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the best light opera that an American wooser has contributed to the stage. and one that measures up well with the capital. The society gave it before, two nights running, nearly a couple of years go, but last night's performance, by the way the forty-second in the twelve years' history of the organization, had more distinction. The principals were well drilled, sang in excellent form and

well drilled, sang in excellent form and acted with ease and the chorus again demonstrated its high quality in ensemble singing and facile stage work.

The familiar and genuinely melodious and musicianly airs and choruses, "O Promise Me," "Brown October Ale," "The Armorer's Song," "The Tinkers' Song," and the others went with spirit, and the romance of the plot had the consistency and fascination which have disappeared from the stage since musical comedy and revues have superseded comic or light opera.

viduals of the well-balanced cast for special mention, as all gave of their best and voluntarily, since soloists of the Operatic Society are strictly volunteers. The performance was for the benefit Operatic Society are strictly volunteers.

The performance was for the benefit of the war funds of the Knights of Columbus and the Philadelphia hospital units, and the same beneficiaries will share in the proceeds of the second and last "Robin Hood" performance next Monday evening at the Metropolitan.

STATE Y. M. C. A. WORK LEADS WHOLE NATION

Convention Hears That Reply to Appeal for War Fund Set Mark in U.S.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 22. Pennsylvania's Young Men's Christian Associations lead the country in war rork. When the recent campaign was started the State organization fixed

C. A. work at the opening here yesterday of the fiftieth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Pennsylvania. This work was carried on by the 184 associations and 86,816

Four hundred delegates were present Four hundred delegates were present in the afternoon. They will be here three days and all regular nessions will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church. The convention was opened by W. D. Brandon, of Butler, the presiding officer, following a prayer by the Rev. Robert Bagnell, of Grace Methodist Church. Officers were elected at the night session as follows: President, L. J. Gillesple, Pittsburgh; vice presidents, W. H. Ridgway. Coatesville, and Arthur D. Bacon, Harrisburg, and secretary, Frank Gpstty, Carbondale.

L. W. W. PLOTTED TO KILL CATTLE, SAYS SUSPECT

Planned to Burn Grain, Houses and Mills on Pacific Coast, Asserts Prisoner

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—Alleged plots of the Industrial Workers of the World to polson cattle and burn grain farmhouses and lumber mills along the Pacific coast have been bared in a confession by Fritz Hagerman, alias Charles Alsenbach, who said he had participated in some of the actions proposed, according to a statement by officials of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Hagerman was arrested at Susanville Cal. He confessed, the officials said that he had set fire last September to a lumber mill in Lassen County and at the time of his arrest was on his way back to the plant, which he was contemplating igniting again.

Hagerman said, according to the Fire Prevention Bureau officials, that it was a common understanding that the alleged plots to destroy cattle and buildings were supported by German money, Hagerman, the officials asserted, professed sympathy for the Germans. He came to the United States from Germany in 1910, they said.

It is understood that Hagerman will be turned over to the Federal authorities.

LUTHERAN'S DRIVE IS ON

Lehigh County Seeks \$12,000 Three Days' Campaign

ALLENTOWN. Pa., Feb. 22.—The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Jacobs, of the faculty of Mount Airy Seminary, was the principal speaker at a banquet in St. Paul's Church last night, when, in com-Paul's Church last night, when, in common with the communities throughout the State, a drive was started to raise \$750,000 for the Lutheran War Council.

The Lehigh County allotment is \$12,000, and it is proposed to raise this sum during a three days' campaign ending Monday night. Fourteen Allentown and neighboring churches have named three teams each. One of the team captains is the Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas, president of Muhlenberg College. The general chairman of the campaign is Frank D. Bittner, who has as associates A. K. Jacks and Herbert C. Keller.

KUTZ SHIFTS AMBITION

Will Not Run for Congress but for State Committeeman

READING, Pa., Peb. 22.—I. G. Kütz, runty solicitor, will not run for Concess, he announced, but for Demoratic State Committeeman. Kutz results the "interference of Washington" is the local congressional fight, and says is staying out of it because he finde mulment against a change in wartime. He will run with William D. Reeser, Yellow House, for re-election as committeeman, opposing Sheriff Merkel, of eading, and Jacob H. Mays, of Womelsoof.

