

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

The Times Make One Think of Alice and Her Friends the Walrus and the Carpenter—Nancy Gabbles Gayly on in Spite of the Heat

"The time has come," the Walrus said, "To talk of many things; Of shoes and ships and sealing wax, Of cabbages and kings, And why the sea is boiling hot, And whether pigs have wings."

AND do you know, that Walrus must be talking about August 1, 1917, for when you come to think of it, people are talking about a great "many things" these days, whether they have "shoes" for dancing, "ships" for sailing, "sealing wax" for sealing, "cabbages and kings" for the things and all the other things one says "shoes" for. Then, too, "ships" are certainly a great thing at present, for they have gone down in U-boats or those which one's friends are on for coast trips, or the transports on which one's brother or sister or mother or father or husband or lover may go at any unthought-of moment.



Photo by Bacharach. MISS MARGARET LA RUE Miss La Rue is spending the summer at Lake Placid in the Adirondack Mountains.

heard, was quite the leading surgeon in this city at that time. One physician, on visiting him and hearing from his own lips that he knew he had very little longer to live, said: "But, Agnew, what will the surgical world do without you?" "Ah, my dear fellow," returned the wise old doctor, "you need never worry with Henry Wharton already at work on the field." And his words proved true, for Doctor Wharton is one of the most respected surgeons of our day.

I HEAR the Alexander Simpsons, of Overbrook, are up in Moskoka on Lake Rosseau, in Canada, and are spending several weeks in that beautiful region. It's one glorious spot up there; nothing to do absolutely but rest and eat and sleep. I often wonder why more Philadelphians do not go up to Canada. There's Quebec, for instance, which is almost as quaint as any French village on the other side. The air is perfect and the scenery simply lovely.

AND yesterday came the news that Pauline Disston had lost a valuable onyx and diamond pin at the dance given at the Clambake Club last week by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Padeloff. Pauline said nothing about it for some time, and then had a local jeweler advertise for it. And only yesterday did the story leak out as to who owned the pin advertised. I am not sure, but I think it is a pin which had been given by her late father, for I know she had several very handsome presents of the kind from him. And as Pauline was crazy about him, it would naturally be a great sorrow to her to lose one of his gifts.

IT seems to me there must be a pretty clever jewel thief in Newport these days, for Mrs. Regie Vanderbilt has also lost a handsome pin recently, and another jewel was lost about two weeks ago by another prominent woman. I think the Newport Detective Bureau had better get busy. It sounds like a Phillips Oppenheim mystery.

THE Webster Foxes have just received word that Lawrence W. Fox, Jr., has passed his examinations for an officer's commission in the United States artillery at the Presidio training camp, California. The family had planned for a trip to the Rocky Mountains this summer, you know, but since this news was received have changed their minds, and Doctor Fox will go alone to Saratoga Springs, Me., for this month, and Mrs. Fox and Beatrice to Eastern Point, near New London. They will all return in September, when Lawrence will come home to visit them on a short furlough. Doctor Fox has been quite ill, and it was judged that a western trip would be of great benefit to him, but the exigencies of war change many plans, do they not? I only hope the trip to Maine will prove beneficial to his health, as his friends and colleagues insist that he must rest.

THE unconscious impudence of certain dusky rulers of the below-stairs world is so picturesque that one cannot help being amused rather than affronted. One dark-skinned kitchen mechanic, Lily Rose by name, had a particularly heavy washing "wished" on her last Monday. She looked her disapproval when one white skirt after another hoisted into view; bedspreads and table linen likewise met with a frown, and when a tailored silk shirt, with many fine tucks, was disclosed she voiced her displeasure and she guessed if "Miss Celine had that shut" to do up he'd be so worried it'd be so crazy about wearin' it." But a Palm Beach suit was the last straw. "Do'n you all come 'round yer wif dat Paam Leaf foot next week less'n you wants to wash it rough dry," she admonished. And Carolin with a true appreciation of Lily Rose's feelings with the thermometer.

The Red Mouse A Story of Love, Jealousy and Politics By WILLIAM HAMILTON OSBORNE

THE STORY THIS FAR J. LAWRENCE CHALLONER who has never done anything worth while and has never done anything worth mentioning has been willing to give him from her independent fortune, for the first time to give him the money he demands, and after pleading that she really leaves the house and wishes to "Credence" a gambling house. When he has made of the money his wife had previously given him.

"The fact that I'm alone," went on Shirley, taking the seat indicated, and moving it a little farther away from him, "should prove conclusively that I'm not afraid to be alone in my den."

"Then it is about this Challoner affair that you have come to see me?" he asked tactically. "I warn you, Shirley—don't! Hands off!"

