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Careless Drivers Menace To Public.

With motor vehicles in such general use in the city, it is nothing less than a matter of miraculous good fortune that Prince Rupert has had in the past so few automobile accidents. This is doubly true because many of the city streets are very dangerous and because there are a number of reckless drivers driving cars on them. Speeding on the finely finished thoroughfares of Second and Third Avenues is bad enough especially in passing built up intersections but it is still graver folly to drive at an excessive rate on the plank roads in the outlying sections of the city where one false move of the hand or some catch in the machinery might precipitate a car over an embankment or bridge causing severe injuries or possibly death to its occupants. There is also the danger of collision with other vehicles or with persons.

If Prince Rupert's enviable record in the matter of traffic or vehicular accidents is to continue here must be some check on the careless drivers. The careful ones, and there are many of them, are themselves running chances unwittingly with the other kind on the public thoroughfares.

Make Advertisements Newsy Also.

Having a fact in every sentence is one of the elementary principles of newspaper practice and the craft of journalism. This applies to the advertising end of the business as well as to the reportorial and editorial. The matter of keeping the news department in compliance with this principle is up to the writing staff of the newspaper. As far as advertising is concerned, this is largely a matter for the advertisers themselves. While the advertising department of a newspaper may give suggestions and may assist in the compilation of the advertisements, the wishes and instructions of the advertisers must primarily be followed. Advertisers can assist the newspaper staffs and improve the general tone of the paper by giving careful consideration to their insertions always remembering that a little news in an advertisement is better than a whole lot of burdensome stereotype matter.

Danger Point In Near East Conference.

The debate between Turkey and Greece over the question of which nation is responsible for the tragedy of Smyrna continues to form a dominant issue at the Near East conference.

Ismet Pasha says he is quite willing that the treaty which the delegates hope to frame shall provide for a system of payment to the Allied nations for the damages their nationals suffered in Turkey during the great war, but that on the other hand he will insist upon reimbursement by Greece for the losses sustained by the Turks in Asia Minor at the hands of the retreating Greek army.

Former Premier Venizelos insists that the Greeks burned only through military necessity. He declares that the real crime of the Asia Minor campaign was the action of the Turkish troops in outraging and shooting Greek residents, sacking homes, and deporting hundreds of thousands of destitute human beings.

If Turkey exacts reparations from Greece, Venizelos says he will present a bill for the horrors and injustices suffered by the Greeks.

The question of the Ottoman debt is developing as a danger point in the negotiations and the bitter Turkish-Grecian dispute, which is based on something more than a question of money, is serving to make settlement of the whole problem exceedingly difficult.

Morbidity Is Handicap To Civilization.

It would seem that a growing taste for the morbid things of life is a concomitant of our advancing civilization. As morbidity had its first popular development under the barbarian regimes of old Europe, it might well have been held to be a natural outcome of modern enlightenment and the elimination of barbarian ideas that this quality would be reduced rather than accentuated in the average individual today. The very reverse is actually the truth. Human nature does not change in its essentials, no matter what the passage of the centuries may do to the world at large. The rush and stress and strain and nervousness of modern life, far from helping mankind away from the morbid side of life, tend to accentuate a feverish interest in all things that are removed from what is sane and healthy and optimistic. We have only ourselves to thank, after all, if we are plunged every now and then into orgies of morbidity from which nothing but a violent effort on our own individual parts can save us.—Montreal Star.

HIGH SCHOOL XMAS CONCERT

Empress Theatre Filled to Doors
Last Night by Audience Which
Enjoyed Program of High
Merit

The students of the Prince Rupert High School scored a big hit in their annual Christmas concert at the Empress Theatre last night. The house was filled to the doors and several minutes before the curtain went up it was a case of standing room only. The citizens who turned out in such force were presented with a program of splendid merit and they were fully appreciative and pleased with the talent presented under the careful instruction of the teaching staff.

There was plenty of high-class entertainment in the way of vocal and instrumental music. The school orchestra, under the conductorship of C. Woodward, provided several excellent selections and the large girls' choir, under the baton of Miss Blanche McDonald, did itself proud in the rendering of opening and closing choruses. A pretty fan drill by the girls was a pleasing item and an exhibition of calisthenic drill and formations by eight boys was a work of exactitude and agility that called forth many plaudits of pleasure and surprise. Two dancing numbers by girls in pretty costumes, a hornpipe and Irish jig were well executed features which demanded encores. Another novel and entertaining number was "The Chime of Six Bells" by six girls who produced a chime effect by voice at the hands of a seventh who gently pulled the hair of the six girls who, with their backs to the audience and in brown bell-shaped costumes from head to heel, represented the bells. A novelty number "Darkey Symphony" brought the house down. It consisted of a line of patter by the two costumed darkeys, Sambo and Moses, followed by the playing of old negro airs by the members of the orchestra with bazoos. The comic conductorship of Sambo and Moses was funny indeed, the antics and contortions of the former being especially amusing. A tableau, "A Dream of Fair Women" by girls was a number of especial merit. The characters ranged from Cleopatra to Florence Nightingale and represented women famous in romances from ancient history down through the middle ages to the twentieth century. The costumes were brilliant and remarkably typical and the roles well sustained.

