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## SOCIALISM'S FAILURE

### Ex-Consul Embry Tells About Bolshevism in Russia

#### Women and Children Murdered—Many Condemned Without Trial—Enthusiastic Meeting of Community Council

At the meeting of the Community Council last Friday evening, Mr. John A. Embry, formerly United States Consul at Omsk, Russia, spoke on: "Russia and the Bolsheviki," giving a thrilling account of crimes committed by the followers of the soviet government and by the officials of the government. His address was illustrated by stereopticon pictures taken by himself. He spoke especially of the cold-blooded murder of women and children without trial. One man who was falsely accused and was confined in a hospital by sickness was shot to death by a soviet official.

Mr. Embry spoke of the false claims of the Bolshevists in regard to establishing a democratic government. "Why," he exclaimed, "it is the worst kind of an autocracy, for only a very few have anything to say about what shall be done. It is largely a government of force which takes property from one man and gives it to another who has absolutely no right to it. One soviet official had three pianos in his house which had been stolen for him."

Mr. Embry referred to the importance of counteracting the Bolshevist propaganda which is being carried on in this country and expressed the opinion that it would be well to have Americans who are returning from Russia and know from personal observation about the working of the soviet government tell the people of this country all about it. He said that when a student at Harvard he had been inclined to look with favor upon Socialism, but his residence in Russia had taught him that it is not the cure for the ills of the governments of the world. He was positive it would not work.

Mr. Embry was tendered an enthusiastic vote of thanks by the large audience present, there being only one dissenting vote, that of a citizen who believes that the people of this country can spend their time to better advantage in correcting the wrongs from which this country is suffering in an economic and social way rather than in worrying about Bolshevism.

On motion of Major Perry, the Council placed itself on record as favoring an advance in the salaries of teachers of the public schools.

#### MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will have a most delightful and profitable meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 26, at the home of Dr. S. E. Davenport, Jr., of 20 Groton Street, when the Rev. Harry Foster Burns, of Boston, will speak on "Britain and America in Reconstruction." Last summer Mr. Burns was sent to England as an exchange lecturer by the Rockefeller Institute. There were five who went from this country to England to lecture and five came from England here. On the return voyage Mr. Burns met Mr. and Mrs. Rowland H. Smith of Continental Avenue and it is through Mr. Smith, president of the Men's Club, that the treat of hearing Mr. Burns has been arranged. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of the members.



HOME OF FREDERIC E. SMITH

Situated on the corner of Greenway South and Shorthill Road is the attractive home of Frederic E. Smith, illustrated above. The exterior walls are of a red brick and the roof is of brown tiles. The house is a very good example of the Colonial type, brought out through the delicate detailing of the woodwork and the lack of applied ornament. Robert M. Farrington was the architect.

#### MOTHERS' CLUB

##### Director of Froebel League, an Inspiring Speaker.

Mrs. Marion B. B. Langzettel, director of the Froebel League, was the speaker at the Mothers' Club, which met at public school 3, on Monday afternoon, January 19. The speaker raised the question, "What is education?" and then answered with a quotation from Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria, Illinois, as follows: "Life is the unfolding of a mysterious power which rises in man to consciousness of itself and through consciousness comes to a knowledge of a world of law and order, where action may no longer be left to the sway of matter or the impulse of instinct, but may and should rise to conscious control. To assist that process is to educate." She spoke of three kinds of education (1) intensive, (2) spontaneous, and (3) rational. The speaker dwelt on the good and bad points of the first two and then dwelt at length on rational education. Under that education the parents decide on what kind of a child they want and then train with that purpose and a wise method in mind. The parent must be what he wants his child to become! He must have an understanding of values and remember that his child is "a child of nature, of man and of God," as Froebel said. "Your child must be lead to the fulness and mastery of life, remembering always that it was Jesus who exalted a little child when He said, 'Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.' And the kingdom of God is within," were Mrs. Langzettel's closing words.

The club has appointed a committee, consisting of Mrs. E. H. Mays and Mrs. Eugene Schoen to arrange with the leaders of the boy and girl scouts to flood the playground for winter skating. This would enable the children of the town to enjoy ice skating at no expense.

