

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Miss Miriam Kane Tells of Her Work in Paris Lighthouse. Shows Poster Stating That Edith Cavell Had Been Executed—Other Things

'T's rather strange how things come home to one, is it not? Yesterday I went into the workrooms of the Independence Square auxiliary of the American Red Cross to see Miss Miriam Kane tell of the work for the French wounded in the English Hospital and the work among the blind at the Lighthouse in Paris.

Miss Kane was for more than a year in France, and was what was called a V. A. D., a nurse's aid, in other words, in an English hospital. Then later she went to Paris and worked with Miss Holt for the blinded men. There are twenty-seven thousand blinded men in France, and Miss Kane said she knew of a very, very few who are as yet self-supporting after nearly four years of blindness.

But this is not the strange part of it. Miss Kane had a number of posters to show us, and among them was a copy of the proclamation of death issued by the Germans for six persons, among whom were Edith Cavell and Bancq, the architect. There was, lower down on the poster, a number of names of those who were condemned to fifteen years' imprisonment, and in those names I saw Marie du Croix, though Germany had it as Mary.

And I remembered meeting, at the Walter George Smith's house, in Torresdale, one day Prince Henry du Croix, the uncle of the unfortunate girl, and her brother, Prince Leopold du Croix, who were in this country visiting and who were guests at various times at the Smiths. And I remembered hearing only this winter how Marie du Croix had contracted tuberculosis from her imprisonment, and it is hardly likely that she will live to hear those fifteen years, even if she should not be liberated before then; as she surely would if she lived, because the German dominion cannot last.

And that is but one person of whom I happen personally to know. A delicately reared, charming, lovely Belgian girl condemned to fifteen years' imprisonment for being loyal to the country to which she belonged!

As sure as there is a God in Heaven there will be a day of vengeance for those creatures of the horrible German system, as well as the system itself!

After showing the proclamation, Miss Kane showed a wonderful poster of that great and holy Belgian, who stands out before the world, fearless before the atrocities of Germany. The one man the Germans have had to respect, Cardinal Mercier. And, somehow, there was great comfort in the sight, for it seems to me that though so many have come back to believe in God and to acknowledge His dominion since this terrible war, there are still many scoffers and unbelievers, and that if only those who have not believed in Him would bow their heads and say, "We have sinned in shutting Him out of our lives," victory would come sooner.

Such men as Cardinal Mercier do not hesitate to raise their voices to acknowledge the poor Man of Nazareth. And so it was a comfort to see that great figure standing, as it were, between his people and the enemy, and trusting in God to help him, but also not hesitating to protect and protest whenever he can. A true pastor of souls!

IT IS a good thing that there is an engagement sprung upon us now and again these days, for otherwise we'd have nothing to talk about outside of the war, and that does become gruesome in the extreme, now, doesn't it?

So, besides wishing Leta Sullivan joy we can also thank her for surprising us, because, you see, not very many of us knew about this out-of-town man who has won her away from Philadelphia.

Of course we knew of the Hoffmans, they are very well known in New York. Albert spent some time in Cuba before the war, then he entered the army, and was subsequently made a lieutenant. He was sent back to America and is now attached to the chief of staff's office in Washington, which is some job for a young fellow, don't you think? His mother was Miss Lucy Shattuck, and he has three brothers, William Wickham, named for his grandfather, who was at one time minister to Denmark; Francis Burrall, Jr., named for his father, and Murray.

Leta is a sister of Frances and Elaine Sullivan. There is also a brother, Livingston, and Elaine has yet to make her debut. Leta is much like her mother, Mrs. James Francis Sullivan, in temperament as well as looks, and both Frances and she are extremely well liked in the younger set.

'CERTAINLY think the women who got up the benefit for the Abington Hospital, anti-fair,' which took place on June 5, and the leftovers of which were sold on Saturday afternoon, have a just reason for being proud of the success of their tremendous undertaking.

