JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Talks of the Charity Ball Next Week-She Has a Word to Say About Various Persons and Things

AREN'T you excited about the Charity on Gowan avenue. Chestnut Hill, early in January. thing that's happened all year, and this winter there won't be that depressing feeling of "Over there, there's war," that was so obvious last year, no matter how hard you tried to keep it back. Everybody seems to feel that it is our "night to howl," because all the boxes have been taken and there are to be a lot of parties before and during the pageant.

The pageant itself is going to be a wonder. The American set, you know, went down to Camp Dix the other night and entertained the wounded soldiers whosare convalescent there. I told you last week who some of them are - the Brockles, Gladys Fox, Cecily Barnes, Lysbeth Boyd and others. The set arranged by Mrs. John Groome and Mrs. Norman MacLeod, representing the Pennsylvania Society to Protect Children from Cruelty -- do you blame the army for using so many initials and abbreviations?—includes Peggy Thayer, Brownie Warburton, Lisa Norris, Marys Clark, Nancy Sellers, Jean De Rousse, Anita Evans and, of course, a lot of others. Anita Evans is to be the guest of honor at a theatre party and supper at the Ritz othe next night, too. She's the daughter of the Powell Evanses.

Alva Sergeant and Brice Blynn are going to lead Mrs. Caspar W. Hacker's set. Oh, they can dance, too! Have you seen Brice since he came back from camp with his shoulder bars? He was walking on Chestnut street yesterday, looking every inch an "officer and a gentleman." Betty Dallasshe's a graceful dancer-is in this set, and Frances Sullivan, Evelyn Page, Jane Maule and Elizabeth Dercum. Maisie Rush and Dorothy Blair are going to lead the Children's Hospital set, which is under the direction of Mrs. Ben Rush, Mrs. Ned Isley and Mrs. John Drayton. Margaret Remak is in the set, as are Gainor Baird, Marion Button, Dorothy Ely and Dorothea Oberteuffer. Marion Button has been down at Cape May lately, you know, doing canteen work, and all the rest of them have been hard at it ever since the war started. Dorothea Oberteuffer is president of the Junior McAll Mission, which is sewing for Freuch and Belgian refugees.

The other set is Mrs. Robert Emott Hare's, and includes among others Edith Dallas, Hope McMichael and Elizabeth Latta, who seems to dance as well as she sings.

It's going to be some party, chicks, be-

MRS. ANTHONY GEYELIN - Marie Flagg, you know - received such a charming letter from Madama M. Crepy, that distinguished Frenchwoman who has been in charge of the distribution of garments and supplies sent to the northern part of France from our country.

Major Geyelin is stationed in that part of the devastated country and Madame Crepy wrote to his wife, asking her to be the spokesman of her committee of distribution to thank the women of America for her. Mrs. Geyelin has been much occupied with this work during the war and it was a graceful thing for Madame Crepy to write to her. For the sake of those who worked for the committee I will give you a translation of the French letter, which cannot, however, begin to convey the beauty of the French version. She says:

"Madame: I want to be the first to offer thanks in the name of the French women of occupied France for all the devotion of you American women, which has so softened our hard lot. I myself have had the greatest happiness to distribute to my fellow citizens the clothing, etc., which came to us from the United States, and I can bear witness to the great joy with which they were received. Do be so good, dear Madame, I beg of you, to be our interpreter to all the women of America. For some time I have had the intention of going myself to America to try to express my appreciation to all the devoted people of that great country for the succor they have given to'us in our distress."

One thing is sure, the French are truly grateful for what we have done in this struggle.

IT CERTAINLY was funny yesterday. They were having some kind of a shindig up at the Liberty Statue for the Red Cross, when a truly Red Cross ambulance, an army one at that, suddenly appeared on the scene, and the girls of the Emergency Aid Aide, who in their uniforms were ranged straight across Broad street (a bit back from the statue) had to break ranks and let the car through. And then if those girls did not "rubber" round to see into that ambulance till it was a scream! Suddenly, however, all came to attention and the speaking went on.