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Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 9 Station Square, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

A WRITER in the November number of the Atlantic Monthly on the subject, "Patrons of Democracy," says many pungent, pertinent things about public schools. "Certainly no democracy can be better than its educational system" is a statement so true that it needs no words to prove it, although the writer, D. L. Sharp, does amplify it with convincing sentences. Then follows this: "What is the true end of American education? Is it life or a living? It is neither life nor the getting of a living, but *living together*, this must be the single public end of a common public education hereafter."


The writer goes on to show that "this new and larger end of education demands a new and larger thought of education." It means a larger program, bigger appropriations, better buildings, an effective educational machinery, to be sure that the public school education will bring the happy conclusion of the people of this country living together in a way that insures a democracy in spirit and in deed.

The BULLETIN is interested in public school education everywhere, but it is primarily interested in the building, equipment and machinery that will furnish the best possible education for the children of the Gardens so that through it they may learn the art "of living together" here and later, when they take their places in life, that they may be equipped to do their part as leading American citizens. The newly organized Community Council representing all civic organizations in Forest Hills, is back of a movement to secure for the children of the Gardens better public school accommodations. A committee is working to that end, consisting of G. L. C. Earle, chairman; Mrs. George A. Douglass, Mrs. H. P. Daniels, Lyman B. Stowe, and Major Clarence A. Perry.

The school on the north side where many of our little children must go, is too far away in bad weather when walks are uncleaned; colds are caught and sickness results. The permanent public school building on the north side will be filled to its capacity soon after the opening. There are over 299 children in the public schools in Forest Hills with an increase of twenty per cent. yearly. There are a very large number of children living in the Gardens who go to private schools, forced to do so because of the inadequate public school accommodations. Forty new

houses and an apartment house are nearly completed in the Gardens, and a new hotel is almost finished at Kew. Filled as these new places will be with families driven from Manhattan because of their little children whom they are told to bring to the country for health, we shall soon find the public school situation here in a seriously acute condition. There are two sessions now in the temporary buildings on the north and south side. Will it be necessary next fall to have three sessions? It is the hope of the residents that the board of education will offer some substantial relief to this situation soon.

## AUDUBON SOCIETY



An important meeting of the Audubon Society will be held at 9 Station Square, on the evening of Jan. 28, at 8 o'clock, when the chairmen of all committees will report. All persons interested in bird conservation in the Gardens, as well as all members, are urged to attend this meeting. Come with suggestions for the good of the work. There is an increasing interest in the study of birds here on the part of the children, and the adults will have to stir themselves to keep up with the juniors. There is one club of boys meeting every Saturday afternoon at the home of the president, J. Alden Campbell, 93 Puritan Avenue, when the colors, songs and habits of birds are discussed.

## MOTION PICTURES

### Nine Successful Performances Given

The Women's Guild of the Church-in-the-Gardens has been conducting a very successful motion picture show every Saturday afternoon since Nov. 22. Last Saturday afternoon, when "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" was shown, was the last of a series given for the young people and children of Forest Hills by this very active women's organization. It has been decided to temporarily discontinue the Saturday afternoon entertainments. "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," "Treasure Island" and the "Blue Bird" have been some of the pictures shown. The attendance at the nine performances has totaled 1048; the total receipts have been \$262.14; the expenses have been \$126.63, leaving a balance of \$135.51—all of which goes into the fund to erect a parish community house. This house will be a place of recreation for the same children and young people who attended the motion pictures.

## PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Clark, of Deepdene Road, announce the birth of a son, Robert Macdonald Clark, on Jan. 9.

Mrs. Austin K. Hanks, of Slocum Crescent, has been ill with pneumonia, but is now convalescing.

Mrs. George A. Douglass, of Exeter Street, entertained a few friends at tea on Monday afternoon late for Mrs. Marion B. B. Langzettell, director of the Froebel League, who spoke before the Mothers' Club on that afternoon at public school 3.

Lawrence F. Abbott, of Greenway South, has returned from a trip to Florida.

Mrs. Gilbert Montague is recovering from a recent illness at her home, 68 Greenway North.

Miss Laura Lee is organizing dancing classes for children which will meet Tuesdays at 3:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon. She is also planning an intermediate class for ball room dancing.

