

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Interesting Meeting at Independence Square Headquarters of Red Cross Yesterday Afternoon—Lieutenant and Mrs. Karl Dodge Have Young Son

WELL, there was certainly one fine, big gathering at the Independence Square headquarters of the Red Cross yesterday! It was decided to start a section of the navy auxiliary, and Mrs. Edward Stotesbury addressed the workers and their friends on the matter.

Lieutenant J. Herbert Reading, Timanus and Mrs. Timanus, of Quincy street, Germantown, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

The Rosemary Club of Glenside will give its annual spring dance on Friday evening, April 12, at the Old York Road Country Club.

The Ardentia Club basketball team of South Philadelphia has decided to close their basketball season with a game and dance on Saturday at St. Timothy's Hall, 714 Reed street.

AM sure you will join me in offering congratulations to the Karl Dodges on the advent of a little son in their household. Small Mr. Dodge opened his eyes on Easter Sunday, and I'll warrant he met with a warm welcome.

There was a mighty interesting evening at Henry Rittenberg's studio Sunday night. Mrs. Rittenberg does entertain in such a delightful way.

The fourteenth anniversary of the matrons' section of the Philadelphia Normal School will be celebrated Wednesday afternoon in the alumni room.

Miss E. Antonette Geyelin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lausatz Geyelin, of Villanova, will give a Mask and Wig party on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morton Wilson, who have been spending the winter in Stratford, next Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. George Fales Baker will entertain at their box at the opera.

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MRS. OLIVER EATON CROMWELL

FUNNY TANGLE IS UNTIED IN MASK AND WIG SHOW

"The Bridal Not," Thirtieth Annual Play, Possess "Zip" and "Go"

NED BROWNING, JR., KNITS Harrison Weds Heilbron, the "Maid," But All Ends Well

Never was there a more patient bridegroom than the hero in "The Bridal Not," the opening performance of the thirtieth annual production of the Mask and Wig Club, last night at the Forrest Theatre.

Never was a man more sorely tried. After getting all "set" for his wedding, and having been instructed carefully by his best man "above all things don't argue with the minister, just agree to everything," to have a half-witted maid passed off as a bride instead of his loved and beautiful blushing Mary—well, it is a hard ordeal for any one; but E. C. Harrison, the bridegroom, went through his paces in the part cheerfully and even with a touch of amusement.

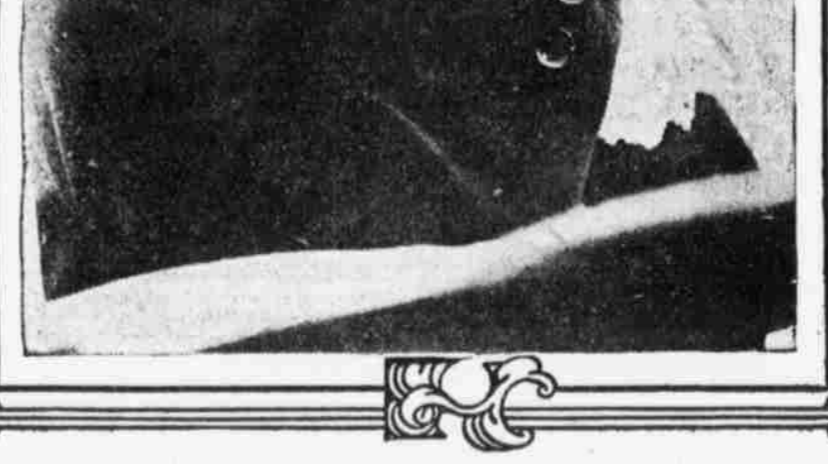
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The dancing was splendid. It always is in the Mask and Wig; Charlie Morgan takes care of that. The music had much "go" to it, for Charlie Gilpin was responsible for all that has been for modern productions since he joined the club in his college days.

The chorus that met with most applause was that led by L. Housley, who stalked gracefully out, dressed as a member of the Emergency Aid and supported by a chorus including three base hospital nurses, three Red Cross workers, three Liberty Loan girls and three motor messengers.