SEE the Purves-Caskey engagement was announced yesterday in New York. I wonder if they will be married soon, now that Ogden does not have to go to Europe? They were engaged about three onths ago, and since then he has reneived his commission as lieutenant and was about to sail for France when the armistice was signed. Sarah Caskey is the daughter of Mrs. Herbert Caskey, of New York, and a peach of a girl, from what the gossips say. Ogden Purves is the son of the late Alexander Purves. His mother was a Miss Ogden, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Ogden, of New York.

NANCY WYNNE.

Social Activities

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Knowles, of \$106 Seminole avenue Chestnut Hill, will give a dinner on January 3 before Miss Lockwood's class, in honor of their daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Clarkson will give theatre party on Friday, December 27, in nor of their guest, Mr. Louis Gagneton, of

Captain Churchill Williams, Mrs. Williams and their son, Churchill Williams, Jr., of Washington, D. C., will spend the Christmas holidays, with Captain Williams's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Howard Williams, of 1349 Greene street, Germantown, who will give a family dinner on Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Williams returned recently from several weeks' visit in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T Jennings, of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T Jennings, of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T Jennings, of Mr. and Mrs. William Bossies

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lukes, of Lancaster, formerly of this city, announce the engagement of their daughter, Misa Elizabeth Catharine Lukes, and Mr. James M. Bonner, son of the late Mr. James J. Bonner and Mrs. M. A. Bonner, of this city. Miss Lukes lived in Oak Lane before going to Lancaster. She spends some time in this city every year visiting a number of friends. iting a number of friends

Miss Marion T. Bird, daughter of Mrs. E. F. Bird, of Camden, will entertain today at a luncheon and linen shower in honor of Miss Abigail M. O'Leary. Miss Bird will be one of the bridesmaids at the marriage of Miss O'Leary and Lleutenant Herbert H. Schell, which takes place in St. James's Church, Thirty-eighth and Chestnut streets, on Jahr

Mrs. William J. Fleming, of 1523 Wallace street, announces the engagement of her daughter. Miss Mary Regina Fleming, to Mr. Joseph A. Allen, of Frankford.

Charles Branch, of Regent street. West Philadelphia, entertained at luncheon and bridge on Friday. Her guests were members of her bridge club.

Friends of Captain John H. Ball, F. A., U. S. A., will be glad to know that he has re-covered from his wounds in Belgium and-will return to this country in about two months. Captain Ball, who is from Williams port, Pa., has many friends in this city.

Ensign Walter W. Hagy, of the Naval Flying Corps, has returned to this city from Pensacola, Fla. He will spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Miss Isabella Fine will be the guest of oner tomorrow evening at a birthday party honor tomorrow evening at a birthday party given her by her parents at their home, 27 North Yewdall street. Among those to be present are Miss Esther Frank, Miss Sara Frank, Miss Mae Seltzer. Miss Eyelyn Myerov, Miss Dorothy Cohen, Mr. Barney Dreyfus and Mr. A. Lincoln Meyers.

MISS HELEN TOWER BRIDE OF MAJOR ROBERTSON

Pretty Wedding This Afternoon at Holy Trinity Church

One of the most important weddings of the season took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock in Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut streets, when Miss Helen Tower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlemagne Tower, became the bride of Major William Abbott Robertson, of Nashville, Tenn. Miss Tower was attended by her sister-in-iaw, Mrs. Charlemagne Tower. Jr., as matron of honor, and the bridesmaids were Mrs. Hamilton Cheston. Jr., Mrs. Nichols Biddle, Mrs. Charles L. Borle, 3d. Miss Marguerite Caperton of Nanovecki, Mrs. ton, of New York; Miss Katherine Putnam and Miss Gertrude Heckscher,

Miss Tower was gowned in white satin, ith a collar of old point de venise lace, and a tulle veil. She carried white orchids. Mrs. Tower wore turquoise blue satin and chiffon, embroidered in silver, with a brown tulle hat. She carried yellow roses. The bridesmaids' gowns were of rose satin, with silver hats,

and they carried Ophelia roses.

