

BLACK SUPPLANTS WHITE TO RELIEVE GLARE IN HOSPITAL

Surgeons at Jefferson Use Sombre-hued Sheets and Wear Dark Gowns While Operating.

The characteristic white of the hospital operating room is being replaced by sombre black. Surgeons at the Jefferson Hospital, realizing the advantages of new types of surroundings, have adopted black sheets for the operating table, and contemplate introducing further reforms which have been demonstrated as aids to the proper distribution of light.

The Jefferson Hospital is the first institution in the East to use the newly conceived black surroundings. Shortly after the introduction of the innovation in a California hospital, two months ago, Dr. Francis T. Stewart, a physician in the Jefferson Hospital, substituted black sheets for the customary white swathing during a surgical operation. The experiment was so successful other surgeons at the hospital have become interested, and many of them now prefer the black sheets to the white.

About 25 operations have been successfully completed with the use of dark sheetings.

BLACK GOWNS FOR SURGEONS

As a result, the walls and ceiling of one of the smaller operating rooms will be painted black and the surgeons, attendants and nurses will wear black gowns instead of the white clothing now prevalent.

An operation under the new system is described as a weird sight, with the patient draped in black and the noiseful black figures hovering about the table and moving silently about.

The advantages of using black surroundings are entirely of a technical nature. The chief advantage lies in the contrast between the black sheets covering the patient and the field of operation, the wound or incision, standing out prominently. The eyes of the surgeon are not affected by the white reflected light, as the black cloth absorbs all light which would otherwise disturb the operator. The only light rays fall directly down from the overhanging electric light upon the field of operation.

When the surgeon's eyes are momentarily raised the shock of facing many rays of reflected light is gone; in its place the black walls and surroundings exert a restful effect. The blackness has no depressing effect on the patient. It is said, for the latter is under ether.

AN AID TO STUDENTS

In ward classes the Jefferson Hospital found a new accomplishment of value. Because of the contrast, students at the clinics say they can more clearly see the field of operation.

The only disadvantage of using the dark sheetings, physicians say, lies in the fact that stains are not perceptible, as in the white cloth. But this difficulty may be overcome by thorough washing, which is certain to remove all dirt. The sheets are sterilized before being applied.

Advocates of the elimination of white favor extending the substitution of black to convalescent cases, where, they maintain, the effect of white-clad nurses and other white surroundings is irritating. This phase of the reform is open to argument, as many physicians assert that by black sheeting the patient's attention is lessened and the patient would be morbidly affected by black surroundings.

VAN DYKE PRAISES DUTCH NEUTRALITY AND CHARITY

Expresses Appreciation for Holland's Help of American Refugees.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American Minister to Holland, upon his arrival here today, said:

"An American diplomat's first talk must be with his chief. I have just learned another language, the Dutch, but its main use is to hear and not to talk. The reason for my coming home on a brief leave of absence is very simple. The unbroken strain of nearly four months of day and night work has seriously impaired my sight. I have come back to rest my eyes patched up. When that is done I hope to return to my post and go on working for our country and the cause of peace in the spirit of our President's declaration.

"If, of course, my own opinions of the war, but I cannot submit to any interview of this subject. The position of Holland is absolutely unchanged since the beginning, neutral, firm and friendly. The kindness of Holland to American fugitives and its helpfulness to the poor Belgian refugees are beyond praise.

"With all reasonable people, I believe the position of America is better than ever. They trust us to be fair and they know that we will be generous to help in the spirit of humanity. The work that the American commission for the relief in Belgium is doing to save the women and children from distressed families is a proof of this. When the madness that began this war has spent itself, I hope that the United States will have a good part to play in the restoration of a lasting peace, wherein all the peoples of the world, great and small, shall rejoice together. Then this nightmare of blood will be over, and the alliance of peace will have its opportunity.

Doctor Van Dyke said he did not know how long he would remain here.

EMERGENCY AID COMMITTEE BANNER A VIVID REMINDER

Carries Message on Behalf of Sufferers at Home and Abroad.

Acclaimed by cheers of enthusiasm, a large banner was hung to the breeze in front of the Emergency Aid Committee headquarters, 128 Walnut street, today. It is intended to serve as an appeal to the hundreds of passers-by and remind them of the many desolate victims now suffering both in this country and abroad as a result of the war in Europe.