Mrs. A. Lendle of 30 Greenway Terrace and Mrs. Schulzeberg of the Gardens Apartments are spending the second half of January and the month of February at the Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida.

## DR. CRANE SPEAKS BEFORE WOMEN'S CLUB

### Fine Musical Program—Many Activities of a Live Organization

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 14, Dr. Frank Crane was the speaker in the Women's Club entertainment course, when the main auditorium of the Church-in-the-Gardens was filled. Judge Charles F. Moore, of Greenway Terrace, an old friend of Dr. Crane, introduced the speaker.

Dr. Crane spoke in a most informal way, while seated, on the subject, "Democracy." He said he was seated because he had a sore foot and also because he does not make speeches any more, he only makes suggestions. He gave a long definition of democracy, giving one thought at a time and amplifying it, so that his whole discourse was on this one definition. Wit, humor, story, and illustration helped to drive his thoughts home and the hearers heartily applauded him throughout the talk. "Democracy," he said, "is a force. It is a kind of thing, not a theory. All isms are theories, but a *cracy* comes from the Greek and is a force." So phrase by phrase he amplified and illustrated this definition of democracy. "Democracy is a force . . . of opinion and feeling . . . working within humanity, . . . impelling the majority of the people of a given neighborhood . . . to get what the people want . . . by means of organization . . . and to make its gains secure by general laws. It understands that without law there can be no liberty and the laws must be just." "Never mind," he said, "when the condition of the country is perplexing the essential thing is not to be afraid; the people of this country will get what they want and the people can be trusted." He closed by reciting William E. Henley's familiar poem:

Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever Gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced or cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how straight the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate;  
I am the captain of my soul.

A musical program of variety and charm was given preceding the lecture by Miss Hazel Drury, soprano, and Mr. Bruce Weinman, baritone, and Mrs. George Le Blanc, organist. Refreshments were served in the social room following the entertainment by the members of the current readings chapter.

The Criterion Male Quartet has been engaged for the next entertainment, which will be given on February 9.

The current readings chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. C. P. Tompkins, Queens Boulevard, near Roman Avenue, on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 2:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Charles B. Nelcamp and Mrs. Eugene Schoen will review Anatole France's "Thais" and "The Aspirations of Jean Servien."

The beautiful silk United States Flag, which was recently made by a number of ladies under the direction of Mrs. Charles B. Nelcamp, will be presented to the club at the next regular meeting, on Feb. 2.

#### IMPORTANT MEETING OF AMERICAN LEGION

There will be an important meeting of the Forest Hills Post of the American Legion at the Sales Office at the head of the Greenway on Wednesday evening, Jan. 28, at 8 p. m. The charter has arrived and a constitution will be adopted and officers elected at this meeting. All men who were in the service are urged to attend whether they have already joined some other post or not. All men who have not joined as yet are urged to be present and put in their applications at this time.

H. T. WARREN, Temporary Chairman.

## THE INN



The skating on the Tennis Courts has been the main feature of the social life of the Inn for the past two weeks, the ice having been in splendid condition almost continuously since the advent of the New Year, though Jack Frost has been very much in evidence with his nippers. There are many splendid skaters at the Inn this season, with M. J. Dyson and Miss Hill in the lead.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Crane were entertained at dinner by the management of the Inn on Wednesday last, before the delivery of Dr. Crane's splendid speech at the Church-in-the-Gardens. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Scammell, Judge and Mrs. Charles F. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Brown and Dr. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Skipp, who have been guests of the Inn for the past several years, recently left for Mexico, where Mr. Skipp has been sent on very important work for his firm. They hope to return to America in about six months, at which time they will again make their home at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hill entertained a party of young people at dinner on Saturday evening last, after which the guests attended the dance in the drawing room.

George E. Beach of the Inn has recently returned from an extended business trip through the west.

Mrs. James J. Pershing has returned from her visit to Chicago and joined her husband and son at the Inn.

Mrs. C. E. Beattie has just returned from California, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. S. B. Brownell, who has been ill for the past week, is making a rapid recovery and it is hoped she will be in good health in a very short time.

