

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Large Meeting for Women's Red Cross Christmas Drive Will Be Held at Metropolitan Opera House on Wednesday Night

BESIDES the other numerous things that have been planned for this week there is to be a huge meeting at the Metropolitan Opera House on Wednesday night, when Doctor Wise will speak for the benefit of the women's Red Cross Christmas campaign, and all the members of the Red Cross who do active work are engaged in filling the house that night and in getting memberships from all directions. It does seem marvelous that there are still in these United States persons who have not yet joined the Red Cross; and yet there are, and so many that it is almost unbelievable. I've been thinking it over and wondering why, and something I heard said opened an avenue of thought as to why it was. This person was under the impression that to work for the association meant you had to work for it, and as she is a very busy woman and quite unable to give any time to making surgical dressings and bandages and so forth, she thought she ought not to join. Fortunately, the person to whom she spoke knew all about it and set her straight, and the Red Cross had gained another member.

home on the Delaware on Tuesday and will spend the winter at Lakeside. Mrs. E. C. Ferguson will close her home, the Drummer, during the coming week and will go to Philadelphia for the winter. Mrs. Hugh E. Miller and Mrs. Herbert L. Adams have returned from Washington, D. C., where they have been spending the week.

BEVERLY—Mrs. J. F. Parker has gone to Chicago, Ill., for a stay of several months. Mrs. Stewart Ruzby will close her home on Park avenue and spend several months near Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Gilbert Wilson has returned to Short Hills after spending a fortnight as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Beatty on Farmington lane.

MANY GROUPS OF WAR-RELIEF WORKERS

San Francisco Organizations Establish Clearing Houses for Three Stricken Countries in War Zone

There are so many families in need of help abroad and so many countries that are no longer able to take care of them that it seems necessary for Americans to separate themselves into various groups and organizations to care for the different nations. More than twenty representative women of San Francisco have interested themselves in the clearing houses for Rumania, a new organization which was recently formed for the relief of the stricken country. The children of the country are the especial care of the society. At present there are hundreds of Rumanian children who are being taken care of in France under the direction of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

The clearing house for Rumania was represented at the allied war relief Christmas sale, which was given at the Auditorium recently. Among the women who had charge of the booth were Mrs. Oliver C. Grafton, Mrs. William Fitzhugh, Mrs. James Yerrinton and Mrs. Ernest Meier.

The clearing house has its quarters in Room 202 of the Light Building, where contributions are received.

The Commission for the Relief of Belgium is so simple about it, taking it as a matter of course, and yet his heart must ache pretty hard when he thinks of them. For they were women who had never had to do any kind of difficult or hard work and who had never had to be on time for anything unless they specially wanted to be. Captain Latham said there were two men in his family, himself and his brother, and the brother is in the trenches now; and there are five women—his mother, who is a matron of a hospital; his wife and his brother's wife, who hold positions in banks; his sister, who is in a munition factory, and his little sister of seventeen, who is driving a taxicab about London. And that is not all. His wife has a little baby of ten months, and she has to take care of it as well as attend to her work in the bank. There are no nurses to be had for love or money over there.

Think of it! And better still, think of the strong spirit back of those frail and delicate women; the spirit that makes them strong to bear and do in the place of the men who have had to go to the front. And let us prepare ourselves in spirit for what may come, that we, too, will show the same spirit of sacrifice for the love of God and country if we are called upon to do likewise. With the Russian truce and the freeing of hundreds of thousands of Teuton prisoners who will surely be brought in time to the western front it's not a very funny outlook, is it?

Young Lieutenant Robert Walter Starr, Jr., who is the son of Dr. and Mrs. R. Walter Starr, of this city, is "over there" working in one of the base hospitals. He writes that the work is simply wonderful, but eight hours a day do not seem adequate when there are so many to be attended to. And it's simply pathetic to see how grateful the men are for the professional attention given them.

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LANSDOWNE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Community Tree to Be Feature of Christmas Eve in Suburban Town

IT'S a wonderful thing how the idea of having a community Christmas tree has spread from Madison Square, in New York city, to big towns and little towns all over the country! These trees give a great deal of real happiness to many people who are lonely for it, and there is sure to be a brotherly spirit among all those who gather around them.

Mr. F. E. Phillips will be leader of the singing at the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Robert L. McLean, who had charge of the printing of the words and music of the various songs, has planned to decorate a large old fir tree that stands on the lawn of the clubhouse.

TO ENTERTAIN BRIDGE CLUB Invitation Issued for Two Dances for Younger Set in Germantown During Holidays

Mr. H. E. Gaylord, of 116 Simpson street, Mount Airy, will entertain her bridge club on Wednesday afternoon. The members of the club include Mrs. E. J. Tattersfield, Miss Edie Tate, Mrs. Walter Bates, Miss Blanche Chauveau, Mrs. Mervyn Graham, Mrs. E. J. Folz, Mrs. A. Clayton Reuzary, Mrs. Virginia Barry and Miss Edith McMurtrie.

Several Entertainments Given Outside of Town Mrs. Frank McCarthy, of Marlin road, Overbrook, entertained at luncheon and cards last week at her home.