The banner is inscribed as follows: "Emergency Aid Committee, Central and Non-Sectarian, the Unfortunate at Home, the Sufferers Abroad. It Exists to Help."

Goods and supplies were pouring into the committee headquarters in such numbers today that members had their hands full in handling the packages. It was announced that several cases will be sent to Belgium today.

A cablegram received from London said that a hospital of 80 beds had been established there if the funds for its maintenance could be raised here. The Red Cross division of the committee announced that more than 200 garments and many other supplies will leave Philadelphia today for the sufferers in the war zone.

Craig Spent \$2,741.88 in Campaign HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 24.—Thomas G. Oran, Waynesburg Republican candidate for Congress at-large, in his campaign expense account filed at the State Department today, says he spent \$2,741.88 and of this amount \$200 was given to the Republican State Committee.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ASKED TO AID RED CROSS WORK

Special Appeal Issued by American Society for Sufferers' Relief.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—An appeal to the young men and women in universities and colleges of America to aid the sufferers in the European war today was issued by the American Red Cross.

"The American Red Cross appeals to you," says the letter, "for assistance in mitigating the unprecedented suffering and distress caused by the European war. Never before in history has there been such need for aid. The armies are composed mostly of young men of your own age, and for this reason it appears particularly fitting that their sufferings should appeal to you.

Yale University has raised funds to provide two motor ambulances for the American hospitals at Paris and Munich. Princeton University proposes to support during the war a Princeton nurse at \$50 a month."

LOVES OLD BRITAIN, BUT FOOTBALL? OH BOTH THE WAR!

London Press Denounces Game as "Cancer," Balking Efforts of Officials to Speed Recruiting.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—Indignation against the hitherto universally popular game of football is expressed by nearly the entire British press today because almost no British men enlisted as a result of the recruiting rallies at Saturday's matches.

"It is time to eradicate the football cancer," says the Pall Mall Gazette in an article which goes on to say that not a single man was recruited at London's principal football match, which was attended by 15,000 spectators.

A colonel, who lost a son at the front and was himself returning to the firing line, appeared at this game, says the paper, and pleaded with the men to enlist.

"As a soldier I ask you," said the colonel. "I say come, your country needs you."

Then his words were drowned by shouts when the teams came on the field, continues the paper, which adds that in other parts of the country the same stolid refusal greeted the bands of spectators and recruiting officers.

No recruits were obtained at Nottingham, where 700 spectators attended a match and one was recruited at Brighton.

The Evening Standard says that the total result of the countryside movement was a total of 100 recruits, which is nothing on earth can stop it," says the Standard. "Vigorous youth should be powerfully persuaded that this is not the time for the development of any passion save love of country."

The Westminster Gazette says that there is only one way in which the football association can put itself right in the eyes of the public and that is by discontinuing its program.

SORTIES AND SKIRMISHES ON AUSTRO-SERBIAN FRONT

Russians Repulsed at Przemysl, Austrian Consul Hears.

Desultory fighting and occasional sorties make up most of the fighting along the Serbo-Austrian front at the present time, according to an official message received today at the Austro-Hungarian Consulate in Philadelphia, from the Foreign Office at Vienna.

A Russian approach in the vicinity of Przemysl was repulsed with great losses to the Russians, the message says. It is as follows:

"In Serbia are partial and desultory fights along the entire front. Our assault on the fortified positions near Lazarevac continues in favor. The weather is very unfavorable. Snow covers the country and the ground is inundated.

"German-Austrian troops in Poland having continued successes. Nothing decisive as yet.

"Before Przemysl the Russians attempted an approach. They were repulsed with great loss. Russian prisoners are being taken in increasing numbers."

MAN IDENTIFIES ASSAILANT

A man who gave his name as Alfred Atkinson, 105 Vine street, was held without bail for court today by Magistrate Belcher at the 10th and Buttonwood streets station after being identified by John Tuninger, 50 North 5th street, as a Saturday night near 13th and Vine streets.

Tuninger declared the two men dragged him into an alley and robbed him of \$7. He said they were beating him and trying to get his watch when the sound of footsteps frightened them away. Atkinson was arrested on a description furnished by Tuninger.

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OH, FOR A CHANCE TO SHOOT AT THE NASTY PROWLERS!

The Misses Kopp, Maintaining Siege in Home, Would Just Love to Turn Guns on Blackmailers.