THE WORLD'S WAR Through Woman's Eyes By ELLEN ADAIR

THE philosophic spirit of the French, no matter where I meet them, frank-

my table at the American Hut To my table at the American Hut comes regularly a trio of cultured French "pollus." In private life they are gentlemen in the best sense of that much misuzed word. They have all undergone endless hardships since war began, including many wounds, much suffering, personal loss and big financial reverses. But they are invariably cheerful, smiling and reconciled.

"Que voulez vous, mam'selle?" they say with a philosophic shrug of their expressive, blue-clad shoulders, "Cest and Guerre!"

One of them has endured physical disables.

Lord Derby, British War Minister, speaking today in the Aldwych Club in London, has just given us an amusing and true little story: An English prisoner-ofwar in Ger-many, with no friends or relations, was

getting none of the parcels which were lavishly distributed to other prisoners. not get some charitable person to do for him what friends were doing for others. So he wrote the following letter:
"Dear God—Please send me ten pounds (\$50)."
The Germans, seeing the letter addressed to the Almighty, thought it was cheerful faces. Every one is smilled.

dressed to the Almighty, thought it was the same address as the War Office in

scribed among themselves and sent the lonely soldier three pounds (\$15),

They got an answer, again addressed to the Almighty, and again forwarded by the Germans to the War Office in

by the Germans to the war Office in London, in which the writer said:
"Dear God—I know you wanted to send me ten pounds, but if you do send it to me in the future don't send it through the War Office, because last to me in the future don't send it down to the docks, and I do not think through the War Office, because last time they sent me three pounds and pinched seven pounds for themselves."

In London we must all state our exact age on our sugar cards. And the cancarly live on fish. Then why should tankerous people who will not state their

started the State organization fixed \$2,500,000 as the goal for the training camp fund. It raised \$6,200,000.

These figures were included in the annual report of Charles L. Huston, chairman of the war-work committee, who told of the awakened interest in Y. M. C. A. work at the opening here yesterday. sex he or she belongs.

An amusing scene occurred the other day at a London railroad station. A British officer (of the famous Guards)

was wearing his long gray overcoat which looks so much like the German service coat. At the same time a large number of German prisoners were ar riving at the station, sent from France A dear old lady had arrived also a Guards officer she rushed at him, hit him violently on the head with her um-brella and shouted loudly, "Baby Killer!"

Luckily the British Guardsman had a sense of the ridiculous and could take a joke, even though a somewhat strained one. But I think he will feel more disposed for the future to wear the khaki posed for the future to wear the khaki posed for the future to wear the warm.

The picturesqueness of the American language—"good United States, as she is spoke"—is arousing immense delight and interest in Londoners. Endless examples of "delightful and expressive American slang" are quoted to me by Britishers who, for the first time in their lives, have met and taiked with American officers.

The picturesqueness of the American tanges of the preservation of which sugar may be necessary as well as to the housewives for usage in preserving purposes. As the car short-age is relieved, supplies of sugar will be available for the necessary preservation purposes. Shipments from Cuba are steadily increasing."

Penn Man Talks on Relleans

"C'est La Guerre"

an interpreter at once.

One of them has endured physical dis- a beacon of hate, the flames of which

One of them has endured physical disablement, the complete smashing up of his excellent business in Paris, the loss of his wife and child—a loss which might have been prevented had he had the money to send them to a suitable sanatorium—and the loss of his two brothers.

Tears spring to his dark eyes when he speaks of his wife and child But —"C'est la Guerre!" he repeats, as though the words held comfort. A brave and enduring race, the French. co-operate with our good sword and sweep this vile power which has set the whole world against us. from our

would to London. He has very pleasant imcould pressions of the city and says:

The people you meet in the streets have cheerful faces. Every one is smiling. They look confident.

