

SMOKERS AND ALL TOBACCO USERS ASKED TO AID THE BELGIANS

Nation-wide Movement Begun to Raise Fund to Supply Comfort for the Men in the Trenches

\$50,000 A WEEK SOUGHT

Smokers and all users of tobacco in Philadelphia are being urged today to respond to a new charity for the relief of the war-stricken Belgians.

For the purpose of relieving the sufferings of the men in the trenches who have been deprived of their accustomed tobacco, the Belgian Soldiers' Tobacco Fund has just been organized under the supervision of the Overseas Club, a British organization.

The plan is to send a package of tobacco and cigarettes representing a 2-cent contribution to each of the 200,000 Belgian soldiers every week as long as the war lasts.

Drexel & Co. has offered to act as receiving agent for all contributions in Philadelphia.

Every cent of the money contributed will be expended in the actual purchase of tobacco and cigarettes to be sent to the Belgian soldiers.

1044 LICENSES ASKED; ONLY 17 'KICKS' AT SCRANTON

No Witnesses Appear and Old Places Will Continue

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 28.—Judges Edwards and O'Neill broke all records in license court here today.



CARDINAL MERCIER Prelate who indorses plea for Belgian soldiers' tobacco fund.

LANCASTER PIKE FREE TOLL PLAN BLOCKED

Improvement Company and Highway Department Men Fail to Agree on Price

The State's plan to free the Lancaster Pike of tolls from Overbrook to Pottsville was blocked today when the Lancaster Avenue Improvement Company and the State Highway Department failed to agree on a price for the company's holdings.

It was agreed that state engineers shall make an appraisal of the property in the near future.

The conference today was held between State Highway Commissioner Cunningham and W. B. Hall, representing the State, and Victor K. Mather and Maxwell Ewing, representing the company.

When the State received an application for a toll of \$250,000 for the proposed toll road, a committee of Main Line residents, headed by Edward Boh, petitioned the Highway Department to take steps toward freeing the Lancaster pike.

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT HOLDS UP COMMERCE; SOLUTION IS SOUGHT

Chamber of Commerce and P. R. R. Officials Confer and Seek Means to Relieve Conditions

FEAR DELAY WILL GROW

The City's Freight Tie-up 6198 cars stalled in Philadelphia proper; 5700 cars in suburbs, just outside city limits; total cars stalled, 11,898.

1,000,000 bushels of grain held up at Girard Point elevators, 700,000 bushels of grain on tracks in city awaiting delivery.

237 cars of eastward traffic awaiting delivery to steamships, 534 cars of export traffic held up, 702 cars of coal stalled and awaiting delivery at Greenwich piers.

400 cars of coal on tracks at Washington avenue.

More than 2000 cars in city waiting to be placed on private sidings.

Chamber of Commerce and Pennsylvania Railroad officials met today to confer in regard to the freight embargo on the railroad but little progress was made as a result of the unprecedented tie-up of freight cars.

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WILLIAM GILLETTE TO ENTER MOVIES

Will Act "Secret Service" and "Sherlock Holmes" for Esanay-V. L. S. E. Program

By the Photoplay Editor Two actors have been more universally popular than William Gillette.

Many photoplay fans have wondered why "Sherlock Holmes" was not filmed before this. We all know this favorite detective and his methods.

Mr. Gillette is already at work on this play and it will be released shortly.

With the erratic weather conditions which have marked, and are still making the present winter, the question of heating in which climate control, perfume, becomes a vital one with every theatre or other place where any considerable number of people congregate.

Admittedly being either too warm or too cold in any playhouse tends to detract from the patron's capacity to enjoy the entertainment; but above and beyond that is the fact that wind draughts are not only uncomfortable, but really dangerous to health.

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According to Hugh Ford, Famous Players' chief publicist, a fortune as a dramatist if he ever decided to retire from celluloid activities.

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THE SUNSHINE KID William De Wolf Hopper enjoying life at the Triangle Studios, where his father is making "Sunshine Dad."

ado an old Paisley shirt and two blue and purple work shirts for his play, "Lydia Gilmore" at the Cedar on Tuesday.

Vall Valli, star of "The Turnout," and other distinctive Metro feature pictures, received 12,000 requests for tickets from admirers in England, she comes to the Trips on Wednesday.

As a special attraction for the patron of the Broad Street Casino the popular film, "The Escape," with an all-star cast of players and directed by D. W. Griffith, will be shown matinee and night, Thursday, March 2.

