

SEAN O'CASEY SECURES PRIZE

Irish Playwright, Formerly Dock Laborer, Honored In London

LONDON, April 21.—The latest honor that has fallen to Sean O'Casey is the Hawthornden Literary Prize of £100, instituted by Miss Alice Warrander in 1919. Mr. O'Casey is the author of *Juno and the Paycock*, which for some time has been running in London theatres, and *The Plough and the Stars*, more recently produced in Dublin. Not very long ago Mr. Casey was a dock laborer. He came from Ireland to London to see *Juno* in its metropolitan setting, and has been lionized by literary and dramatic circles. But no compliment paid him—except the favor of the public—can have equalled the tribute to his play which came from Lord Oxford and Asquith in presenting him with the Hawthornden Prize.

OBJECTS TO SEE PLAYS

I suppose (said Lord Oxford) there are a good many playgoers here—one of the most intelligent classes in the community—but which of us who belong to the class have not by now become heartily sick of the stale and monotonous reproduction of what is called the sex problem, with its triangles, its complexes, and its more or less thinly disguised indecencies, both of language and of situation?

During the last twelve months we have had a relief and a revelation in the discovery of a still young man, who has produced on the stage here in London a work which I do not myself, so far as my own judgment is of any value, hesitate to describe as the most moving and impressive drama that we have seen for ten, of may be fifteen or even twenty years. I mean the drama, *Juno* and the *Paycock*.

Spoke in Gaelic

Mr. O'Casey, who has learned Gaelic, chose to begin his thanks in that language. Happily for the comprehension of his audience, he went on in English. He would like, he said, to accept the prize also as a tribute to the drama of the Abbey Theatre and to the wonderful acting of the Abbey players.

CREDIT BUREAU IN CITY IS PLANNED

Buyers' Week to be Held Again this Year by Retail Merchants' Association

The Retail Merchants' Association is considering the advisability of establishing a credit bureau in the city and is also working on plans for the holding of a Buyers' Week again this year in connection with the exhibition.

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Association was held last night in the St. Regis Cafe with President P. R. Linney in the chair. There was a good attendance of members and guests were Messrs. Hall and Lumsden of Vancouver.

Sub-committees of the Association are being formed with the following as chairmen:

Dry goods and men's furnishings—George Bryant.

Grocers and butchers—L. Murray Fuller.

Bakers and confectioners—T. Andrew.

Stationery and printing—F. Dibb.

Hardware, paints and house furnishings—A. W. Edge.

DISORDERLY HOUSE AND ASSAULT CHARGES ARE HEARD IN POLICE COURT

Violet Smith alias Jean Morin, the same woman who was described in Vancouver despatches as "Mrs. Viennet" at the time she allowed one, Virginio Duranti, his freedom from Okalla Prison after having kept him there three years for debt, appeared in the city police police court this morning and, pleading guilty to the charge, was fined \$50 for being the inmate of a disorderly house at 768 Comox Avenue, better known as the "Bath House."

In connection with the same case, there was a charge of assault laid by George Wilson against Marcel Viennet. The assault was alleged to have taken

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

place just outside the "Bath House." Viennet was given the benefit of the doubt and the charge against him was dismissed with a caution.

CITY WILL BUILD ARCH OF WELCOME TO VISITING SHRINERS

Will Not be of Permanent Nature But Such as May Be Used for Other Occasions

On recommendation of the board of works, the city council decided last night to erect an arch at the corner of Fulton Street and Third Avenue at an estimated cost of \$100. The arch is to be ready for the forthcoming visit of Shriners but will be of such a nature that it may be later used for other purposes. The Shriners themselves are to build an arch on Third Avenue in the vicinity of Sixth Street and the railway company will put one up near the wharf.

Ald. Stephens suggested that the city arch should be permanent in nature so that it might be used continuously. To put up a permanent arch such as suggested by Ald. Stephens, it would cost \$300 Ald. Perry stated. Ald. Jos. Greer felt that the city could not afford such an expenditure at this time. Finally it was decided to accept the board of works' report. Under the report, the city will put the framework of the arch but it will be incumbent upon the Shriners or such organizations as use it to look after its decoration.

HOUSEWIVES' UNION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Will Deal With Prices and Insist on Cleanliness in Handling of Food

LONDON, April 21.—The British Housewives' Association held its first public meeting. It seeks to organize women throughout the country to deal with prices, to insist on the clean handling of food, to prevent adulteration, and generally to improve the conditions of home life. Mrs. Drapper, a member of the Food Council, presided and urged men to show more concern for the difficulties women had in spending the household money.

Mrs. Wilson, another member of the Food Council, spoke as a member of the working classes saying that years ago she had to "keep house" on 18s a week.

Mrs. S. S. Peel, the chairman of the association, remarked on the need for its activities in this country; such bodies had existed in Australia, the United States, Germany, and the Scandinavian countries for some years.

A member of the audience asked how all the objects of the association were to be achieved, and pointed out that it was no use appealing to the womanhood of England unless they were told how they might secure these improvements.

Public Opinion

Mrs. Peel replied that most of these things depend on the formation of a strong public opinion. When they had produced that they could confidently approach members of Parliament or borough councillors. Ultimately the association would be able to put its members in touch with traders who would supply what they wanted in the way they wanted it.

SUGGESTED MERGER ATLANTIC FISHERIES

Three Big Concerns May Join Forces at Other Side of Continent

TORONTO, April 20.—It is understood that three of the largest fisheries concerns on Canada's Atlantic coast have been approached with proposals for a merger of their interests. A Montreal investment house is mentioned in connection with the negotiations.

The three fisheries enterprises mentioned are Maritime Fish Corporation; National Fish Corporation and Atlantic Fisheries. They control the bulk of the trade in deep water fish on Can-

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

April 21, 1916.

Flags are being flown in Prince Rupert today to mark the first anniversary of the battle of St. Julien when a handful of Canadian soldiers stemmed the oncoming German masses in counter-attack.

During a fire at the Royal Hotel the day before yesterday, the grips of J. E. Settrington and Archie Macdougall, Hazelton prospectors, were stolen.

A scoreless draw was the result of a football game played yesterday afternoon between the Callies and the rest of Prince Rupert.

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