One of the most interesting sights of the evening, however, in the audience. There on the front row sat Mrs. Ned Browning watching young Ned as he had his hysterical, dropped his satchels and tried to prevent his darling child from being married against her will.

New Papers in Paris Paris, Feb. 15 (by mail).—The birth rate of newspapers was never so high in Paris as since paper became scarce.



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HITCHES HOLD UP GIFTS TO SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

Letter Tells Emergency Aid 31 of 35 Christmas Boxes Have Not Arrived

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LACK OF NURSE HALTS OPENING OF HOSPITAL

New Northeastern Needs Supervisor—Scarcity Hides "Right Woman" for Post

Difficulty in finding a supervising nurse for the new Northeastern Hospital of Philadelphia is the only one preventing it from opening its wards at once. For two weeks a search has been made, but nurses capable of assuming the responsibility of this position, according to the hospital authorities, are now so scarce that it has not been possible to find the right woman.

As soon as a supervising nurse has been found twelve beds will be put into use and the maximum capacity of forty beds will be placed in use as rapidly as the necessary financial support is obtained.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT SYMPHONY SOCIETY

MISS LUCY GATES America's foremost coloratura soprano will be the soloist in place of Mme. Galli-Curci at the last concert of the New York Symphony Orchestra tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon, April 3, 5 o'clock, Academy of Music.

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WOMEN SHOPWORKERS IN GREAT DEMAND

One Dayton Factory Alone Soon Will Have 12,000 Employed in Place of Men

Dayton, O., April 2. Three more Dayton factories which have never in their histories employed women for shop work have joined the ranks of the new order and have sent in requisitions for hundreds of women to fill various laboring positions to the State-City free employment bureau in the Cappel Building.

One factory, where airship parts are being made on Government contract, expects ultimately to employ 12,000 girls and women.

The work will consist of assembling small parts, varnishing and painting, stretching cloth and various other tasks. In other factories the work will be of similar nature, and in one the women will be employed particularly to take the heavier tasks which have been dropped by hundreds of young men for military service upon their shoulders.

Foremen have been instructed in classes as to what reasonably could be expected of women workers, and expert tradesmen have been assigned to teach them in the shortest space of time the rudiments of their new duties.

Hunting a Husband

By MARY DOUGLAS (Copyright)

CHAPTER XXVII Through Another's Eyes

I THINK I have settled my problem. I love Jim. I care too much to think of myself. I believe I can help him. I know I am strong. I know that he depends on me. Perhaps our marriage can right all that, if I am with him when he needs me—if I can be strong enough for two and if I give him up? It may rain him. He will never have the same reliance again.

I told it all to mother this morning. "I know it, Sara," she said. "I was only waiting for the time when you would know James Meris drank." So that accounts for mother's anxious looks.

At least I am glad that the ecstatic happiness of those first days was not destroyed. Those shall always be like starlight in the darkness to me.

But before I told Jim of my decision I was going to see Martha Dunston. Martha is older than I—thirty. And she, against the warnings of her family and friends, had married a drinker. A splendid, hopeful fellow, but a man whose inheritance was too strong for his will. A man who drank.

STAGE WOMEN TO HEAR OF WAR-RELIEF NEEDS

Actresses' Organization Will Outline Work Here and in Other Cities

The Philadelphia branch of the Stage Women's War Relief will entertain all of the actresses of the "Doing Our Bit" company at headquarters, 2925 Walnut street, this afternoon. The players will have outlined to them the scope of the aid work which the women of the stage are carrying on for American soldiers in Europe.

Not only in this city, but in New York, Chicago, Washington, Detroit and other large cities throughout the country, workrooms of the relief have been established for the co-operation of women living in those cities and also for those who may spend leisure hours there while on tour.

The work is increasing day by day," said Miss Ada Lewis, "and its effects are far-reaching. Scores of new members are being added to the rolls of the organization almost every week, and the actresses are entering into their war obligations not apologetically nor with temporary enthusiasm, but day after day earnestly and with gratitude in their hearts that they are able to help and with a feeling of real American patriotism."

Miss Lewis, one of the stars of "Doing Our Bit," will address the meeting and tell of the activities of the Stage Women's War Relief in other cities.

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