Professional Women's Club Elects Officers The annual meeting of the Professional Women's Club of Philadelphia was held on Thursday evening, December 13, in the Truett studio, Penfield Building.

OF COURSE HE DOES Mrs. Frank McCarthy, of Marlin road, Overbrook, entertained at luncheon and cards last week at her home.

Mrs. Amos Strunk gave a luncheon on Friday at her home in Lansdowne. Her guests included Mrs. Edith Halls, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. George A. Williams, Mrs. Walter Shepley, Mrs. James Williamson, Mrs. Edward Carroll, Mrs. Stanley J. Sullivan, Mrs. Esther M. Horn, Mrs. Edward Mallon, Mrs. John McNally, Mrs. Edmund E. Brinkley, Mrs. John Donnelly, Mrs. James McCadden and Mrs. Joseph Hamilton.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ralph Lees entertained their fortnightly card club on Saturday evening at their home in Melrose. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dauphines, Mr. and Mrs. James Lovett Brown, Jr., and Mrs. Anthony Callahan, Miss Hazel Brady, Mr. Samuel Brown and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Beck, Jr., were the guests.

"WHAT'S DOING TONIGHT?" Patriotic Addresses under auspices of Public Safety Committee at Union League.

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CROSS KEYS DAILY 2:30 EVENINGS 7 & 9 "BARNYARD FROLICS" AND OTHERS

BROADWAY Broad & Snyder Ave. Daily 2:15; Evngs. 8:45-9 THEDA BARA in "CAMILLE" Vaudeville, Includes "Liberty Belle," others

METROPOLITAN Opera House THURSDAY EVENING 8:00-9:20 "COSMET" BY JOHN

MCCORMACK Entire Proceeds to Red Cross Tickets 25c to \$1.10. Seats 1108 Chestnut Street No War Tax Required on Tickets.

KEITH'S Today at 2, 5 and 8. SAM BERNARD PAUL MORTON & GLASS NAOMI PAT ROONEY & BENT MARION BENNETT & RICHARDS; DOROTHY BRENNER; BEIT MELROSE, and Other Stars.

MRS. WILLIAM C. BULLITT, JR.

Interesting Wedding Took Place on Saturday

An interesting home wedding took place on Saturday at the home of the bride, Mrs. G. B. Crowther, 115 South Thirty-seventh street, when she was married to Mr. Theodore J. Grayson. Only a few friends and the immediate families witnessed the ceremony, solemnized at noon. The Rev. David Steele, D. D., rector of St. Luke's Church, officiated.

After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Grayson will be at home at 115 South Thirty-seventh street.

MRS. HOWARD YARNALL Box-holders for musicale this morning at Bellevue, when soloists were Hans Kindler, cellist, and Oscar Seagle, baritone.

Leave of Absence Finished, Soldiers Return to Camps A number of soldiers who have been home on leave since Thanksgiving have left recently to return to various camps.

Lieutenant Daniel L. Hutchinson, Jr., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Hutchinson, at their home, 1827 Spruce street, left recently for Camp Oglethorpe, Ga. Reginald Hutchinson, who is at Newport with the Newport reserves, will arrive December 23 to spend the holidays with his parents.

Major Richard T. Nalle and Mrs. Nalle, after spending several weeks with Mrs. Nalle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Disinger, at Norwood Hall, Chestnut Hill, have gone to Camp Meade, Md. Mrs. Nalle was Miss Dorothy Disinger.

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Mrs. Lewis Neilson and her daughter, Miss Sarah Neilson, returned today from a visit to Danville, Texas, and are at their winter home, 1926 Pine street.

Mrs. Henry W. Daughen, of 1920 Pine street, entertained very informally at dinner for her daughters, Miss Susanne Daughen and Miss Marie Daughen, before the Saturday Evening Dancing Class.

The regular monthly meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy will be held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel this afternoon, at 2:30. In the absence of the president Mrs. William Douglas Mason, the first vice president, Mrs. George S. Davis, will preside. This is a business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Bailey have taken apartments at the Bellevue-Stratford for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Firth, of 1217 West Allegheny, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Laura A. Firth, to Mr. Edward M. Graham, of this city.

"Joseph, I've just received a notice from the bank to say that my account is overdrawn. Don't you think it very impudent on their part to go prying into my affairs that way?"

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RED CROSS AUXILIARY IN NEW CHURCH

Entertainments Given in North Philadelphia for Bride-to-Be—Patriotic Service at Baptist Church

THE Northwest Memorial Baptist Church of this city was dedicated several weeks ago, and a flourishing Red Cross auxiliary, No. 258, which meets in the social hall of the church, Twenty-eighth street and Lehigh avenue, on Thursdays from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., Mrs. W. Dallas Cope in chairman. Mrs. John Abraham, vice chairman; Miss Phyllis Quigley, secretary, and Mrs. W. Conrad, treasurer. The workers are turning out splendidly knit sweaters, scarfs, socks, wristlets and helmets; quantities of hospital garments and later will start on surgical dressings.

