

PAPER SAVING FOR RED CROSS TO BE KEPT UP

Permanent Means of Obtaining Needed Money to Aid Campaign

LEND YOUR AUTOMOBILE

Truck Drivers Have Volunteered Use of Their Machines in Collection Work

Your Automobile Badly Needed by Red Cross

THREE motortrucks have been volunteered since yesterday for collection of waste paper for the Red Cross Fund. Can pleasure cars be volunteered? Will the burden of the collections for this fund be left to truck owners or will owners of pleasure cars volunteer as well?

Letters announcing that paper has been saved for the collector should be sent to Red Cross Headquarters, 221 South Eighteenth street, care of Mr. Mann, instead of to the EVENING LEDGER, in future. If you telephone you should telephone to the Red Cross.

If you are willing to donate your car for collections telephone or write the Red Cross.

Moving picture houses are urged to assist in this campaign by giving an admission ticket for each bundle of paper presented by a child during the slack hours of the day. One moving-picture man collected 1600 pounds of paper last Saturday.

The city-wide waste paper saving campaign, founded by the EVENING LEDGER as a means of raising money for the Red Cross, has now grown to permanency.

The EVENING LEDGER has turned over the matter of handling the details of the campaign to the Red Cross. John G. Wallick, Philadelphia representative of the Hill Pump Company, has volunteered to perfect a permanent organization for handling the proposition. The EVENING LEDGER will continue to give complete publicity to the movement and to assist in keeping the public informed of the events as previously.

In future all letters reporting paper for collection and all telephone messages should be sent to the Red Cross headquarters, 221 South Eighteenth street, in order that letters may reach the right department they should be addressed in care of Mr. Mann. This will insure that they will be quickly reported and addresses will be put on the lists for the earliest possible collection.

E. H. Phillips, of the Commercial Truck Company, got into communication with the EVENING LEDGER this morning and volunteered the use of a five-ton commercial truck. His offer is a welcome one, as the question of a sufficient number of trucks and automobiles is still a burdensome one. Mr. Phillips has not only volunteered the use of the truck—he has suggested that it can be used more than one day a week from now until the time when there are sufficient automobiles and trucks to take care of the situation without calling repeatedly upon the same donors.

Edwin H. Smith, of Edwin H. Smith & Co., 1017 Frankford avenue, has volunteered the use of two of his trucks. His trucks, who ordinarily do not work on Saturday afternoon, have volunteered to take turns driving the trucks in order to assist this movement. Mr. Smith, as an individual owner of trucks, has set an example which it is hoped will be followed by many other concerns, both large and small. There are thousands of trucks owned by individuals and firms in Philadelphia, yet Mr. Smith is the first of all the owners to come to the front in time to assist with next Saturday's collection.

Letters are still pouring in from persons in every section of the city notifying the Red Cross of collections of paper. A number of persons have done much for the cause by organizing their entire neighborhoods into paper-saving communities, bringing all of the paper from the community together at one house so as to facilitate the collection.

Mrs. Fred Balmer, Jr., 1216 South Peach street, gave an excellent demonstration of how this could be accomplished last Saturday. She had collected about 1200 pounds of paper in the neighborhood of her mother's home in West Philadelphia, near 5824 Trinity place. She had nearly all of the children in the vicinity helping her with the collection. She suggested in her letter that she regretted that she did not have more paper collected and promised that she would have a bigger collection next Saturday. If every community would profit by Mrs. Balmer's energetic example the Red Cross could soon feel that its financial situation was secure and the young men who are going to Europe to fight the battles of the republic could rest assured of excellent food and clothing every day of their stay there.

The EVENING LEDGER has a muslin bag which was collected in the section of the city between the two rivers and between Market street and 2500 north, which has no name marked on it. If the owner will write the Red Cross department of the EVENING LEDGER this bag will be returned by parcel post.

WALTON BELLHOPS HAVE FLAG DRILL

Salute Old Glory and Allies' Ensign as Ceremony Prior to Beginning Duties

Military preparedness has spread to the bellhops of the Hotel Walton. Organized under the direction of lieutenant of the bellhops Joseph Pierce, they drill daily, every minute of the day.

Their drill is somewhat different from that of other military companies. They answer not to commands of present arms, right face, etc., but the call of "front" is their signal to present themselves to the clerk, standing at attention, right arm raised in salute, as they receive instructions to "show the gentlemen to number—"

As they come on duty they assemble in the boys' dressing room in the rear of the hotel, march in single file to the hotel lobby, right face suddenly and salute the American flag and the flag of her ally, draped over the balcony facing the hotel lobby. After this beginning of their military day, the lady "hall out" of line and respond to their various duties.

BALFOUR GETS \$200,000 CHECK

NEW YORK, May 17.—J. P. Morgan & Co. has announced they had received a check for \$200,000 to be handed to Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British war mission to the United States, with a request that the money be loaned for the benefit of the war orphans and orphans of England and Scotland. The contribution is given "in loving memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Willis Balfour of this city."

Mr. Balfour has for many years head of the firm of Phelps, James & Co., of London, and the Dodge & Co., of New York.



JOHN G. WALLICK

Philadelphia representative of the Hill Pump Company, who has volunteered to handle the details of the Red Cross Paper Saving Campaign, which was founded and fostered by the EVENING LEDGER.

WAR WILL END IN FALL, SAYS DUMB GIRL, DYING

Ten-Year-Old Mute Predicts Her Own Death and Peace in September

NEW YORK, May 16.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of the Metropolis, George V. McNeir, the vice president, related a remarkable story of a ten-year-old girl, dumb since birth, who spoke on her death bed and predicted the war's end in September of this year. Mr. McNeir said the girl was born to wealthy parents, living just outside New York city.