Major Robertson had his brother, Lieutenant Baidwin Robertson, of Salt Lake City,
Utah, as best man, and the ushers were Lieutenant Colonel John B. Anderson, Major Wilfred M. Blount, Major John W. Butts, Major Ralph P. Cousins, Captain Roderick Tower, brother of the bride, and Lieutenant William J. McCarthy. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Bellevue-Strat-

PARIS LOOKS LIKE U.S. AT DELEGATES' HOTEL

The Crillon and Vicinity Smacks of America More Than France Itself

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Paris, Dec. 21. The American peace delegates are now comfortably settled in the Hotel Crillon, a big structure facing the Place de la Concorde. Each has living apartments and a handsome

suite of offices. Secretary of State Lansing's private office is a large room furnished in the style of the Second Empire and is altogether sumptuous and attractive. The windows on one side and attractive. look out on the Place de la Concorde, a great open space, with no building to shut the light from Mr. Lansing's room. Here he receives visitors, just as in his office at the State Department. If they are old friends he does

not hide the pipe which he smokes constantly while working in Paris as well as in Washington The rooms adjacent to the offices of the delegates, furnished in the conventional hotel style, contain desks and typewriters at which the secretaries and clerks work. The messengers are soldiers, mostly men who have been here a year or more. All are keen-eyed, alert young Americans, who were evidently picked for their intelligence and courtesy.

Next door to the Crillon offices are others connected with the peace mission, including those of Secretary Grew and Assistant Secre-taries Harrison and Patchin. This building was formerly the Paris club Cercle Royal. Soldiers also serve here as messengers and doorkeepers and some as clerks. The Crilion is an American center, in the vicinity of which Americans get the impression of being in a prominent street of their home city. Familiar faces are seen everywhere and warm greetings in the hearty American style are exchanged constantly. American officers and women Red Cross workers are always to be seen in this part of Paris. There is a distinct American atmosphere here. In fact, Ameri-

nd in the principal streets.

The Crillon is still run as a hotel, but it is intended to keep out everybody unconnected with the American commission or not having business there. To insure this privacy, orders have been issued that every person authorised to enter the hotel, including newspapermen, must obtain a pass bearing his photograph. A touch of home is given the lobby of the hotel by a booth presided over by a young woman, where popular brands of American tobacco. cigars and cigarettes are obtainable

cans are seen everywhere on the boulevards

ASK AID FOR JUGO-SLAVS

Committee Here Seeks Relief for Oppressed People

Charitable Philadelphia is being appealed to for aid for the starving millions of the now liberated Jugo-Siav provi ces, who have been under the heel of German oppression since the early days of the war. Contribu-tions of clothing, food and money are being solicited by member of the Philadelphia committee of the Jugo-Slav relief fund from its headquarters. 2523 East Thompson street. John Rakslis. Gaspar Cicko, and other members of the Jugo-Slav race in this city are directing the efforts of the committee. Comparatively-rich in agricultural lands and fisheries, the oppressed country has been milked dry of all resources by Germany. milked dry of all resources by Germany. Reports from Istria. Dalmatia, Bosnia and other provinces show an appalling death rate from starvation. In Bosnia alone, it is declared, 170,000 children less than ten years old died in one year from lack of nourishment. For the most part, the inhabitants have been forced to subsist on grass and rout for the instance.



MISS ELIZABETH CATHARINE LUKES Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lukes, of Lancaster and this city, whose engagement to Mr. James M. Bonner, of this city, is announced today

INASMUCH MISSION **REOPENS DECEMBER 31**

Superintendent Long Prepares to Meet Heavy Demands of Reconstruction Days.

At the request of Jefferson Medical College the management of Inasmuch Mission today released the college of its contract to use the mission building as a barracks for their students. The college had a lease on the building from November 1 to July 1 next. At a meeting of the management it was decided to reopen the mission on New Year's Eve, when Bishop Rhinelander and other prominent speakers will deliver addresses at 8 o'clock. George Long, superintendent of the mission, will conduct a watch-night service, when the friends and converts will held an old feathered require.

hold an old-fashioned reunion. Anticipating the great demand that will be made upon the mission during the coming period of reconstruction, no effort will be spared to equip the building to meet this demand. The house will be completely reno-vated, new equipment added, and there will be a reconstruction of the present room plan to make the mission an attractive, economical place for workmen and men leaving the service to live in.

