

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE
Festivities of Made-in-America Bazaar Week to End With Meeting at Metropolitan Opera House—Other News

Grand Bazaar Week will end tomorrow evening with a Polish meeting at the Metropolitan Opera House, when Ignace Paderewski will make two addresses, the first in English and the second in his native Polish language, describing the conditions in Poland at the present time. Mr. William C. Bullitt will also tell of his recent experiences in that unhappy land in a brief speech immediately preceding Mr. Paderewski's addresses.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the central Polish relief committee, which is allied with the Polish committee of the Emergency Aid. The Rev. Dr. Jan Godzyczyk will preside, and the members of the various Polish organizations of the city will be in attendance.

The following is a list of the boxholders who will attend as special guests: Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, Judge and Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Stotesbury, Mrs. A. J. Cassatt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hartman Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton L. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. T. De Witt Cuyler, Judge Robert von Moschizker and Mrs. von Moschizker, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Meek, Mrs. W. Howard Pancoast, Mrs. William C. Bullitt, Mr. Harvey M. Watts, Mrs. Philip H. Goepff, Mrs. Arthur H. Lea, Miss Nina Lea, Mr. and Mrs. William Jay Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sellers Bancroft, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison S. Morris, Miss Sophie Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer K. Mulford, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lippincott, Mr. and Mrs. William Hertz, Mr. and Mrs. George Fritz Chandler, Mrs. Hamilton Harris, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Smith, Miss E. Gwen Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Townsend, Mrs. George Clymer Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Clothier, Mrs. Rodman Oriscum, Mrs. H. E. Yarnall, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robins, Judge Charles B. McMichael and Mrs. McMichael, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Yeates Brinton, Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Harte, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Drinker, Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Weimer, Judge Howard A. Davis and Mrs. Davis, Doctor de Schweinitz, Dr. and Mrs. D. V. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Lit, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Paxson and the Mayor and Mrs. Smith.

At the meeting the Rev. Gabriel Bruns will entertain Mr. Paderewski and Madame Paderewski at dinner at his residence, Mr. and Mrs. Bullitt, Judge and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Meek, Judge and Mrs. von Moschizker and a number of the leading members of the Polish society will also be Father Kraus's guests.

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MRS. TRUMAN G. SCHNABEL
Mrs. Schnabel before her marriage to Doctor Schnabel was Miss Hildegarde J. Rohner.

N. Y., who has been spending some time traveling through the West and hunting big game in Alaska, has returned and is staying at the Ritz-Carlton in this city.

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CHRISTMAS CADDIES
EASE SHOPPING LOAD

Carry Home Bundles for Busy Givers at Fifty Cents and Lunch a Day

HELP OUT STORE DELIVERY
Systems Already Overburdened Have Trials Lightened by New System

Estimated of today there are six shopping days before Christmas.

Have you noticed the Christmas caddies? They don't carry golf clubs. Their task is a little more arduous and not quite so interesting.

They go along with mildity and Mrs. Housekeeper to carry her bundles. They save lots of time and gasoline to many of the big stores. Once their loads of motortrucks and delivery wagons they cannot keep abreast of the avalanche of Christmas business.

But as to the boys they are patient, ambitious and energetic. Some of them average two customers a day. They act as Christmas caddy for Mrs. Jones in the morning and do the same stunt for Mrs. Smith in the afternoon. They are armed with very substantial straps like a pack mule. The weight rests upon their shoulders, but their burdens are never heavy, for the women whom they accompany are considerate.

You would be surprised how they ease the burden of shopping.

With both hands free of bundles the ambitious purchaser can literally wade into things, warm her way to the front of the firing line in the big stores and garner up the cream of the nice things which confront her in all directions.

Furthermore, it requires two good strong hands to get what you want. Everybody reaching, therefore the one who can reach twice at one time will win out in the end.

The Christmas caddy is also useful in other ways. Just put him ahead of you in a store or in the street crowds and watch him cut a path in the jam of humanity.