The impression I have gained from talking to people is that you did not go

They sent it to the War Office and to war willingly—you did not want to the branch to which it was sent subgo to war, but felt you had no other course—but that, being at war, you are going through with it until you secure a peace worth having. "I read of the food shortage in Eng-

from the fact that my supply of sugar is limited, I can find nothing to com-plain about. Moreover, I have been down to the docks, and I do not think

North Sea is full of fish?
"As, yes—but there are no boats to collect those fish.

No act of Parliament says that they must state their ages. But no act of say about Norway. We have done Parliament give them sugar if they won't! The ages are needed for the system of checking. everything we can, while remaining neutral, to help the Allies, and we have suffered much. Our ships have been sunk and our seamen drowned. The U-boats have not only sunk our ships, but they have fired on our men while in boats or while in the water. It will be a very long time before the peopl of Norway forget—or forgive the Ger mans for that.

SUGAR FOR PRESERVES

Housewives Informed There Will Be Plenty for Summer Use

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.-Ample sup plies of sugar will be available during the coming summer, the food administration announced last night, to meet the necessary requirements of food manu-facturers and for household and pre-

a joke, even though a somewhat strained one. But I think he will feel more disposed for the future to wear the khaki garment known as a "British warm" than the overcoat which has a German to the packers of fruit, condensed milk

tor from the other side of the Atlantic, now in England, flew his machine into a British aerodrome, and, marching into the commanding officer's hut, remarked airily:

"Say! Are you the big noise in this constituency? Guess you are. Well,

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RED CROSS BRANCH HAS REAL FACTORY

Gimbels' Donates Building Work Under Mrs. E. Gimbel and Mrs. S. Lit

Not content with having far outdistanced all other Red Cross Auxiliaries in this locality in membership, Auxiliary No. 306, located at 23 South Ninth street, is now running a thoroughly regulated and organized factory for the manufacture of pajamas, French pillow cases, bedside robes and other articles to be used by the army and navy.

used by the army and navy.

The factory was started some time ago when Gimbel Brothers donated the building for the use of the auxiliary. Since that time the members have been working in regular shifts with sewing machines and have turned in thousands of pairs of pajamas and other articles. Now Gimbel Brothers have donated a second building, 25 South Ninth street, adjoining 23 South Ninth street and under the direction of Mrs. Ellis A. Gimbel and Mrs. Samuel D. Lit, who are at the head of the ways and means com-

a few days.

The work in the factory is being done and will continue to be done by many of the most prominent women in the city late or do not appear they are fined the same as the ordinary factory girl would be. They work six hours a day and have forty-five minutes for lunch. Fre-quently as many as 200 members are at work in the factory at the same time. and they vary in age from the fast-working debutante to slower great-

routine management under captains.
Being operated on the teamwork basis, each operator has her dertain task, making a certain part of the garment, and then the parts are assembled. The captains of teams are as follows:

Mrs. Bec. Globel, Mrs. Morrie A. Kauf.

Mrs. Ben Gimbel, Mrs. Morris A. Kauf man, Mrs. Philip Roseman, Mrs. J. H. Silverman, Mrs. Joseph Snellenburg, Mrs. Justin P. Allman, Mrs. Joseph Weymann, Mrs. Henry Bronner, Mrs. I. Levi, Mrs. Eli K. Selig, Mrs. Samuel D. Lit, Mrs. Ellis A. Gimbel, Mrs. Jerome Loucheim, Mrs. David Kirschbaum, Mrs. Jacques Moss, Mrs. A. Liveright, Mrs. Edward Goldsmith and Mrs. Harry Nathanson, The factory is under the direction of Mrs. H. J. Bissinger, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Eugene M. Stern, vice chairman. The first work done in the factory was turned out about three manufactors. A. Gimbel, Mrs. Jerome Loucheim

months ago. The members were so en-thusiastically praised for their efforts by the officials of the Red Cross that

more members in the work.