Do you know what they have raised altogether from that fete? \$10,000!

More than \$7000 at the fete, \$2000 in donations and another thousand raised on Saturday. Now if that is not remarkable in these days when everything is being done for war activities!

It shows what good, clear heads and sound judgment will do for a thing. I said last week my hat was off to Mrs. Lorimer and her committee, and now it's off again. Pretty soon I won't be wearing a hat at all, will I?

NANCY WYNNE.

Social Activities

Invitations have been received in this city from Mr. Louis E. Binase, of 9 James street, Morristown, N. J., for the marriage of his niece, Miss Della Mary Franchin, daughter of the late Reginald Franchin and Mrs. Franchin, of New York, to Mr. John Dykers Nichols, son of Mrs. R. C. Nichols, also of New York.

The wedding will take place at noon on Monday, July 1, in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth avenue and Fifth street, New York. A reception will follow at the Colony Club.

Both the bridegroom and bride are related to Philadelphia families, Miss Franchin being a great-niece of Mrs. Joseph R. Spenner, of this city, and Mr. Nichols a member of Mr. and Mrs. James Francis Sullivan, whose daughter, Miss Leta Sullivan, was married at the Woods Radnor, five days ago, to Lieutenant Arthur Lincoln Nichols, United States army, of New York.

York, when Miss Helen Gertrude Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maryn Alexander, of 18 East Thirty-sixth street, became the bride of Lieutenant Philip Kip Rhineland, son of Mr. Philip Rhineland, also of New York. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Rhineland, of this city, uncle of the bridegroom, and Dean Robbins, of the cathedral of St. John the Divine. The wedding was attended only by the two families and a few intimate friends, and the reception after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents was very small.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison Fisher, of 2012 De Lancey street, are occupying their country place at Jenkintown.

Mrs. Edward E. Marshall, of Rydal, has been spending some time in New London, Conn.

Miss Anna S. Newbold and Miss Robertson, of the Crosswicks House, Jenkintown, have returned from a visit to Boston.

Mrs. Harry McMichael, who has been spending several months at Chattanooga, Tenn., has joined her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Worth, of the Gladstone, at their summer home in Germantown. Lieutenant McMichael is in France.

Mrs. Henry G. Burnham and Miss Lucetta S. Heckcher, who have been visiting their brother, Mr. Gustave A. Heckcher, at Hoesbrook, Stratford, left on Friday to spend the summer in Bar Harbor.

The luncheon and bridge which Mrs. Edwin L. Blanton, of Bryn Mawr, had planned for today has been postponed until next week.

Mrs. H. Belin du Pont, of Ardmore, has returned from New Haven, Conn., where she visited her son, Mr. H. Belin du Pont, Jr., who is a student at Yale University.

Mrs. Charles V. McClain has closed her apartment at the Gladstone and is staying at the Lawn House, Hiverton, N. J. Later on she will visit East End, Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Story and their family, of 332 South Thirteenth street, have taken the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin Lovring, at Noble, for the summer. Mrs. Lovring has gone to her summer home in Jamestown, R. I. Captain Lovring is in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Hazleton Mirkil and their daughter, Mrs. Edmond H. Rogers and Miss Elsie Mirkil, who have been occupying their summer home in Wynocote, have left for Vermont, where they have taken a cottage on Portland avenue.

The Rev. John M. Groton, rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, who has been abroad for a year, has been offered a commission in the regimental army by Bishop Brent, who is head of the Episcopal chaplains in France. Mr. Groton expects to remain "over there" during the period of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. De Puy, of Jenkintown, have returned, after spending a week in Bridgeport, Conn.

An address will be made at the Wynocote section of the Red Cross today at 2 o'clock by the Rev. Roy I. Murray. The meeting will be held in the parish house of All Hallows Church, Wynocote.