WYCKOFF, N. J., Nov. 24.—Miss Constance Kopp, who, with her sister, spent a large part of Saturday night in Newark under police guard waiting for the writer of Black Hand letters to appear to claim \$1000 that had been demanded, said today that threatening letters were the least of the troubles that have plagued the home of herself, her sisters and her mother in a virtual state of siege.

For weeks the house has been guarded night and day by armed men, but despite this the women on the place and the hired man have been shot at by unknown prowlers whom Miss Kopp says come to the place in an automobile.

"One evening just after dusk I happened to look out of my bedroom window and saw a man standing near a tree not 20 feet from the house," said Constance Kopp. "He was on our property and asked him what he wanted. There was no response, so I fired a shot through the window screen. Immediately he fired several shots back at me, and I fainted from fright.

"On another occasion when Florette had gone down to the stream that runs through our 20 acres of land to get a pail of water, a man who was hiding in the brush nearby fired two shots at her.

"And yet, one, at least, of the county officials pooted our stories and refused to credit them.

"Why, these desperate but cowardly individuals even broke into our home one afternoon during our absence and piled up our best furniture in one room.

"None of us dare go away from the house after dark without our revolvers, and we have a dandy magazine gun that we would love to turn loose on one of the skulking night prowlers, for that's all they are."

NURSE, BETROTHED BY MAIL, GOES 3000 MILES TO WED

German-born Girl to Become Wife of Portland, Ore., Physician.

When Miss Helen R. Sibel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Sibel, 635 Carpenter lane, Germantown, becomes the bride of Dr. Garrett Lee Hynson, in the Trinity Episcopal Church, in Portland, Ore., tomorrow, she will have traveled more than 3000 miles to join her betrothed after having been betrothed by mail.

Miss Sibel met Doctor Hynson in the Germantown Hospital several years ago, where she was studying to become a nurse. Doctor Hynson was resident physician at the hospital. He left for Oregon about a year ago, but evidently could not forget the little "nurse he left behind."

Doctor Hynson proposed by mail, was accepted by Miss Sibel, and she left Philadelphia last Saturday. She will arrive in Portland tomorrow morning. Miss Ethelwynne Harris will be maid of honor and Edward Hynson will be best man. Doctor Hynson and his bride will live in Portland.

SENATOR'S SON AUTO VICTIM

FORTSMVILLE, Pa., Nov. 24.—Dross Snyder, the 14-year-old son of Senator Charles A. Snyder, was seriously burned yesterday when he lit a match to look into a gasoline tank on an auto. The tank exploded, and Snyder was painfully burned about the face.

PROTOPLAYS THE REGENT

ANNOUNCES THE FIRST SHOWING OF JULIUS CAESAR FEATURING ANTHONY NOVELLI

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KNICKERBOCKER ZUDORA

The girl who thrilled the motion picture world, will appear here today and Wed. Afternoons 10c. Evenings 15c. 25c.