Yes, he may have to elbow them a little bit, but that merely reminds many dawdlers and loiterers that the Christmas season is here and that everybody wants what they want when they want it.

There are various styles of Christmas caddies and they bring all sorts of prices. Those from twelve to fifteen years old will go to the store with you and carry home your bundles for fifty cents, their lunch and carfare. Others, from sixteen to eighteen, are so accustomed to a little more extravagance, charge from seventy-five cents to \$1.

The demand for caddies seems to increase each year. It is possible that many buyers will want goods immediately will use the caddy always when on extended shopping tours. And who knows?—maybe next year there will be a regular Christmas caddy supply office, where the little fellows may be obtained just as one gets a maid or a cook.

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DO WOMEN PROPOSE?



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BEYOND THE GREAT OBLIVION
(Sequel to "The Vacant World")

By GEORGE ALLAN ENGLAND
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THE STORY THUS FAR
Allan Stern and Beatrice Kendrick arrived at the station in Ambrose, started to work in earnest to make the home they live in on the hill that Allan Stern had bought for himself and Beatrice. The world's lone man spends a great deal of his time in the quietude of a worthy masculine trait, for he plans to spend the rest of his life with her.

CHAPTER XI—(Continued)
NO WORD was spoken now. Both Beatrice and Stern lay to the sweeps; both braced themselves and put the full force of back and arms into each long and powerful stroke. Yet Stern could see that, at the rate of progress they were making over that black and oily swirl, they could not gain ten feet while the current was carrying them a thousand.

In his heart he knew the futility of the fight, yet still he fought. Still Beatrice fought for life, too, there by his side. Human instinct, the will to live, drove them on, where both understood there was no hope.

For now already the current had quickened still more. The breeze had sprung up from the north, and Stern knew the boiling rush of water had already reached a speed greater than that of the wind itself. No longer the stars trembled, reflected in the water. All wildly frothing, broken, the swift current foamed and leaped, in long, horrible gulfs and crests of sickening velocity.

And whirlpools now began to form. The water whirled like a straw, wrenched, hurled, flung about with sickening violence.

"Row! Row!" Stern cried none the less. And his muscles lunched and heaved and sweat dropped from his brow, ran into his eyes, and all but blinded him.

"The girl, too, was laboring with a might. Stern heard her breath, gasping divide it into smaller sobs and carry it in several pockets. Men should not carry wallets in their hip pockets. Women on leaving should not place signs on doors and windows saying they would return soon.

He dropped the sweep and sprang to her. "Beta!" he shouted, louder than the roaring tumult. "No use! No use at all! Here—come to me!"

He drew the sweep inboard and flung it behind the yawl.

Already the vapors of the cataract ahead were drifting over them and driving in their faces. A vibrant booming shuddered through the dark air, where now even the moon's faint light was all extinguished by the whirling mists.

Heaven and sea shook with the terrible concussion of falling waters. Though Stern had shouted, yet the girl could not have heard him.

In the gloom he peered at her; he took her in his arms. Her face was pale, but very calm. She showed no more fear than the man; each clung to her breath, with some faint, exhausted thought of death, there with the other.

He drew her to his breast and covered her face; he knew that he was dead, but he would plunge more violently still, they sank down in the poor shelter of the cabin and waited.

His arms were about her; her face was buried in his breast. He smoothed her hair; his lips pressed her forehead.

"Good-by!" he whispered, though she could not hear.

They seemed now to hover on the very brink of long, racking sibilant incline of black waters, streaked with swirls of white, appeared before them. The boat plunged and whirled, dipped, reared, and whirled, green, black, and white, wall-like mass of lathering, leaping surges. In front, a vast nothingness, a black, unfathomable void, up through which gushed in clouds the mighty jets of vapor.