Mrs. Chauncey D. Robinson, of Boston, will arrive this week to spend the summer with her mother, Mrs. Milton K. Neiffer, of Wynocote.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Fleisher have left their town home and are occupying Terrace Home, on Spring avenue, Ogontz, the home of the late Mr. John Morris Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Frederick Leopold, who are spending this month with their parents in Germantown, spent a few days this week at the Marlborough-Blenheim in Atlantic City. They will return to Minneapolis, Minn., at the end of the month.

The Unique Glee Club, of South Philadelphia, furnished a very pleasant Sunday evening for the guests and members of the Curtis Country Club at Lawndale. The entertainment consisted of the latest patriotic and sentimental songs. The soloists for the evening were Miss Marion Quigley, Mr. Jack Gold, United States navy; Mr. Ray Kay, U. S. navy; Mr. Jack Arnone, Mr. James Brock, Mr. Joseph McKeay and Mr. Duke de Cray.

Captain William H. Stayton, of the Navy League, Washington, will lecture Wednesday afternoon in the Clover Room of the Broad Street at 4 o'clock. His audience will be composed of members of the Navy League. They will hear him tell of the work undertaken to build ships for carrying supplies and comforts to our men overseas.

Mrs. Nevada D. Hitchcock, State chairman of home economics, National League for Women's Service, has sent out a call for letters notifying women who have signed the cards of the council of defense as interested in home economics, calling attention to the demonstrations of dehydrated and canned to be done at State headquarters, 1703 Walnut street. Canning and drying food will be done by those who propose to give their services and at the same time to learn the methods to be done at State headquarters.

Items of news for the society page will be placed on file in the Red Cross office, 1703 Walnut street, if they are written on one side of the paper and on the other side of the paper.

Commencement exercises, South Philadelphia Girls' High School, Broad street and Snyder avenue. Ticket.

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SWARTHMORE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN "DAUGHTERS OF DAWN"



Principles in charming play presented in the Swarthmore High School building last night and to be repeated for the benefit of the Emergency Aid tomorrow night.

SWIMMER'S CRAMP CAN BE CONQUERED

Follow Simple Rules, Do Not Become Panicky and All Will Be Well

To many swimmers, otherwise absolutely fearless in the water, the suspicion of a cramp is a nerve-wracker. But, according to Henry Ellonson, holder of the world's longest distance swimming championship, that is because they do not employ the scientific method of breathing when in the water.

With hands, feet and legs shackled, Ellonson swam from Battery Park, New York City, to Coney Island, a distance of seven miles, in five hours and twenty minutes. His sister, with hands and legs free, swam with him.

The rule which Ellonson gives to his pupils is: "When in the water breathe through the mouth only and gulp the air, as you would if you were frightened or very much amazed on land. The air thus inhaled is drawn into the lungs in about five times the quantity rate breathed through the nose."

A cramp is merely a contraction of the muscles caused by the penetration of the cold, obviously, it could not of itself cause drowning. Its worst effect is to cause a panic, which throws the swimmer off his guard, causing him to let the air out of his lungs and thus allow the air passages to become filled with water.

The moment a cramp is felt, advises a writer in Popular Science Monthly, the swimmer should turn on his back and begin to gulp the air, making no effort to keep himself from sinking. As he sinks he slowly exhales under water, through the mouth, with the lips puckered as for whistling. If it is a stomach cramp the knees will be drawn up against the abdomen, but the swimmer should force them out, pushing on them with both hands and using all his strength until they are fully extended.

In case of cramp in the leg or arm the same system of breathing is followed, and the affected part is straightened out by sheer strength.

"Win-the-War" Notes of Philadelphia Women

A new Navy League shop has been added to the number conducted with fine results under the chairmanship of Mrs. N. Myers Felter, at 1315 Walnut street, near Broad Street Station.

A slump in the sale of wool at the Navy League shops for a week or two has given place to rushing business. In the Broad Street Station shop it is reported by the women who, in routine, are giving their volunteer services to the league, are purchasing quantities of wool to knit while en route. The summer resorts will be filled with knitters, too, apparently.