Theatrical Baedeker

THEATRE—Theatre of 1916, with the Claret, Alvin, Pennington, John, Leon, Leo, W. C. Fields, Ed. Wynn, Will West, Terry, and other stars.

APOLLO—The "Two Virtues," with E. H. Sothern and Alexandra Carlisle. A comedy in two acts, in which Mr. Sothern plays a man who is "stuffed."

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"WOLF OF WALL ST." GETS LEASE OF LIBERTY

U. S. Supreme Court Grants Writ Delaying Commitment of Lamar to Jail

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—David Lamar, the "Wolf of Wall Street," was his first in the United States Supreme Court today against being sent to prison at once for having fraudulently impersonated former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, of Stroudsburg, Pa.

The request of the British Government for an early determination of the appeal of Ignatius T. Lincoln, the so-called "Great Britain," was granted by the court. The case was set for argument on April 20.

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GARDEN 354 & LANSDOWNE AVE. MAT. 2 P. M. & 8 P. M. CARLYLE BLACKWELL in "THE CLARION" EUREKA 40TH & MARKET STS. VALESKA SURATT in "THE SOUL OF BROADWAY"

IMPERIAL Theatre 60th and Walnut STS. TRIANGLE PLAY "THE GREAT PEARL TANGLE" "THE GREAT PEARL TANGLE" "THE GREAT PEARL TANGLE"

Broad Street Casino BROAD and MARKET STS. MATINEE 2:30 P. M. EVENING 7 AND 9 P. M. Alma Hanlon in "THE SCARLET ROAD" CENTURY 5TH & MARKET STS. "The Mill on the Floss," in 5 Acts Featuring MIGNON ANDERSON

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REGENT 16th and Market STS. ANNA HELD in "MADAME LA PRESIDENTE" STRAND 14TH and GIRARD AVE. Howard Hall in "The Pitfall," 5-Act Special Drama. Others.

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SHERWOOD 54TH and BALTIMORE STS. MARY PICKFORD in "CINDERELLA" SAVOY 13th and Market STS. World Film Corporation Presents Molly King in "A WOMAN'S POWER"

TIOGA 17TH & VENANGO STS. Constance Collier in "FONGUER OF VENUS" STANLEY MARKET ABOVE 16TH CONTINUOUS 11:15 P. M. "DIPLOMAT"

56th St. Theatre Matinee Daily 2:30 P. M. Hear the Kimball Organ TODAY and TOMORROW All pictures secured thru Stanley Bk. Co. PARAMOUNT PICTURE—HAZEL DAWN in "MY LADY INCOG" Wed. and Thurs.—"THE BAGAMOONIES"

EVENING LEDGER PHOTOPLAY CALENDAR

Table with columns for days of the week (Monday to Saturday) and rows for various theatres (Alhambra, Apollo, Arcadia, Belmont, Bluebird, Broad St. Casino, Cedar, Century, Chest St. Op. House, Eureka, Fairmount, Frankford, 52d St., 56th St., Garden, Germantown, Girard, Globe, Grand, Great Northern, Imperial, Iris, Jefferson, Jumbo, Lafayette, Leader, Liberty, Locust, Logan Auditorium, Market Street, Orient, Orpheum, Overbrook, Palace, Park, Plaza, Princess, Regent, Rialto, Ruby, Savoy, Sherwood, Stanley, Strand, Susquehanna, Tioga, Victoria).

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BELMONT 2d and MARKET STS. MARY PICKFORD in "THE FOUNDLING"

CEDEAR 13th and MARKET STS. MARY PICKFORD in "THE FOUNDLING"

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FRANKFORD 4th and MARKET STS. MARY PICKFORD in "THE FOUNDLING"

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GERMANTOWN 50th and MARKET STS. MARY PICKFORD in "THE FOUNDLING"

GLOBE 30th and MARKET STS. MARY PICKFORD in "THE FOUNDLING"

GIRARD AVENUE THEATRE 7th and GIRARD AVE. MARY PICKFORD in "THE FOUNDLING"

Great Northern BROAD ST., 17TH & GERMANTOWN AVE. BILLIE BURKE in "DIPLOMAT"

IRIS THEATRE 3140 KENSINGTON AVENUE MARGUERITE SNOW in "THE UPRIGHT"

JEFFERSON 29th and MARKET STS. CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG in "THE YELLOW PASSPORT"

LAFAYETTE 29th and MARKET STS. VALLI VALLI in "THE TURNOUT"

LEADER FORTY-FIFTH and LANCASTER AVENUE DENHAM THOMPSON'S "THE OLD HOMESTEAD"

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