Came a lurch, a swift plunge. The boat hung suspended a moment, and then fell, as if on a cleat. Stern saw with a sickening shock the green, black, and white, wall-like mass of lathering, leaping surges. In front, a vast nothingness, a black, unfathomable void, up through which gushed in clouds the mighty jets of vapor.

CHAPTER XII
Trapped on the ledge
CONSCIOUSNESS won back to Allan Stern—how long afterward he could not remember. The noise of a vast roaring tumult, a deafening thunder that rose, fell, leaped aloft again in huge, titanic cadences of sound.

And coupled with this glimmering sense-impression came the drive of water over him; he saw, vaguely as in the memory of a dream, a dim gray light that weakly filtered through the mist. He realized that he still lived; and to his mind the thought "Beatrice!" flashed back again.

With a tremendous effort, gasping and shaking, he raised himself upon one elbow and to peer about him with wild eyes.

A strange scene that. Even in the half light, with all his senses distorted by confusion and by pain, he made shift to comprehend a little of what he saw.

He understood that, by some fluke of fate, life still remained in him; that, in some way he never could discover, he had been saved upon a ledge of rock there in the cataract—a ledge over which spray and foam hurled, sending yet a ledge, which, across the stupor of his mind, offered a chance of temporary safety.

FIREMEN'S SUNDAY
IN CITY CHURCHES

Ministers of Many Denominations Will Speak of Campaign for Men

MANY SERMONS' SUBJECT
"Fireman's Sunday" will be observed throughout Philadelphia tomorrow. Churches of nearly every denomination will have a number of more than six hundred will join in presenting to the members of their congregations the cause of the men in the Bureau of Fire.

In many cases the appeal of the firemen for an increase in salary which will enable them to provide for their families and a reorganization of working hours by which more time than on any day in every year may be given to those dear to them will be the topic of the pastors' sermons.

In other churches, where ritual or previously announced subject precludes a sermon devoted entirely to the firemen, reference to their campaign will be made from the pulpit. This announcement generally will take the form of a compendium of facts concerning firemen, prepared by the campaign committee and distributed by request to the pastors of the Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Reformed and other churches and through the clergy made known to their congregations.

Through the courtesy of his pastor the morning service at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Forty-seventh street and Kingsessing avenue tomorrow will be attended by representatives of the campaign committee in uniform. Other firemen whose day off it is will attend the services in churches adjacent to their homes.

The firemen hope that by means of this simultaneous appeal in their behalf the church-going portion of Philadelphia's population may become interested in the welfare to an extent which will exert an influence in their favor with the Mayor and Council.

The facts concerning firemen which have been submitted to the clergy as a feature of "Firemen's Sunday" follow:

"All members of the Fire Bureau work five consecutive days of twenty-four hours each, then receive one day of twenty-four hours off from station.

"If an alarm of fire goes over the wires about the time a fireman is about to leave his station, he must respond if the fire is in the district covered by his company.

"Each fireman is allowed three hours per day for meals. He may lose any of these if an alarm of fire calls him to duty.

"Every fireman is allowed \$40 per year for clothing, \$20 in the spring and \$20 in the fall, and should be called to a fire before he discards his best for his working clothing. He runs the risk of ruining them and must replace damaged garments from his own pocket. His helmet and rubber clothing he provides himself.

"Every fireman must answer all alarms of fire and be prepared to leave his station the very instant he is advised the fire is in his district. As many as fifteen alarms of fire have been received in Philadelphia in the city from 7 p. m. until 6 a. m.

"Third grade firemen receive \$900 per year, second grade firemen receive \$1000 per year, first grade firemen receive \$1100 per year. At this rate third class firemen receive ten cents per hour, second class firemen receive thirteen cents per hour and first class firemen receive sixteen cents per hour.

"The fireman sleep in their entire working clothing, including their stockings, prepared to jump into their rubber boots and coat instantly.