MEMORIAL TO PATRIOTS OF '77

Young People of Grace Lutheran Church, of Roxborough, Undertake to Raise Fund

The young people of the Grace Lutheran Church, Roxborough, have undertaken to raise funds for a memorial organ to be installed in the church in honor of the nineteen patriots who died in 1777 in the old Wood's barn, formerly used as a church by the Grace congregation and torn down a few years ago to make room for the present building.

HERE'S AN INVENTION FOR WOMAN'S BENEFIT

Busy Housewife Need Not Strain Eyes to Thread This Needle

No matter how good your eyes are, there is always a certain amount of eye strain in threading a needle. If your vision is not as sharp as it once was, it is even something of a task to get a piece of thread through a needle's eye.

A needle has been devised which can be threaded by the simple expedient of looping the thread over the head of the needle and drawing it downward. As described in Popular Science Monthly, this needle differs from the ordinary needle in that it has an opening through the top of the eye through which the thread slips, when it is drawn downward.

The steel ends spring close together as soon as the thread has passed into the eye. This type of needle is said to be particularly adapted to the doing of fancy work because two or three threads may be passed through the eye at the same time, a feat that is quite impossible with the ordinary needle.

It is also useful for embroidering with worsted, the thick, clumsy threads of which make it necessary, usually, to employ a needle for the purpose which has a large clumsy eye.

The Size of the Halfpenny

It is not, perhaps, generally known that the English halfpenny is an exact measure for one inch. A dozen people may be asked, at haphazard, what its dimensions are and they will not answer correctly. It may, however, be found quite useful by those who have not got their inch measure near them when they want it.



Photo by Marcuse. MISS BESSIE RYAN. Of 1923 Diamond street, who was an aide at the Diamond Club given on Monday.

GERMAN SHELLS RUIN BELGIAN HOSPITALS

Letter From Countess to Relief Committee Here Reveals Shocking Ruin and Cruelty

Mrs. Bayard Henry, who is in daily charge of quarters of the Belgian relief committee at 1524 Walnut street, has received a letter from Belgium which suggests in brief eloquence the shocking ruin that has been effected in the devastated country.

"I have no time to write. It is very hot here, and we have got to wind up. We shall stay till the last minute to nurse the wounded civilians and save the old people and children. We took away 300 children and a lot of invalids."

"The sight of all the refugees on the bombarded roads is awful. Our work shall be half ruined after this. Our Creche where we kept the small babies has been shelled away."

"One of our schools is gone too. We expect the same thing of our big one. So do try to gather money to help us begin again. We succeed to get out of what is happening."

"We are cheerful, full of hope and very thankful to our benefactors. The people of Philadelphia since the first of their undoing; but the work has never seemed more deeply understood nor has the sympathy of the people been so aroused as now. With the United States so vitally engaged abroad, Mrs. Henry and her committee are finding a more intelligent response to the calls made for the Belgians."

The lace shop, which is a part of the quarters on Walnut street, is continuing a profitable sale of Belgian trifles.

PAGEANT AT SWARTHMORE

The "Daughters of Dawn" was presented last evening in the Swarthmore High School Building by the seniors of the school and will be repeated tomorrow night for the benefit of the Emergency Aid.

The affair is given under the direction of Mr. Joseph Gould and Mr. Guernsey Moore. It is a pageant interpreting woman's spiritual mission by looking down the ages and showing glimpses of the world's greatest women in their moments of inspiration—an especially appropriate theme for an entertainment to be given for the benefit of an organization formed by women who desire to "bring the page of earth's warfare and woe."

The play itself excels as a piece of literature on account of its lyric charm and the beauty and truth of its imagery. Coached by Mr. Gould and staged by Mr. Moore, it is presented with unusual finish and it entirely fulfills the expectations aroused by the fanciful title. Mr. Gould has directed the students in the interpretation of character and the spirit of the age. Mr. Moore has worked out the most gorgeous color effects, using varied combinations from the deep, rich richness of color in the Hebrew religious procession to the rainbow tints in the Greek dances.