A competent staff of workers will be en-gaged to make the mission even more at-tractive as a social center than it has been in the past. The free department, which was closed during the period of the war, will again be opened, so that the workman who finds himself temporarily embarrassed can secure free shelter and the benefits of gratis until he is able to re-establish

Tomorrow night at 8 o'clock Superintendent Long will deliver an address in Bethel Chapel, York street below Twenty-fifth, taking for his topic "The Underworld, What

Charles G. Trumbull, editor of the Sunday School Times, will address the Presbyterian ministers in Westminster Hall Monday morning at 11 o'clock on "The Victorious Life."

Francis R. Taylor will speak on "Government by Individual or Class" in the "Social Problems" series of lectures tomorrow morn-ing at 11:40 o'clock before the First Day ool conference class in the Friends' Meeting House, Fifteenth and Race streets.

Bishop Berry, of the New Jersey Metho dist Episcopal Conference, has licensed Gor-don Gray, a young attorney of Philadelphia, with offices in the Bourse Building, as a minister of the Methodist Church and assigned him to the church at Westmont, Camden County, N. J. He succeeds the Rev. Walter Ellis, who died during the recent epi-denic. Gray learned of the shortage of ministers in South Jersey, due to the war and Bishop and, after an examination, was licensed. He will take charge of the church tomorrow, when he will preach his first ser-

eadership of Miss Reba Fixter, of the Philadelphia Sunday School Association, for train-ing as professional leaders of Sunday school work. More than 200 men and women are giving their full time to association Sunday school work at the present time, and the demand for workers is increasing. Miss Fixter, who is the young people's division superintendent of the Philadelphia

Association, is conducting young people's conferences in the twenty-three Sunday school districts of the city, also adult leaders' institutes and retreats.
"The training of Sunday school leaders

will be an important part of our reconstruc-tion work," said Samuel B. Fares, general secretary of the Philadelphia association. "There must be a religious element in the ulpment of the future citizen of democracy. equipment of the future citizen of democracy.
The training will include courses in the conmunity training school and instruction at district councils, retreats and at the training
camp conducted by the International-Sunday
School Association at Lake Geneva. Four young men and seven young women attended the training camp at Lake Geneva last sum-

The Brotherhoods and Men's Bible Classes of the North Philadelphia churches will co-operate with the North Branch Y. M. C. A.

in conducting a big community reception New Year's Day. An interesting Christmas service will be held at North Branch Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon, when Dr. Samuel W. Purvis will give an address on "God's Great Christmas Gift." There will be Christmas music by the choir of the Lehigh Avenue Eaptist Church under leadership of Clyde Shuster, assisted by Harry Shuster, planist; John D. Oehler, linist, and William McKnight, cornetist. George W. Weckerly, of the Cookman Methodist Episcopal Church, addressed the North Branch Trailhitters Club last evening,

giving a Christmas message.

An illustrated talk on the "Life of Christ" will be given to members of the North Branch Boys' Division tomorrow afternoon. Friday evening of next week the boys of the North Branch will be entertained with a presentation of "Marley's Ghost," taken from Dickens's Christmas story.

The Woman's Union Day Nursery, 707 South Nineteenth street, is making an urgent appeal for donations. Toys are especially wanted, either new or old will be gladly accepted. Children, white and colored, are cared for during the day waite their mothers are at work.

WITH THE ORCHESTRA

French Pianist Proves Himself to Be Consummate Artist—Orchestra in Beethoven Symphony

The Philadelphia Orchestra gave an all Beethoven program at its concert yesterday afternoon at the Academy of Music. The concert began with the Egmont overture. with its somber opening, its passionate middle section and triumphant close. The familiar number was sympathetically read by Mr. Stokowski and well played by the Orchestra.