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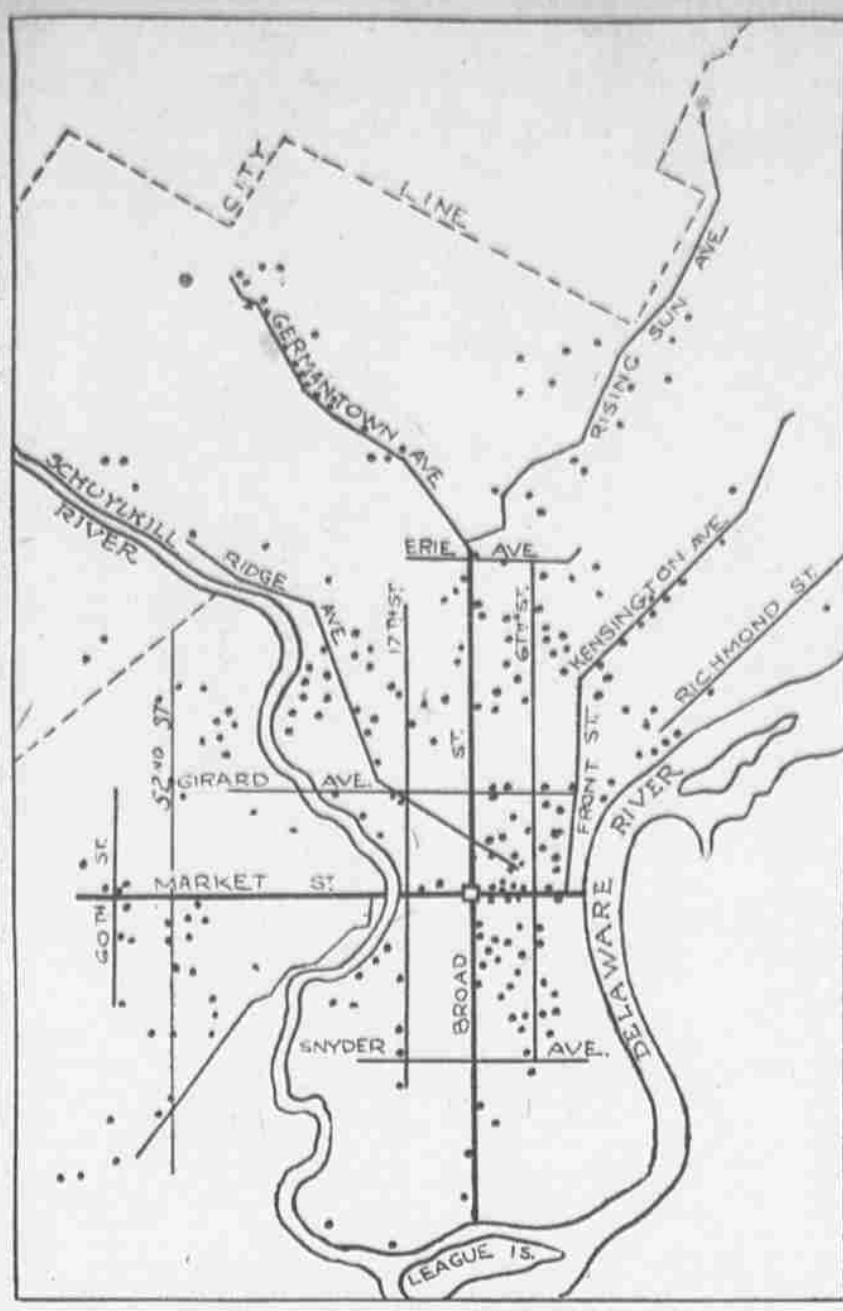
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THE CITY'S MOVIE POPULATION



Skeleton map of Philadelphia showing location of photoplay houses.

METHODIST UNION URGED

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Lewis Makes Plea at Dinner.

A plea for the union of the Methodist Episcopal and the Methodist Protestant churches, made by the Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, president of the latter denomination, was warmly received by the Methodist Social Union at its annual dinner in the Hotel Walton last night.

There were more than 200 prominent Methodists in attendance, including Bishop Joseph F. Berry and Bishop Thomas B. Neely. Frank Moss, Assistant District Attorney of New York, in an address on the "Voice of Prophecy in American History," praised President Wilson's guidance of international affairs so as to keep the United States out of war, while almost all of Europe has been in the clutches of bloodshed.

MORTON REGAINS HEALTH

Aged Statesman Arrives in New York to Spend Thanksgiving.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Levi P. Morton, successfully Congressman, Minister to France, Vice President and Governor of New York, who was thought to be near death a year and half ago, arrived in New York yesterday from his country home, Ellerslie, Rhinecliff-on-the-Hudson, and went to his home at 283 5th avenue.

Mr. Morton was in good health. Next week he will go to Washington for the winter.

Mr. Morton has been at Ellerslie since May 15, the day before his 94th birthday. On the previous anniversary, his recovery from hardening of the arteries was looked upon as practically impossible.

ZUDORA, THE MYSTIC, MAKES HER DEBUT IN PHILADELPHIA

Harold MacGrath's Powerful Photoplay Shown at the Knickerbocker—News of the Movies.

"Zudora," the new Thanouser photoplay, in 20 episodes, came to town last night, the first of the episodes, "The Mystic Message of the Spotted Collar," being shown at the Knickerbocker Theatre.

"Zudora" has been credited to Harold MacGrath, who is responsible for "The Million Dollar Mystery" and other best sellers. The novel will appear in serial shape in the Evening Ledger, the first installment beginning in next Monday's issue.

"Zudora" is a thriller in the better sense of that much-abused word. It is a play with a plot running through the various episodes; cohesive, well told and powerful. And through it all is woven the story of the wonderful love of Zudora, the mystic, for her sweetheart, John Storm.