Before the concert closed, Principal Brady gave a brief speech appropriate to the Christmas season stating that Yuletide was a season especially for the children and it was with great delight that teachers, parents and the public at large followed the activities of the children and participated in efforts towards their welfare and happiness. On behalf of the teachers and the children, Principal Brady extended the season's greetings to the audience.

Those Taking Part

Those taking part in the concert were as follows:

Orchestra—C. Woodward, Miss Marjorie Lancaster, Lee Gordon, first violins; Miss Winnie Dobb, George Kerr and Peter Black, second violins; E. Yattori, cello, and Miss Lorna Tite, piano.

Girls' chorus—65 girls of the High School.

Fan drill—Miss Lucy Pillsbury, Miss Winnie Dobb, Miss A. Nelson, Miss D. Macdonald, Miss I. McKay, Miss Peggy Gillat, Miss Lonie Fisher, Miss Mary McRae, Miss Marjorie Lancaster, Miss Evelyn Vickers, Miss Margaret Palmer, Miss Pete Tremayne, Miss Myra Harvey, Miss Helen McRae and Miss S. Caddleton, Miss M. Cross, accompanist.

Darkey Symphony—Moses, Willie Kerrigan; Sambo, Sam Joy, and orchestra.

Hornpipe—Miss Catherine Harvey and Miss Doris Shockley.

Boys' drill—A. Mitchell, Lee Gordon, George Kerr, Fred Kerr, Felix Ball, John Kask, Jack Kelly and Willie Cavalier.

Dream of Fair Women

Dream of Fair Women—Reader, Miss A. Pillsbury; Helen of Troy, Miss D. Thompson; Iphigenia, Miss M. Osborne; Jephtha's daughter, Miss A. Nelson; Cleopatra, Miss H. Beadstone; Rosalind, Miss G. Nicholson; Queen Eleanor, Miss I. Durham; Mary, Queen of Scots, Miss E. Cross; Daughter of Sir Thomas More, Miss Aileen Patmore; Queen Boadicea, Miss Aileen Stephens; Red Cross Nurse, Miss E. Barrett; Queen Elmer, Miss Elizabeth Currie; Joan of Arc, Miss E. Groves.

Chime of Six Bells—Miss Marjorie Lancaster, bell ringer; bells, Miss M. Muse, Miss Evelyn Vickers, Miss Winnie Dobb, Miss Margaret Palmer, Miss Alice Pillsbury and Miss Sunda Calderone.

Irish jig—Miss Gracie Ackroyd, Miss Frances Haneq, Miss Daniella Christiansen and Miss Margery Batchford.

BIG AMBITION AVIATOR PREST

Siberia Flyer is Now in United States Planning for Flight Around World Next Summer

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The record feat of the 98-foot motor cruise, Speedjacks, which recently returned here after circling the globe with her owners, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Y. Goumans aboard, was a big and hazardous accomplishment but it will be eclipsed as a spectacle if C. O. Prest, the stunt and long distance flyer, succeeds in his attempt to fly around the world which adventure he intends to embark upon next year. Prest recently returned to the United States from Central Alaska after his second unsuccessful attempt to fly to Siberia and it is understood that he is receiving financial backing from American interests for his globe-circling aeroplane ambition in view of the fact that Sir Keith Smith, an English aviator, intends to make a similar attempt next summer.

Prest is the man who flew under the bridge at Niagara Falls, guiding his plane with one hand and turning the crank of a movie camera with the other. He was within ten hours of completing a flight from Buffalo to Siberia last summer when his plane fell in the wilds of Central Alaska. This was his second attempt at Siberia, the first having ended at Prince Rupert in the fall of 1921 when his machine was dashed to pieces in a windstorm after he had returned from making a flight to Alaska where he was unable to find a landing place in a rainstorm. Prest was at one time holder of the world's altitude record and has the reputation of being one of the United States' foremost dare-devil aeronauts. He is 29 years of age and his home is at Las Vegas, Nevada. Before taking up flying he was a motorcycle stunt rider. In his flying career he has piloted thirteen machines all of which were wrecked through the vagaries of the elements. He has never been seriously hurt himself, however.

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