Nothing so elaborate has been undertaken by the school in recent years and it has been made possible in this instance only by the kindness of Mr. Gould and Mr. Moore, who have given hours of their time and thought to make the performance a memorable event in the history of the school.

Married on Saturday

The wedding of Miss Annette A. Wall, daughter of Mrs. Adolph Wolf, of 210 North Thirty-third street, took place at the home of the bride's mother on Saturday, the Rev. A. Schenk, of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, officiating.

NEEDS SOCIAL WORKER, WHO SPEAKS ITALIAN

Red Cross Has Place for Woman in Home Service Department

The home service department of the Red Cross, at 1607 Walnut street, wants a social welfare worker who can speak Italian to attend her services for duty among Italian families.

She need not necessarily be trained in social welfare work. The department would gladly see that she gets the training course in this branch which opens early in July.

Few visiting workers in the home service department can speak Italian. Mrs. Henry Royer, chairman of this division of the Red Cross, stated today that many of the families on the visiting lists of the department are Italian and the work in their behalf would be greatly facilitated by one who speaks their tongue.

The work of the Home Service Department of the Red Cross is wide in its scope, embracing the social adjustment and physical welfare of the families of men in the service. More than 2800 families are at present on the list watched over by the 191 workers, most of whom are volunteers connected with the department.

Many errands of mercy are handled daily by the women who are giving their services so generously to the varied human needs of these families. Children of an age believed to be too young for work in factories or other places are removed and the money which their wage brings into the household is supplied through the ministrations of this branch of the Red Cross.

Delayed Government allotments are adjusted through this branch with the aid of a large number of volunteer workers established recently at the headquarters in Walnut street. Many applicants have had a satisfactory adjustment of difficulties which result if it appears, from misunderstandings.

Of the large number of families looked after by the home service department of the Red Cross, only about 550 are receiving Government allotment checks. The balance of the charitable and altruistic work of the department, and it was stated today that of the great mass of families receiving allotment checks, the comparatively few cases of trouble in getting them.

"We feel perfectly satisfied," said Mrs. Royer, referring to the allotments, "with the Government's attitude. It is not a small part of every one should be ready to make allowances for delays on the part of the Government. Delays are natural. It has been our experience that it is not infrequently nine times out of ten due to some mistake on the part of the man who makes out his contract; he sometimes forgets some detail of the deatated country, or he makes some error which causes delay."

"Landlords renting to soldiers' dependents have also been, as a general rule, kind and good in their treatment of misunderstandings with tenants."

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Responses to Needs of English Soldiers Delight Those in Charge of Headquarters

Headquarters of the British war relief is a hive of industry. Numerous surgical dressings, socks, sweaters, gloves and knitted articles fill the shelves of the supply rooms weekly as the result of sympathetic efforts of citizens scattered in many places in Philadelphia. Articles are brought in after meetings many at regular intervals are cleared from the shelves.

Propaganda for any branch of war work, all of which is so necessary, Miss Robertson said, "seems to help all the rest. People are awake as never before to the importance of the British relief work."

"That this is true is shown in the fact that during the month of May the amount contributed toward this service was \$8000, a sum equal to the contributions for the same purpose during the first year of the war. 'Tommy Atkins Day' at Chesterbrook farm, in Berwyn, is a venture planned as a benefit for Westchester Hospital. It is predicted by those who have had it in charge that it will be well patronized. Interest in the celebration, which will take place on Wednesday afternoon from May 5, has been intensified through securing several English officers to speak. A dog show and a sale of war bread and cake, fancy goods, supplies on the lawn, a summage sale and living tableaux are among the inducements."

"From the Countess of Denbigh, who, like so many titled Englishwomen, is giving much of her time to work in the hospitals, Miss Robertson recently received a letter which gave the following account of conditions in one of the hospitals:

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