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They're All Right if Wearers Behave, Judge Rules

LONDON, May 16.—The point at which short skirts cease to be proper and become indecent was debated in the London courts recently.

The Bretts club was prosecuted for allowing dancing when its premises were not licensed and police testified most of the women habitués of the club, which is one of the most fashionable in London, wore knee length frocks.

Defending the club Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, eminent lawyer, contended that it was difficult for women not to show their knees when seated, declaring that in view of the present styles there was nothing improper in knee length attire.

The judge's decision was that this was not a question of morals, but one of behavior, indicating that dancers may wear short skirts providing they conduct themselves modestly.

The other night clubs in London were keenly interested in the case and were prepared to insist on skirts below the knee if the court ruled against skimpiess.

Sport Chat

In contrast to last year when the United States Golf Association sanctioned an invading team of seven star players for the event only one American woman participated this year in the British Ladies' Open Golf Championship tournament at Sandwich, England, which was played yesterday.

Miss Rosamund Sherwood, of St. George's Club, Long Island, N. Y., was the sole American competitor and she was eliminated yesterday by Mrs. Fletcher of Wembley, in the first round.

Miss Sherwood went abroad two years ago but injured her ankle in practice before the tournament opened. At that time she received international mention for being off on a pair of crutches but of course was not placed. Miss Sherwood is not the holder of any prominent championship and simply enters the tournament as an individual. In the tournament are the most finished players of England, Ireland and Scotland, 103 entrants in all, 10 less than began last year.

The British Women's Golf Championship, open to women players of the world, was instituted in 1893. Following is a list of the winners and defeated finalists to date:

- 1893 Lady Margaret Scott and Miss I. Pearson.
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- 1895 Lady Margaret Scott and Miss E. Lythgoe.
- 1896 Miss Amy Pascoe and Miss L. Thomas.
- 1897 Miss Edith Orr and Miss Orr.
- 1898 Miss L. Thomson and Miss E. Neville.
- 1899 Miss M. Hazlett and Miss Mazill.
- 1900 Miss Rhona Adair and Miss Neville.
- 1901 Miss M. Graham and Miss Rhona Adair.
- 1902 Miss May Hazlett and Miss E. Neville.
- 1903 Miss Rhona Adair and Miss Dalker-Leigh.
- 1904 Miss Lottie Dod and Miss May Hazlett.
- 1905—Miss Bertha Thompson and Miss M. E. Stuart.
- 1906 Miss Kennion and Miss B. Thompson.
- 1907 Miss May Hazlett and Miss Florence May.
- 1908 Miss Titterton and Miss Dorothy Campbell.
- 1909 Miss Dorothy Campbell and Miss Florence Hazlett.
- 1910 Miss E. Grant-Suttie and Miss L. Moore.
- 1911 Miss Dorothy Campbell and Miss Violet Hazlett.
- 1912 Miss G. Ravenscroft and Miss S. Temple.
- 1913 Miss Muriel Dodd and Miss Chubb.
- 1914 Miss Cecil Leitch and Miss G. Ravenscroft.
- 1915 to 1918 (inclusive) no competition.

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In the Letter Box

Editor Daily News:

Your issue of yesterday contained an item showing where two Chinamen were given 30 days free board at the Hotel Vickers for performing the honorable feat of smoking opium. Now I may be a crank, but I cannot see that smoking opium is of enough public benefit to the community to justify the expense. If these Chinamen want to smoke face powder or drink chewing gum or fill their mouths full of water and sit on a fire till the water boils either let them alone or send them home.

Another item in the same column shows where a British judge fined two merchants because in advertising silk stockings in a way dear to the human heart, a crowd gathered on the street. You will note that the judge did not fine the parties who actually created the obstruction but the merchants for advertising their wares successfully. The judge also said that no decent woman would so expose herself. Evidently the crowd thought differently. There is nothing indecent in the "human form divine" except in the minds of mawkishly indecent people and those of a nastyness. The judge only advertised the nastiness of his own mind.

HOOMES K. FREEMAN.

If you can't vamp try flap-pety.

REFORMS IN HOSPITALS

Resolution of Trades and Labor Council Referred to Hospital Board.

A letter from the Trades and Labor Council regarding hospital financing and administration was presented at the meeting of the city council last night and referred to the Hospital Board for consideration and report.