Capt. and Mrs. Graves have left for their home in Alabama after spending the past eight months at the Inn. They will return to Forest Hills soon after the setting in of early spring. Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Matthews have also left for the south, but will return to the Inn as soon as Mr. Matthews' affairs are settled in the south.

Among the recent arrivals at the Inn are Mrs. B. C. Wentworth, of Pensacola, Florida; Mr. Edward Clyde Fitch and Mr. Morette, of New York; Mr. Clive B. Stamp, of London, and Mr. Paul Von Roomsaleen, of Belgium.

The many friends of "Jimmy" Haring, who made his home at the Inn for several years, will be interested to know that a card has just been received from him from Canton, China, where he is connected with the Kwany Tung Electric Supply Company, Ltd.

## THE GARDENS PLAYERS

The second subscription performance of The Gardens Players is scheduled for the middle of February and owing to the overcrowding at the last performance it is planned to play on two nights instead of only one. An attractive program is in rehearsal and again four one-act plays will be presented.

The first play will be "Garlic," a farce by Walter Claypool, a resident of Forest Hills, and with this playlet, the Gardens Players, keeping abreast of the popular taste, will present a bedroom farce. However, no mother need prevent her daughter from attending on that account. The Gardens Players have a most rigid board of censorship.

The second play will be "An Episode," one of "The Affairs of Anatol," as produced a few years ago by John Barrymore.

The third play will be a Japanese romance, "The String of the Samisen," by Rita Wellman. On this play the Gardens Players are having the assisting advice of Michio Ito, an authority on the production of Japanese plays.

The fourth play is a farce that has been contributed by Professor Baker of Harvard University's 47 Workshop. It is by Norman Lindau and is entitled "Cooks and Cardinals." The detailed casts for these plays will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN

### THE CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.



The ground for the new parish-community house will be broken next spring! That is an assured fact as a result of the inspiring annual meeting held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, after the one hundred and twenty members and friends of the church had enjoyed the dinner served by a group of young people. The dinner was prepared by a committee of the Women's Guild of which Mrs. Charles E. Burton was chairman. Through the generosity of a friend of the church eight lots at the corner of Greenway North and Borage Place have been purchased and the members and friends have pledged over \$12,000 additionally. Approximately \$7,000 had been pledged before the annual meeting, and under the leadership of J. Floyd McTyler, \$5,000 more was given at the meeting and a unanimous vote was passed to immediately raise that sum to \$25,000. This splendid project is carried forward because the church is determined to serve the community in the largest way and also because the members of the church are anxious to furnish a building for religious education, recreation, dramatics and play for the young people of the Gardens, under the best influences. Lawrence F. Abbott said at the meeting: "I am touched by this beautiful thing of parents erecting a memorial building to their living children, doing it because of their love and devotion to the young people of the village."

The following ticket proposed by the nominating committee was unanimously elected: trustees, Donald G. Clark, Dr. S. Ellsworth Davenport, Jr., Dr. Charles E. Burton; deacons, George Duffield, Dr. D. G. Latshaw; clerk, George Batcheller; Sunday school superintendent, R. P. Kaighn; treasurer, J. Floyd McTyler; church committee, Mrs. E. C. Ketcham, Mrs. A. Van Houten, Mrs. W. H. Batcheller; board of ushers, George Smart, W. P. McCulloch and George Batcheller; music committee, J. Gorton Marsh, Mrs. C. H. Scammell, D. G. Clark; delegate to the Church Extension Society, Victor H. Paltsits.

Mrs. Rowland H. Smith reported for the cradle roll, Mrs. D. G. Latshaw for the primary and R. P. Kaighn for the older division of the Sunday School. These reports showed this most strategic work of the church to be in a growing, healthy condition. Mrs. W. S. Ortgies, past president of the Women's Guild, reported a membership of eighty-five, and gave a detailed account of the activities of the eleven busy committees of the Guild. The missionary committee of the Guild, headed by Mrs. Ortgies and Mrs. Charles E. Burton, will conduct a series of evening studies of Christian Americanization, beginning next Thursday evening. Dinner will be served preceding the program and then the book by Charles A. Brooks, an authority on Americanization, will be studied. All who wish to enjoy the dinner and the class will kindly notify Mrs. Burton, Forest Hills 6518.