"Upon their return from a fire, of no matter how great a severity or how many hours they may have spent on the fire grounds or in what condition they may be, they are required to place their apparatus in first-class order, cool the grates of the boiler, renew the kindling wood, etc., remove the wet and soiled hose, wash it and hang it to dry, and attend to horses, wash the wagons and then take turns to wash themselves and put on dry clothing, taking care of themselves at all times being the last consideration.

"It frequently happens that before this is completed another call is made for their services, and no matter how exhausted they may be, they respond.

LOCAL FIREMEN EFFICIENT
"As an illustration of the frequency of alarms of fire the following statistics were pulled, calling the firemen from their beds in every firehouse in the city. This list was published in the EVENING LEADER on December 7, 1916:

Table with 4 columns: Time, No. of Alarms, No. of Men, No. of Horses. Rows include 6:30 P. M., 7:00 P. M., 7:30 P. M., 8:00 P. M., 8:30 P. M., 9:00 P. M., 9:30 P. M., 10:00 P. M., 10:30 P. M., 11:00 P. M., 11:30 P. M., 12:00 A. M.

"Compared with New York City, Boston, Pittsburgh and Atlantic City, Philadelphia is behind all these cities in apparatus, equipment and number of men. The service, in proportion to population, and also as to compensation and hours of service. Yet the Philadelphia firemen are in the lead as to efficiency and ability to man any fire, and speed in responding to an alarm.

Firemen to be seen in varied repertory here

On Wednesday evening, December 27, and on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 28, Philadelphia will enjoy opportunities for seeing Sarah Bernhardt in a varied repertory. She appears at the Metropolitan Opera House in the chief roles of many plays, including some of her old favorites and other works unknown to Philadelphia. At each performance Miss Bernhardt will impersonate three characters. They will range from classic tragedy to light comedy—from the Hecuba of Euripides and the Hippolyte of Racine to a drama dealing with the great war, entitled "From the Stage to the Field of Honor"; from "Jeanne d'Arc" to the "Lady from the Cameroons"; "The Strained Glass Window" (a medieval play) to the comedy known as "The Sham Model," in which Miss Bernhardt, for the first time, made her appearance lately with immense success.

The Drama League of Philadelphia will hold a meeting at the Grand Street Theatre Tuesday, December 19, at 8 o'clock. The program follows: Address, "Juniors and the Drama," the Rev. Robert Hugh Stevenson, D. D.; play in one act, "The Puppet Prince," and "The Heart That Squeaked," by Augusta Stevenson. Presented by the Southwest Neighborhood House, under the direction of Miss Lucy Dean Wilson.

"Chauncy Clout" will be seen in "The Heart of Paddy Whack" at the Walnut Street Theatre, beginning with a Christmas matinee.

"Very Good Eddie" will come in the Adelphi with Ernest Tracy, Alice Dundy and Charles Half Light of the Falls. He comes

What's Doing Tonight
Philadelphia Orchestra concert. Academy of Music.

Made-in-America Bazaar, Horticultural Hall. Secretary of War Baker addresses American League members of the younger set in West Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Sieber, of 927 Clinton street, took place this afternoon at the office of Dr. John T. Rees, at 613 South Forty-eighth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sieber left immediately after the ceremony on a wedding trip. Mr. Sieber is well known in the business world and is a member of the Rotary Club, City Club, Cynoyard and Overbrook Golf Clubs, and the Business Science Club of this city.

At the time which Mr. and Mrs. William Longstrech, of Kitchens lane, Germantown, will give today in honor of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dodge, Mr. Joseph Pearson and Mrs. Henry Kurtz will pour tea and Mrs. James Dodge will receive with Mrs. Longstrech and Mrs. Karl Dodge. Mrs. Dodge has Miss Mildred Vincent Longstrech before her marriage last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Vaucrain and their family, of 1823 Spruce street, will close their New Year's party on Thursday, December 14, and leave a message for the winter months. Their return to their country home will be on Monday, December 18, and will be held on the 19th.

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