The soloist of the afternoon was Alfred Cortot, who made his first appearance here early in the season with the Paris Conservatoire Orchestra, in the Saint-Saens concerto No. 4. For yesterday's concert he chose a work as radically different in every way as can be imagined, the C major concerto of Beethoyen, the first of the five piano concertos of the Bonn master,

To say that Mr. Cortot strengthened the impression gained at his first hearing, that he is one of the greatest fiving masters of the plane, is to put it mildly. He was heard yesterday under far more favorable circumstances, the chief of which are that the Academy is better adapted to orchestral concerts than the Metropolitan, and that the Orchestra is thoroughly familiar with the hall, a matter of no small consequence when the relation of the orchestral accompaniment

o the solo part is considered.

Mr. Cortot revealed as one of his chief planistic characteristics an unrivaled clarity of tone, together with a crispness of staccato concert performers can boast. He has an amazing perfection of technique, but it is never brought to the front for its own sake and is only shown by the ease and precision with which difficult passages are executed. This was especially noticeable in his octaves and thirds and in the exceedingly difficult downward passage near the beginning of the first movement, which starts very loud and ends very softly. This was executed with an absolutely even diminution of tone without the slightest loss of speed, Mr. Cortot seems never to forget that the plane is, after all, an instrument of percussion and after all, an instrument of percussion and incapable of sustained tone, and this style of playing gives a most refreshing vigor and freshness to his work.

The concerto is not one which gives any very great scope for individual interpreta-tion. It is one of the least profound of Beethoven's larger works and, except in the Largo, which was beautifully played, does ot contain the elements necessary for ongly individual reading. It is a world formal beauty rather than of intens feeling. Then, too, it was composed at an early age, and for an instrument obviously mechanically far below the powers of a modern grand piano. As a result the full resources of the present-day instrument are not employed. It was very enjoyable, but it left the wish that one might hear Mr. Corot's extraordinary abilities as a planist in me of the really great modern concertos or n the "Emperor" of Beethoven. Mr. Stokowski's symphonic offering was

Beethoven's Seventh, a work now fairly familiar to Philadelphia's concert-goers, resterday was the third time it has l ng was poetic and exceedingly rhythmic as layed here this year. Mr. Stokowski's readbeautiful Allegretto, where the tone-color of the orchestra was charming and the counter-melodies, so often overemphasized by conductors, were held in their proper relation to the main theme. The scherzo, too, was admirably played, being full of spirit and with good tone quality, without being forced either in tempo or in volume.

TO PRESENT ITALY'S CLAIMS Committee Italia Irredenta Holds Mass-Meeting Tonight

Under the auspices of the committee Italia Irredenta a public mass-meeting will be held at the new Shubert Theatre tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Native speakers of the unredsemed provinces of the eastern shore of the Adriatic will set forth the righteousness of Italy's claims to restoraon of her unredeemed lands and population. Italy's rights on the eastern shore of the Adriatic, which are based upon historical, racial and geographical grounds, have lately been challenged by some representatives of the future Jugo-Slav nation. This agitation has precipitated a controversy, which fairly overshadows most of the other problems of econstruction among the Italians principal speeches will be made in h, while others will be made in Italian.

CHILDREN TO HELP ORPHANS A plan to induce groups of Philadelphia school children to "adopt" war orphans of France was urged by Miss Florence Schqfield, an English war worker, speaking yesterday at a meeting of school teachers at Broad Street Theatre. The speaker declared patriotic Americans siready have taken care of 100,000 fatherless French youngsters but

Latest Italian war pictures will be shown,

ance.

Miss Schooled and other foreign visitywill aid the fatherless children of France
complitee of the Elmersepay Aid in making
a five days campaign for fouds a success.

200,000 more are urgently in need of assist

CORTOT TRIUMPHS

A mighty race lost its soul and all Failure of modern scientists or materialtic thinkers to progress far beyond the discoverles of the ancients was charged by Mr. Smith in his paper. He admitted the need of an addition of slightly vocational train-ing in future schools and universities, but

denied that experimental science and similar Innovations could broaden the mind.
"It would be utterly impossible," he added,
"for the widespread study of the classics to have resulted in such a war as we have Miss Repplier warned against children's books that shrivel the mind and chill the imagination. She spoke on "The Courageous