The first episode, shown yesterday, is strikingly strong, especially the scene in the courtroom in which Marguerite shows, who plays Zudora, exhibited an unusual degree of emotional skill.

Zudora is a beautiful young girl of 18. Her guardian, Hassam All, is a combination of mystic and detective. He is a crystal-gazer in the field of Hindoo mysticism. However, he has not always been in his now-present state of wealth.

When Zudora was a baby he was a faker with a small traveling circus in the Far West. Zudora's mother was his sister, and a rope-walker in the same show.

Zudora's father did not travel with the circus, but remained in a small mining town, where he prospered for gold. At the time our story opens, Zudora has been born, and this caravan, with the baby, her mother and Hassam All, her uncle, are revisiting the town of Zudora's birth, and where Zudora's father is still prospecting.

Events happened quickly on that day. Zudora's father finds that Zudora Mine, from which the baby Zudora was given her name, yields up a wonderful supply of gold, but in his exultation of this, Zudora's father becomes overcautious and is killed by an explosion. In his dying breath he wills the entire mine, which is valued at \$200,000, to Zudora; the mine becomes hers when she reaches her 18th birthday, and, in case of Zudora's death, going to the nearest heir.

Zudora's mother, on receiving information of her husband's death, falls to the ground, and just prior to her death turns over to Hassam All, her brother, the guardianship of Zudora.

Zudora develops into a beautiful young girl of 18. Hassam All has set himself up as a mystic, but his one purpose in life is to rid himself of Zudora and her sweetheart, John Storm, so that the great Zudora Mine will come to him. He has kept from Zudora the information that she will be the possessor of great riches.

AT LAST HE ARRIVES AT ONE WHOP THAT SEEMS VERY ADVISABLE

Zudora has exhibited quite wonderful powers herself in deduction and detective investigations. He knows this will be a good chance for him as he tells here that since she has always been so anxious to impersonate herself in his work, he will give her the next 20 cases that he is called upon to solve on condition that if she wins she may marry John Storm. If she loses on any one of them she is to renounce him forever.

And if you would know how the first episode develops, go to the Knickerbocker and see for yourself, or better still, read the story in the Evening Ledger.

IN THE MOVIE FIELD

Harry Palmer, the newspaper cartoonist, who was assigned over to take in the European war in general and the siege of Liege in particular, in the interests of David Horsley and the Centaur Film Company in Bayonne, N. J., is back in New York, having returned early in the week on the Epillon from Rotterdam.

Mr. Palmer reached America only to find that the negative and the only positive print taken from the 12,000 sketches he made on the battleground near Liege and Brussels had been stolen. However, Mr. Palmer's trip will not go for naught. His "camera eyes" and retentive memory will still retain a vivid impression of the horrors of war. However, Mr. Palmer's pictures will be the product of an eyewitness of the carnage.

Many of the song writers have dedicated their newer songs to the leading photoplays, such as "Hearts Adrift" to Mary Pickford, "In the Garden" to John Bunny, who will appear with his new show at the Walnut Street Theatre in the near future, and "Kathya" to Kathleen Williams, "Lucile Love" and "Poor Pauline" of serial fame.

The Crosskeys Theatre, at 40th and Market streets, which is nearing completion, and will open about the first of the year. It will be devoted to photoplays and vaudeville. That makes the fifth theatre for the locality.

The Bell production of Rex Beach's marvelous photodrama, "The Spoilers," entered on the third week of its Philadelphia engagement yesterday afternoon at the Chestnut Street Opera House, where it is being presented to professional audiences, which are changing rapidly, up to date this master film production has been shown to more than 60,000 Philadelphians, and from present indications the engagement here will run well into the new year. In addition to "The Spoilers," patrons will find other excellent pictures, which are changed every week. Performances are given from 11 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 11 in the evening. "The Spoilers" is projected at 2:30 and 8:30 daily.

ANOTHER THRILLER COMING

The announcement that George Randolph Chester, one of the best known writers in America, has been engaged by the Reliance Motion Picture Company to write a 15-episode serial entitled "Runaway June," which will be ready for release early in January, is news which every "movie fan" will receive with the keenest interest.

Mr. Chester's fame is world-wide by reason of his "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" stories, which first appeared in the Saturday Evening Post and later in book form. 400,000 copies having been sold to date. It is understood that the price paid Mr. Chester is in the neighborhood of \$25,000 a figure which is regarded as being the highest ever paid an author to write a serial or any other story for motion pictures.

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