The letter read as follows:

"At a meeting of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council held on Tuesday evening last the following resolution was passed: Whereas a number of Hospitals in this Province are reported to be in a precarious condition owing to the lack of finances necessary to the proper and efficient maintenance and operation of the institutions, and whereas the charges for the treatment of patients in many cases, apart from those who are unable to pay at all, and whereas there is a persistent demand on the part of many that the government should become responsible for the maintenance and operation of all public hospitals, and whereas the services of the medical profession is inseparable from that of the hospitals, therefore, be it resolved by this body in regular meeting assembled that we petition the Provincial Government to immediately appoint a commission under the chairmanship of E. S. H. Winn of the Workmen's Board to make a thorough study of this question."

"We believe the experience gained through the administration of the Workmen's Compensation Act would enable a commission under Mr. Winn's direction to outline an effective policy or plan to the Government. If feasible we would recommend that the scheme be financed on municipal income tax basis arranged to cover all costs in connection with medical or hospital treatment."

"Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hospital Board, the City Council and the Central Labor Council for their adoption and approval. This resolution was submitted by the Civic Employees Union."

Alfred Perry stated that the Board of B. C. Municipalities had a very comprehensive survey of hospitals as to the question most affecting the hospital in B. C. and that Mr. McDonald, secretary of the union formulated a program of which he (Alfred Perry) had a copy. He moved under these circumstances that the com-

munication as read be given to the members of the council appointed to the hospital board so that they could prepare a plan after perusal of Mr. McDonald's report, the results to be referred to the Hospital committee for their report at the next meeting. This was seconded by Alderman Kerr, and carried.

STRONG ACTION IN PICTURE "COURAGE"

Naomi Childers as Devoted Young Wife of Innocent Husband in Prison

Admirers of strong dramatic action will find much to satisfy them in "Courage," the Sidney Franklin production, which opened an engagement at the Westholme Theatre last night and will be repeated tonight. Naomi Childers, the beautiful emotional actress, is the featured player, appearing in a role which gives her a wide range of opportunity for her talents. As Jean Blackmore, the devoted young wife whose innocent husband is snatched away from her by the long arm of the law, she interprets a part that cannot but shame every weakling who sees it on the screen.

Blackmore, from behind prison bars, secretly directs his plucky wife in the conduct of a great industry which helps his country win a war. The real murderer, for whose crime he was sentenced, makes a deathbed confession, and a dramatic reunion of the husband and wife, which also turns the romance of their son into a happy one, results.

LUSITANIA SALVAGING EXPEDITION LAUNCHED

Steamship Chartered to Attempt Recovery Sunken Millions

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 16.—An expedition for the salvaging of the Lusitania and other ships that have gone to the bottom of the ocean in the last few years will start from this city May 25. The steamship Blakeley has been chartered for the purpose by the Lusitania Salvaging company.

No great difficulty is anticipated in salvaging the Lusitania, as is said, because the exact position is known, and the belief is that it is in an upright position. Estimates of gold that lies at the bottom of the sea runs into the millions. A single passenger alone was said to have deposited \$75,000 with the purser of the Lusitania; while Mme. Antoine Depage, wife of the medical director of the Belgian Red Cross, was reported to have carried more than \$100,000.

Constable Thornthwaite, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, leaves for Terrace tomorrow on a week's vacation trip.



Tired in the Mornings

"How do you sleep?" "Not very well. Lots of nights I lie awake for hours, restless and fidgety, thinking about everything, but not resting or sleeping."

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Newark, 1; Syracuse, 3.
Baltimore, 16; Buffalo, 11.
Toronto, 4; Jersey City, 5.

RECORD SUGAR CARGO SHIPPED TO CANADA

Montezuma Leaves Kingston, Jamaica, With 6,600 Tons.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 16.—The Canadian Pacific steamship Montezuma sailed for Montreal last week, with 6,600 tons of sugar, the largest cargo of sugar ever shipped from this island. To date Canada has purchased over 75 per cent. of the recent sugar crop of Jamaica.

CADET TRAINING IN UNIVERSITIES URGED

MONTREAL, May 16.—The importance of cadet training in universities was emphasized by General Sir Arthur Currie, principal of McGill university, in a brief address which he made at the McGill Union last Tuesday. "It is evident from proceedings in the House of Commons that the temper of many Canadians is decidedly against the militia training system as in force in Canada before the war," said Sir Arthur. "It would seem that there are some who would like to wipe out the system of militia training entirely."

TO COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

LONDON, May 15.—Lovers of Dickens are preparing to participate in the commemoration of the 800th anniversary of St. George's Church, where Little Dorrit rested on the night after the party when she was too late to return to the Marshalsea Prison. Later she was married in the church. Dickens was also a worshipper there during his boyhood and often attended the services later in life.

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