> CAMDEN MAY HAVE HALL Convention Building Urged as Memorial to Soldiers Camden's long-hoped-for and needed con vention hall may be a reality in the near

SOULLESS SCIENCE

CAUSED TEUTON RUIN

Van Dyke, Agnes Repplier and

Walter George Smith Assail

Materialistic Teachings

Conflict between false scientific training.

producing "super-beasts," and liberal acts,

producing men of finer discrimination and

pity, was seen as the cause of the war by

Henry van Dyke, former minister to the

Netherlands. Walter George Smith and

Agnes Repplier, in addresses delivered last

night in Witherspoon Hall before the Phila-

delphia Association for the Promotion of

"The desire for the abandonment of lan-

guages, literature, philosophy and history is

best exemplified by the actions of the Kaiser

in demanding that German schools abandor

the liberal arts in order to teach mechanics

and degraded sciences," Doctor van Dyke

said. "In that way the pathway led to

patriolatry of a type that killed chivalry and

conscience to build up selfishness, brutality

Cause of Our Triumph

"Our triumph was largely due, after dis-

counts are made for all other contributing

factors, to the fact that we in the Allied

nations held our morale. And we held

that morale because in our schools our

students are taught to read the high-

est lessons of melf-sacrifice and honor in

examples of the past To hold our supremacy in the cras to come we must hold fast to the liberal studies that develop the spirit.

"Men became converted to an idea that

from our schools falls before the awful in-

stance of Germany, which did that very

hope of men whose aim is not gold, but honor

Lost Its Soul

deep despair that the lesson of the scientist

Liberal Studies.

and pride.

future. Mayor Charles H. Ellis, who originally fostered plans for such a structure, is now hope-ful that it may be secured through the pro-posed victory jubiles celebration in Gamden. The erection of such a building as a me-morial to the Camden soldiers and sailors who shared in the glorious victory is sug-gested by the Mayor, and the plan has the approbation of prominent citizens.

It has been suggested that part of the \$175,000 to be raised for the jubilee be diverted as a foundation for such a building. The remainder of the money required for the structure, the Mayor says, could be raised

\$170 FOR BRONZE FIGURINE Model of Lady Constance Richardson Sold

at Auction New York, Dec. 21 .- Objects of art and antique furniture assembled by Karl Freund were sold at auction yesterday. The top price of \$340 was paid by Edwin A. Shewan

for two console lights, with dome shaped pergamyn shades, painted with Chinese out-door scenes. An American made chalse ongue went to the Colony Shop for \$220. A. B. Miller purchased the bronze figurine of Lady Constance Stewart Richardson for It was made by Prince Paul Trobetztoy. The sale brought the total of \$6058.

, 50 YEARS IN PRIESTHOOD

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor William Kieran to Celebrate Event Tomorrow

The Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Kleran, rector of St. Patrick's Church, Twentieth and Locust streets, for the last thirty-two years, will celebrate the fiftleth anniversary of his entrance into the priesthood tomorrow

Archbishop Dougherty will preside at the ceremonies at the church and will be at-tended by the Rev. Dr. Luke V. McCabe, rector of St. Matthias's Church, Bala, and the Rev. Francis P. Siegfried, St. Charles' Se nary, Overbrook. The sermon will be preached by the Rt. Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of

Harrisburg. Mgr. Kleran will be the celebrant of solemn high mass beginning at 11 o'clock. St. Pat-rick's male choir of thirty-two members will sing the Missa Pontifically under the di-rection of the Rev. William S. Murphy, Mgr. Kleran will also be the celebrant of solemn vespers tomorrow night. Mgr. Kleran was ordained to the priest-

hood December 19, 1868, by the late Cardinal Patrizi and received the doctorate of theology the following year.



MONSIGNOR WILLIAM KIERAN Rector of St. Patrick's, will celebrate his golden jubilee tomorrow

Miss Repplier's Shafts 'Aimed at "New" Education

First. Read the most popular books, because they are inevitably the worst. Second, Buy a Pullman Library, five feet long and as narrow as a pin.

of your dinner. Fourth, Have your wife read Plato to you as you shave.

Third, Read Bacon during the courses

Fifth. Revel in Milton while your wife dresses for the theatre. Sixth. Don't think.