A cake, pastry and bread sale will be held by the Guild, at the Sales Office next Saturday, Jan. 31, at eleven o'clock.

### CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 10 o'clock, Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings, 8 o'clock. Holy Communion; 11 o'clock, Service and Sermon. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings. Sermon at 11 o'clock. Sunday School for Juniors and Intermediates at 9:45 o'clock. Primary School at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Society—7:45 P. M. Thursday, 8 P. M.—Mid-week Service, Social Room. Cor. Ascan Avenue and Greenway North.

Church of Forest Hills—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 A. M.; sermon at 11 A. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.

Christian Science Society of Forest Hills. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; Wednesday evening at 8:00. 173 Continental Avenue.

### THE CHURCH OF FOREST HILLS

The installation service of the Rev. Albert Sheppard to the pastorate of the Church of Forest Hills will take place Friday evening, Jan. 30, at eight o'clock. A reception to Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard in the social room of the church will follow the service. Mr. Sheppard comes to his work in Forest Hills from the pastorate of the Elizabeth Avenue Presbyterian Church of Newark, New Jersey. He is a native of Wales.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Parents are urgently requested to send their children to school regularly and punctually during the ensuing school year. If any children are eligible for the 1A class kindly have them enrolled during the afternoons of Jan. 29 and 30. The new term begins Feb. 2.

### Honor Roll—Public Schools 3 and 101

1A—Alice Erwin, Ellen Luneborg, Judith Mays, Perry MacNeal, Edmund O'Shea, Henry Indorf, Tom McCaffrey, George Kline.

1B—Frederick Schramm, Virginia Bebb, Natalie Green, Alice Eckman, Catherine Leverth, Margaret Williamson, Frances Hasselman, Albert Holland.

2A—Dorothy Reinert.

2B—Walter Simons, Susan Daniels, Ethel McAdams.

3A—Floyd McTyler, Lucy Favreau.

3B—Dorothy Ketcham, Florence Osburg.

4A—Karl Easton, Helen White, Julia Dorr.

4B—Andrew Hargreave, Robert Hurley, Milton Scherpf.

5A—James Hagens, Frank Maginniss, Benjamin Kendrick.

5B—Elsa Neumer.

6A—Lydia Cano, Gladys Hoshafian, Helen Serena.

6B—Curtis Kloetzer, John Millen, William Nichols, George Simons, Richard Van Loan, Dorothy Broadbent, Virginia Chesney, Ruth Davies, Affa Gray, Ruth Haas, Joy Mays, Ellen Yepson.

### COMING EVENTS

Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, at the Sales Office. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.

Every Monday and Friday, from 3 to 5 P. M., the library is open in the Sales Office.

Every Tuesday, 4 P. M.—Seminole Avenue Club, gym, class for boys, aged 8 to 14 years.

Every Thursday, 4 P. M.—Seminole Avenue Club, girls' gym, class 8 to 12 years.

Every Thursday, 8 P. M.—Boy Scouts, Sales Office.

Every Friday, 4 P. M.—Public School 101, girls' and boys' gym, class, 5 to 8 years.

Every Friday, 5 P. M.—Girl Scouts, Public School 101.

Every Friday, 8 P. M.—Meeting of French Circle, 114 Ascan Avenue.

Every Saturday—Girls' swimming class, 10:35 A. M. train for New York

Jan. 28, 8 P. M.—Audubon Society, 9 Station Square.

Jan. 29, 2:30 P. M.—Music Chapter, Women's Club, Mrs. Leonard Buck, Gardens Apartments.

Monday, Jan. 26, 8 P. M.—Men's Club, 20 Groton Street.

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Monday, Feb. 2, 2:00 P. M.—Women's Club, Inn.

Monday, Feb. 9, 2:30 P. M.—Philanthropic Chapter, Women's Club, 68 Greenway North.

Monday, Feb. 9, 8 P. M.—Women's Club Entertainment Course, Church-in-the-Gardens.

Friday, Feb. 13, 2 P. M.—Women's Guild, Church-in-the-Gardens, 97 Continental Avenue.