"I suppose you realize that this thing is going to kill Miriam Challoner?" The man shook his head vigorously. "Both," he replied. "I'd like to see a living with Challoner would have accomplished that long ago."

"But the condition that made him do this thing was abnormal," she persisted; "bad companions and bad habits had warped his mind."

"My dear girl, if I would do this thing, I couldn't. I shall go a step farther. If I could do it, I wouldn't, I couldn't look you in the face, guilty as I should be of gross malfeasance in my office and malfeasance in my private life."

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"I don't know it," Challoner told him shortly. "But it's all right—I suppose Mrs. Challoner retained him."

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that awfully serious way of yours, or for that matter, in any other way, I'll go. "Aren't you going to marry me, Shirley?" he demanded with characteristic directness. "Same old story," laughed the girl. "Yes, this is the sixth time now that I've asked you. Again, will you marry me?" "Don't be silly! This is hardly the place, Billy."

WEDDING TAKES PLACE ON FIRST DAY OF AUGUST Miss Edna Underdown Was Married Today at Noon to Mr. Charles Brady

Quite a number of weddings are on the social calendar for the midsummer month. At noon today Miss Edna Underdown, daughter of Mrs. Frances Underdown, of 1735 Berks street, and Mr. Charles Brady were married in the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Thirteenth and Spruce streets, by the rector, the Rev. David M. Steele. The ceremony was a quiet but very pretty affair, and was followed by a breakfast at the home of the bride's mother.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Ruth C. Gansman, daughter of Mrs. Esther Gansman, of 1623 Butler street, to Mr. Samuel H. Heyman on Friday evening at the home of the bride's mother. The ceremony was performed at 5 o'clock by the Rev. Isador Philo, of Youngstown, O.

The marriage of Miss Julia Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Schneider, of 1015 West Erie avenue, and Mr. Raymond McGehee, also of Tigoe, took place last Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Spencer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and followed by a reception. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was unattended. Mr. and Mrs. McGehee have gone to Atlantic City, to remain through the season and upon their return will live in Germantown.

SEVERAL WILLS PROBATED The will of Carrie A. Duhning, who recently died in the Orthopedic Hospital, which was admitted to probate today, devised an estate valued at \$8000 in private bequests.

Other wills probated included those of Mary L. D. Moore, late of Philadelphia, who died in New York city, \$5200; Valentine Zureller, of 6117 Pine street, \$3400, and Dr. Frank Meade, 4121 Old York Road, \$2480. The personal effects of the estate of Ernest F. Thaley have been appraised at \$4235.36; James J. Hartnett, \$7549.93; Robert F. Waugh, \$5295.47; George Waugh, \$3275.86, and Eloise E. Leidy, \$2612.01.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES. Table listing names of couples and their addresses.

WILSON WINS FOOD BILL VOTE Congress Conference Agrees to Eliminate "War Committee" Provision

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Yielding to President Wilson's demand for elimination of the so-called congressional war committee, House and Senate conferees on the food-control bill reached agreement this afternoon.

WOMEN PLANNING AUTO SERVICE FOR FARMERS Housewives' League Wants to Bring Produce Now Rotting in Fields to Market

The news that perishable crops are rotting in the fields on farms around Philadelphia and in New Jersey has aroused the State Committee of Public Safety and the Housewives' League to action. Speaking for the latter organization, Mrs. William Derr, the president, said today that the situation was appalling.

Licensed at Elkton to Wed. ELKTON, Md., Aug. 1.—Philadelphia furnished eight of the twelve couples procuring marriage licenses here today as follows: Max Knott and Ada Kelfried, John Galloway and Ida M. Koons, Herbert H. Morrison and Emma M. Berkeley, Joseph W. Roberts and Mary B. Mitchell, Samuel W. Ludwick and Edna M. Newmyer, Christopher J. Hartman and Helen Thompson, Alan W. Sheppard and Gertrude M. Wertis and Carl H. Jeary and Florence A. Garagan.

HARDWICK & MAGEE CO. 1220-1222 MARKET STREET. Mill Clearance Sale. In Philadelphia the Home of Bundhar. French Wilton RUGS. DURABLE AS IRON. FINE AS SILK. Regular Sale Price. 27x54 \$5.00 \$4.50, 36x63 9.00 8.75, 4.6x7.6 20.00 15.95, 6x9 36.00 27.50, 8.3x10.6 54.00 41.00, 9x12 67.50 42.50, 9x13.6 71.50 55.00, 9x15 75.75 61.00, 10.6x15.6 71.00 54.50, 10.6x13.6 59.00 68.00, 11.3x13 78.75 61.00, 11.3x15 99.00 76.00.