Governor General and Lady Wilcocks, A. W. Swalm and Clay Merrill, and a large number of Bermudans, including the American consul, Colonel Secretary H. M. Moore, and Chief Justice Sir Colin Rees Davis.

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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT Year Ending December 31, 1921

THE MASONIC MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Table showing assets and liabilities for the Masonic Mutual Life Association. Assets: First mortgage loans on improved real estate (\$1,578,654.85), Real estate (\$177,410.97), Liberty loan and other bonds (\$1,145,419.43), Cash in banks and in office (\$267,050.84), Loans on association's policies (\$545,383.94), Net premiums in process of collection (\$762,686.55), All other assets (\$126,487.99). Total Assets: \$4,603,094.57. Total Liabilities: \$82,572.30.

Table showing balance to protect members' contracts. Reserve American Exp. Table of Mortality 3 1/2% on all policies: \$4,213,961.00. Net surplus: 306,561.27. Total: \$4,520,522.27.

Table showing most successful year in the history of the association. New Insurance Issued: \$42,448,000.00. Gain in Insurance in Force: \$30,124,750.00. Insurance in Force December 31, 1921: \$101,222,295.00. Membership December 31, 1921: 55,148. Assets: \$4,603,094.57. Increase in Assets: \$1,518,954.00. Increase in Reserve: \$1,282,156.00. Increase in Surplus: \$225,575.00. Total Amount Paid to Beneficiaries Since Organization: \$2,363,465.00.

THIS UNEQUALLED RECORD SHOWS THE POPULARITY OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND PROVES THAT THIS FRATERNITY APPRECIATES ITS UNEXCELLED LIFE INSURANCE PROTECTION AT LOWEST NET COST, COMBINED WITH ABSOLUTE SECURITY, PERFECT SERVICE AND SQUARE DEALING

Progress of the Association Under the Legal Reserve Plan

Table showing progress of the association under the legal reserve plan. Year: 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1915, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921. Assets: \$84,450, \$100,000, \$120,000, \$150,000, \$180,000, \$780,660, \$1,721,058, \$2,220,990, \$3,084,141, \$4,633,095. Ins. Issued During Year: \$250,000, \$300,000, \$400,000, \$500,000, \$600,000, \$4,342,345, \$7,283,250, \$16,896,250, \$40,841,750, \$42,448,000. Ins. in Force End of Year: \$1,489,500, \$1,889,500, \$2,289,500, \$2,689,500, \$3,089,500, \$11,052,500, \$24,044,612, \$37,657,924, \$71,097,545, \$101,222,295.

WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, President. J. HARRY CUNNINGHAM, Vice President. J. P. YORK, Secretary. CHARLES E. BALDWIN, Treasurer.

SPECIAL NOTICES. I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEBTS unless contracted by myself in person. WILLIAM B. STUBBS, 1117 1/2 St. N.W.

SPECIAL NOTICES. WILL PERSONS HOLDING BOOKS ON LOT that was donated to Casualty Hospital during the drive please return them to John C. Weinman, 251 13th St. N.W., not later than February 28.

YOUR ROOF. The late snow has weakened your roof to a great extent. Let us prepare it for the spring rains.

IRONCLAD Roofing, 1416 F St. N.W. The National Capital Press, 1210-1212 D St. N.W.

THE SERVICE SHOP. BYRON S. ADAMS, PRINTERS, 312 11th St. N.W.

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