This auxiliary now has a membership of nearly 14,000. In addition to operating the factory, thousands of sweaters, socks, scarfs and other knitted articles have been made under the direction of the free wool department, managed by Mrs. A. J. Bamberger. With the increased floor space and the motor machines, the committee will teach several chines, the committee will teach severa hundred more members to assist with the

ON DELAYED HONEYMOON

Wilmington Man and Nurse Bride Announce Marriage July 6

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 22.-H. G. ittle, assistant secretary of the Wil-WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 22.—H. G. Little, assistant secretary of the Wilmington Manufacturers' Association, was absent from his desk yesterday and it was announced that he was on a belated honeymoon. On July 6 last Mr. Little and Miss Grace B. Leisher, a student nurse at the Homeopathic Hospital, whose home is in Chambersburg, Fa., were married, but the wedding was kept a secret because the bride desired to finish her course. to finish her course.



A SURVEY OF THE SCHOOLS

Philadelphia's Schools Defended by Teachers, Principals and Educators—What Business and Professional Men Think-The Views of Parents

tion with the schools, the teachers of high and low classifications, to the critics who say the school system is awry, diswho say the school system is awry, dis-jointed, minus propulsive power and smooth-running mechanism, who charge in short that the system is "all wrong their suggestions covered easily rectifi-able matters and that basically the

general defense entered by the teachers was afforded from another source. It was not deemed sufficient to make them the judges in a case in which their endeavors and accomplishments were the

Business men, professional men and college professors were asked for a verdict on the products of the public schools and their personal experience was prependeruntly that the schooling or other employe just out of school, but none could be found who would con-demn the schools unqualifiedly on this account. As one said, the trouble prob-ably lay with the indocile character of the lads in question or their constitu-tional inability to master a certain subject, possibly with the negligence or in-dulgence of their parents, rather than with the teachers or the teaching. This theory was confirmed in two offices by an examination or recollection of the records of half a dozen boys over a series of years, in which trained capa-bility, and excellent preparation, better

education their offspring were receiving, though some felt that there were too this criticism was imparted said crisply:

THERE is nothing wrong with the schools. This is the general answer of which is their mental as well as of a very large majority of those best physical, moral and spiritual education ciplined potentially worth-while citizens primarily, even while we accept will ingly our share in the moral develop ment. Parents must co-operate with the see that children study lessons. If this is a large responsibility it is nevertheless theirs; if it takes a long time or proves irksome, they have not their children

DANGERS OF RECONSTRUCTION

As to lessening the number of books or reducing the home study require-ments, a principal pointed out that this would mean a reconstruction of a sysyears of test, experiment, failure, com-parison and elimination into a mechan-ism adapted to the demands of modern life. The American school system has The American school system has been an evolution; a retrogressive recon-struction flying in the face of results found not only in Philadelphia, but to greater degree elsewhere and attained after trial and difficulty would mean devolution. Simplification of subjects would be fatal in this specialized era-liess home study would make inevitable longer school hours in a stretch, more expenditure in a largely increased bud-get for teachers' salaries, and the loss of opportunity for recreation and leisure of Philadelphia's boys and girls averaged very high. Here and there a business man was found who inveighed against the poor spelling or dabstering a brain-rest period imperatively dat figures of some office boy, junior clerk or other employe just out of school, but child body and mind, according to none could be found who would con-physiologists and psychologists.

Proceeding along another angle of approach, and one of vital importance as divulging the effective gradation of the schools, questioning brought out a very general belief from teachers in upper grades and higher schools that the children handed on to them were acceptably qualified to pursue advanced This attitude was widespread enough bility and excellent preparation, better than expectation, were assets of most of the boys concerned.

Parents who were consulted in general expressed satisfaction with the kind of education their offsenties were reducation to the formulated into a principle, namely, the ordering of grades and preparing of pupils in them is promptly correctated and progressive and with an efficiency and sufficiency in results equal to an easier and the control of the c to be formulated into a principle, namely reasonable expectations. This principle maturally, cannot be taken as absolute, owing to the nature of the material. many books and too much home work, and two were frankly of the view that too much responsibility and participation in their children's education was imposed on parents. A teacher to whom

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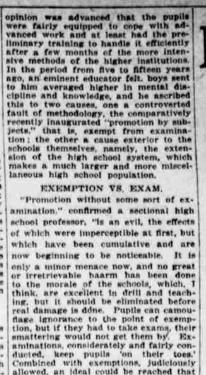
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