

RED CROSS BAZAAR ENDS WITH ECCLAT

Business Men Vie in Swelling the Fund with Purchases at Princely Prices

CLEAR \$5 A MINUTE Prominent Stage Folk Add to Success of War Under-taking

At an early hour yesterday morning J. Alfred Clark, president of Clark's Iron Foundry, issued from the Colonnade Hotel carrying the following articles:

One large silk sofa cushion, hand embroidered; one cut-glass perfume bottle, one hand-painted cake box, one bottle sweater, one toy monkey three feet high, made of brown wool; the consciousness of having done his bit for the Red Cross and one checkbook in which only stubs remained.

Close at his heels came Charles Keizer, commission merchant and hot vivante, burdened with a basket of bon voyage fruit as big as a roll-top desk, but stepping lightly as he came to mind that he had paid only \$50 in cash for the fruit, with two dances with Jean Downs, who plays the part of Beauty in "Experience," thrown in for good measure.

Raymond Hitchcock, comedian of "Hitchy-Koo," had started the excitement. Dashing to the hotel after he had finished his performance at the Lyric last night, he stepped into the center of the ring flanked by several hundred fans, and he began to auction off the articles donated by a number of business firms to the Red Cross.

"Pounce on them, pounce on them!" he urged, in the famous Hitchcock style. The crowd pounced so enthusiastically that in eight minutes the comedian had sold \$13 worth and had provoked eighty-three laughs.

Then Jean Downs took his place as auctioneer, holding up a malacca walking stick as her first offering. Colonel Samuel D. Litt, who is a director in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Red Cross and who was entertaining a party of friends, ran the bidding up until he got the cane in exchange for a \$20 bill.

Next to act was Charles Kelker, who sold three boxes of soap for \$12.50, a pair of slippers for \$5, a pair of gloves for \$5, a pair of shoes for \$5, a pair of socks for \$5, a pair of underwear for \$5, a pair of pajamas for \$5, a pair of nightgowns for \$5, a pair of bathrobes for \$5, a pair of slippers for \$5, a pair of gloves for \$5, a pair of shoes for \$5, a pair of socks for \$5, a pair of underwear for \$5, a pair of pajamas for \$5, a pair of nightgowns for \$5, a pair of bathrobes for \$5.

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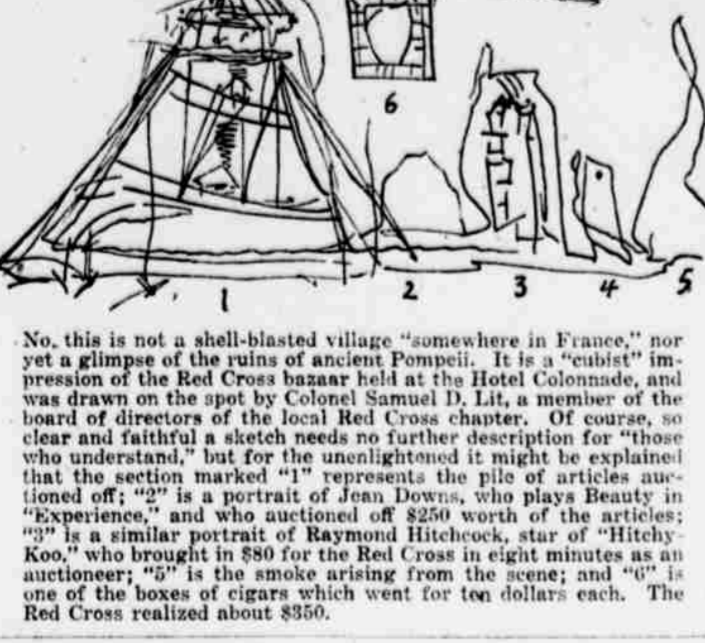
ChORAL SOCIETY SINGS ANNUAL "MESSIAH" Sterling Organization has 21st Production of Handel's Christmas Oratorio

The Choral Society of Philadelphia last evening at the Academy of Music gave its twenty-first annual performance of "Messiah" by George Frideric Handel.

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As I have said, certain men who were fitted employed on permanent duties in the wards of the hospital.

AS CUBIST SEES RED CROSS BAZAAR



No, this is not a shell-blasted village "somewhere in France," nor yet a glimpse of the ruins of ancient Pompeii. It is a "cubist" impression of the Red Cross bazaar held at the Hotel Colonnade, and was drawn by Colonel Samuel D. Litt, a member of the board of directors of the local Red Cross chapter.

Of course, so clear and faithful a sketch needs no further description for "those who understand," but for the unenlightened it might be explained as follows: "2" is a portrait of Jean Downs, who plays Beauty in "Experience," and who auctioned off \$250 worth of the articles; "3" is a similar portrait of Raymond Hitchcock, star of "Hitchy-Koo," who brought in \$80 for the Red Cross in eight minutes as an auctioneer; "4" is the smoke arising from the scene; and "5" is one of the boxes of cigars which went for ten dollars each. The Red Cross realized about \$350.

PRUGH ISSUES CALL FOR DUES CONVENTION

All Pennsylvania Prohibitionists Urged to Rally for Drive on John Barleycorn

HARRISBURG, Dec. 25.—State Chairman B. E. P. Prugh today issued a call for the state convention of the Prohibition party to be held February 12, in the Southfield Street Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, when the policy of the party for the coming campaign will be outlined.

The enemy is on the run, and now let us all roll up our sleeves and help hang John Barleycorn and all his kin to the yardarm of the ship of State," urged the chairman in asking for a large attendance of delegates. The meeting will be held at the Messian Lutheran Church, 1310 Chestnut St.

RELIGIOUS BRIEVITIES

Annual Christmas carol service will be held in the Episcopal Cathedral, Philadelphia, on Sunday, Dec. 31.

The Rev. Frederick Griffin will preach on "The Nativity" at the Episcopal Cathedral, Philadelphia, on Sunday, Dec. 31.

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"LONG LIVE THE KING"

A Human Story of Child-Desire, Court Intrigue and Love, the Latest Novel by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

Livia is threatened with revolution. Students, civilians, even army veterans are ready to overthrow the monarch and proclaim a republic.

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disappointed. "A cornerstone, I suppose," he said. "Not a cornerstone," said the Chancellor, with eyes that began to twinkle under ferocious brows.

As a matter of truth the Chancellor had not thought of the fort. But like many another before him, he accepted the suggestion and made it his own.

He finally settled that the officers should serve luncheon, but that there should be no speeches. The Crown Prince had already learned that his presence was a sort of rod of Aaron to unloose floods of speeches.

"Then that's settled," he said at last. "I'm very happy. This morning I shall apologize to you, Princess."

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