Three weeks ago the girl fell seriously ill and was put to bed. One day her mother walked into the sick room bearing a vase of flowers. She stubbed her foot against an obstacle and vase and flowers fell to the floor. For the first time in her life the child spoke, saying:

"Why, mother, you have broken the vase and spilled the flowers."

The mother's astonishment was indescribable. Physicians and specialists were sent for. They advised the mother to repeat the breaking of the vase, hoping it might produce the phenomena. The mother followed instructions, but the child did not repeat her speech.

Two days later the girl called her mother into the sick room. The startled woman found the child sitting up.

"Mother," said she, "I am going to die within a few hours. I am thankful this dreadful war will end in September, 1917."

She adjusted her pillow and smilingly laid her head upon it. Two hours later she was dead from causes not associated with her dumbness.

WIG-WEARING PEGGY SPURNS THE HAREM

Miss Hyland Takes a Dip Into Fantastic Comedy With "The Sixteenth Wife"

By the Photoplay Editor
RUBY—"The Sixteenth Wife." Blue-Ribbon Vitagraph, with Peggy Hyland and M. J. Conroy. Story by Molly Elliot Sewall. "Mary Ann and the Grand Duke." Directed by Charles Brabin.

Peggy Hyland, British to her fingertips, but looking in a blonde wig, for all the world like Gaby Deslys, is something new. Peggy Hyland, who used to emote with Sothern in his pathetic attempts before the camera, essaying fantastic comedy of the Fairbanks order—that is something newer. The combination is pleasant, and the production has been well taken care of by Vitagraph. Some stunning Oriental stuff is shown in connection with the harem into which the exotic nobleman wants to import the American girl posing as a Russian dancer. Very little that is "setty" marks these shots. The grouping is good. The humor of the story is usually quite a little better than good, though occasionally it overplays itself, and becomes strained. In trend the narrative is melodrama and farce, the former quantity being often mild, the latter often bustling and hearty. As for leaders, Vitagraph is not taking itself as seriously as before. We learn that the Duke, or whatever he is, possesses his suit while the iron is hot. Now, if only the pink tinting could be eliminated, here would be a comic feature well worth the time and money of all who like frothy, well-presented amusement. The end is a trifle feeble, but the film has the right touch of gaiety and insouciance.

HERE'S MOVIE ENGLISH

"If your are doubtful as to whether or not your real fans know whom Margaret Hillington is, then you'd better forget this. 'Hubby' was going to shoot himself, thinking he was buried, but when he arrived at the office the next day he discovered that faithful old 'ser', pretty Blanche, had saved the day with her ten 'thous'."

"On the whole, the production was generally 'Blas'."

Lovingly called from Wild's Magazine.

Least the immitable and priceless Mr. Gunning, who runs "The Bradstreet of Filmdom," thinks we are, as he would say, not "her" to his merit, it may be added that he not only offers invaluable aid to the exhibitor, but constitutes one of the most curious and trenchant figures in the picture game. His movie sense is astonishingly acute; his eye for detail sharp; his sincerity unquestionable. But—well, Ohio never was strong on "fine writing."

This is the day that William S. Hart becomes a twenty-four-hour Philadelphian. The Inc star is slated to appear in person at the Arcadia and William Penn Theatres, and will be the guest of honor at a dinner in the Bellevue-Stratford in the evening. Prominent local film people and photoplay critics will also be present. It is understood Bill is traveling in his western toga, disdaining sartorial fluff. Whether he brings his "little haws" Fritz or his funny wolfish dog is not known. At all hazards: howdy, Bill!

The editor is in receipt of an interesting letter from Mac Bennett, founder of Keystone, in which he asks for criticisms of his product. "You are in a position to hear more than I, and I always welcome constructive criticism," he says in effect. If readers can give us any tips on the public attitude toward the brand, they will be forwarded to Mr. Bennett, who, by the way, is in New York city for a short stay. It's possible he may trot over to Philadelphia.

PRODUCE NOTES

With who may have noted that Harold Boller is vice president of the General Film Company, are requested to restrain their justice longings. We already know

that life for the General is just a bed of roses, and the rest of it.

Max Linder, recently reported seriously ill, is recovering, according to Los Angeles dispatches. The script of his fourth Essanay comedy has been completed, and awaits M. Linder's attention.

S. Rankin Drew, son of Sidney, and himself a player for Metro, will leave soon to drive an ambulance in France. His next

screen appearance will be in "The Belle of the Season" with Emmy Wehlen.

Jersey Red Cross to Raise Fund
Thirty members of the Barrington, N. J., branch of the Camden Chapter, American Red Cross, are planning a hold day of Cross day in the near future to raise funds. Officers elected at an organization, meeting last night are Mrs. Clayton F. Moore, president; Mrs. G. W. Higbee, vice presi-

dent; Mrs. H. K. Ball, treasurer, and Mrs. R. M. Ford, secretary.

Church Folk Present Drama
MARIETTA, Pa., May 16.—The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Westminster Presbyterian Society for Home Missions opened sessions in the Delta Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Lewis Hyde, pastor and will continue for several days. Lancaster and York Counties are well represented, and the conference opened with the presentation of a three-act drama by the young people of the Delta church.

Moose Ex-Steward Freed
HUNTINGDON, Pa., May 16.—P. Bush, former steward of the Loyal Order of Moose, Mount Union, arrested in Judge Bailey's court yesterday, charged with violating the liquor laws, was acquitted by the jury.



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