The members of the association are the Rev. W. Dallas Cope, the Rev. George E. Reese, pastors of the church; Mrs. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rhea, Miss Beulah Butz, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Albert Berger, Mr. John V. Abraham, Mrs. Raymond Abraham, Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Doughty, Mrs. Leahah Drano, Mrs. Fawcett, Mr. John Simpson, Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. W. Stock, Miss Uhlert, Miss Mary Thompson, Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. William Griffith, Mrs. Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klages, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. W. Whitefield, Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. W. Wilgus, Miss Wilgus, Mrs. O. Wimer, Miss Katharine Wilson, Mrs. Widmar, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Harry Collier, Mrs. William E. Hetter, Mr. Lincoln Sprink, Mrs. E. E. Conrad, Mrs. William Clouse, Miss Ruth Hodger, Miss Miriam Humphreys, Miss Holloway, Mrs. H. Hagdock, Mrs. E. Parker, Mrs. E. K. Mrs. J. Lanning, Mrs. W. Sloan, Mrs. J. Joerges and Mrs. W. Seel. Under the direction of Mr. Charles West, a musical service will be given by the church choir tomorrow evening in the auditorium.

A few weddings will take place the end of the month, and announcements are being made of home weddings that took place early in the month. Miss Rosa Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiesen, of 5231 Norris street, Mrs. Kathleen M. Linn, who will be married on Sunday, December 23, at the home of the bride's parents.

A number of entertainments have been given in honor of the bride-to-be, among them a carriage shower by Mrs. Helen C. Hays, at her home, 1627 North Thirty-third street, and a dinner and shower last week given by Mrs. Albert Stein and Mrs. Benjamin Fishburn at the home of the former on Norfolk street. Among the guests at the latter were Miss Ruth Haber, Miss Theresa Frommer, Mrs. J. C. Leonard, Mrs. William Sprink, Miss Beulah Seale, Miss Stella Seale, Mrs. J. Emanuel, Mrs. Harry Goldberg, Mrs. Louis Reuben, Mrs. A. Haber, Mrs. M. Haber, Mrs. Benjamin Haber, Mrs. Samuel Haber, Mrs. Susan Wiesen, Mrs. M. Harris, Mrs. Louis Lober and Miss Anna Harris.

A thrilling patriotic service was held last week in the Pittsburg Baptist Church, Susquehanna avenue and Seventh street, when a large service flag was unfurled in honor of the members of the church in the service. The Rev. Francis J. Behrens, pastor of the church, made the address. Miss Edith Pollock, of 1000 S. E. 10th street, is secretary. Among the organizations taking part were Birney Post, G. A. R.; Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps and Auxiliary, Weston's Boy Scouts and Red Cross. Miss Helen C. Hays, the Red Cross workers met all day Thursday in the church. Mrs. J. Francis Behrens in chairman. Mrs. Emily Mitchell, secretary, Mrs. McKenny, treasurer, and Miss Lillian A. Bayha, chairman of the surgical dressings work. There is a knitting section and a sewing section.

In addition to this work the workers packed eighteen boxes for Christmas for distribution by the Red Cross. The church members and Christmas tree to each member on the roll of honor. These honor men in the army and navy are Mr. George Landis, Mr. John Bahner, Mr. James E. Stanton, Mr. George and Red Cross, Mr. Charles S. Tamm, Harold Mutch, Mr. Edward E. Muldoon, Mr. Augustus Stoltz, Mr. Jordan H. Matthews, Mr. Harry W. Hays, Mr. Harold Mutch, Mr. Francis Stevenson, Mr. William Russell Rose, Mr. Richard E. Tomblin, Mr. Tennyson Rose, Mr. Charles J. Muschler, Mr. Charles Tinsley, Mr. Edgar Cope, Mr. Albert Argenta and Mr. John Boyd.

MARKET STREET 19TH THE STANLEY 11:15 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. WILLIAM FOX PRESENTS WILLIAM FAUBUS IN FIRST SHOWING OF "THE HEART OF A SOLDIER"

1214 MARKET ST. PARASOINET Presents Sessue Hayakawa "The Street Game"

10:15 A. M. 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30 P. M. CHESTNUT BELOW 10TH PARASOINET Presents Billie Burke In First Showing of "THE HEART OF A SOLDIER"

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fort League of the thirty-eighth division of the Thirty-eighth Ward has been given the use of a building on Lehigh avenue and Chestnut by the American Stores Company, through Mr. Charles Prehofer. The meeting will be held at the new headquarters tomorrow evening. This evening a musical will be given in St. Columba's Hall, Lehigh avenue and Twenty-third street, in aid of the work of the league. The program will include selections by the Falls Male Chorus, directed by Mr. Joseph Smith; Miss Mae Parley, soprano soloist, and recitations by Miss Head, Miss Margaret Sterritt will be the accompanist. The entertainment committee includes Miss Harriet Jacobson, Mr. Frederick Lohman, Mrs. W. Atmore and Mr. William Friedwald. Mrs. David McDonough is chairman of the supply department. As the remaining quota of men will leave early in January for the various camps the workers are in need of more wool for the many sets of kits they are preparing for them.

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