VISIT BELGIANS FIRST, CHILDREN URGE SANTA

Little Girls Want Skates They Hoped for Given to War's

Hope that Santa Claus hasn't had influenza and that he will not forget the destitute children of Beigium and France are prevailing sentiments in the thousands of Santa Claus letters which have flooded the postoffice this

Aside from this unusual spirit of sympathy and generosity on the part of children eager for Christmas pleasures, the effects of the recent epidemic and of the war are shown in more pathetic ways in the quaintly worded messages to the children's saint. There are hints of the suffering in families where father or both parents and sometimes

ntire families had influenza and there are he unconscious appeals from children lonely or "daddles" or big brothers in service. "I hope you have not had influenza, dear Walter George Smith, whose paper was read to the society by Francis Fisher Kane, traced the downfall of Germany to perver-sions of the Darwinian evolution theory. Santa, writes little Mary Penny, of 2741 Latena street. "We all had it, the hole fambly, and mother said Santa would come to produced not the superman but the super-beast," he insisted. "The whole argument of those who would take away the liberal arts our house this Christman and give me a present for helping her when she was sick all me and my sister would like is a pare of skates and a blackboard. We would like The action brought them, as it would us, more captains of industry and money-grubbers, but it killed off the more but we have no money. There are too many to get presents for this Christmas and if you cannot bring us the skates bring us something nice and don't forget the belgins. We would do without them if you would give the skats to them. 2000 kisses to It gave full rise to egotism and failed to teach the true humbility of the classics. you and your ranedeers." "Sordid materialism inevitably follows the

An equally pathetic message comes from Harry, Laura and Frank Bennett, of 113 Earp street. "Dere Kris Kringle did you have the "flu."

Me muder and farder and me sister and lifta bruder an me had it. Me muder said you are not comin' to our house cause you don't like white-heads, but piese come to our house cause it is a lilla one. Bring me a water-gun and a train. Me sister wants a doll that says "nom." Me lilla brudder can't talk. I don't know what he wants."

The appeal from Manuel Sciocchetti, 1641 South Sixteenth street, "My daddy is dead and my brother is in the United States army, and can't buy me no Christmas clothing." is quite a contrast to the letter from Catherine Spearing, of 665 North Thirty-fifth streef. Please send me a nice big doll, coach, bed, house, chair, piano, dishes, table, music,

please send me everything."

While the boys usually ask for warlike gifts, the appeals from the little girls are contrastingly feminine and domestic. non, tanks, soldiers and forts are what the boys want, and the universal appeal from the girls is for dolls and dishes. Harry and Minnie Kofink, of 1721 North Hope street, whose father is dead and whose mother is employed, reminded Santa

that he did not visit them last year and they long for something nice this year. "Give some things to every little girl in the whole world and be sure to give some to the Belgium children and to the poor," writes Dorothy Mishler, of 887 Brooklym street. For herself she asks: "A doll with long curls like mine and a muff and a little kewpie doll about five inches long. I would like a little pink ribbon about an inch and

a half wide round its stomic." Nellie McBride, of 1922 Seigel street, writes to tell Santa that her papa is dead and the mother is the only one to earn the living for herself and five children. We would be very thankful for what we could get for Christmas, dear Santa," she writes. On scraps of stained paper and on im-maculate stationery the letters keep con-ing addressed variously to "Santa Claus." Kris Kringle" or just "To the North Pole

DISCUSS RECONSTRUCTION

Carfield and Others to Speak for Political Academy The outlook for industry and finance i

this country during the reconstruction period as viewed by men of national prominence will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social The speakers at the meeting, to be held in

Witherspoon Hall, are:

Balnbridge Colby, member of the United
States shipping board; William E. Colver,
chairman of the Federal Trade Commission;
Dr. H. A. Garfield, United States fuel ad-Witherspoon Hall, are: interrator: Adolph C. Miller, member of the Federal Reserve board; Albert C. Ritchie, at-torney general of Maryland and chief counse for the war industries board ; W. L. Saurders and Clarence M. Woolley, representative of Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

HARDART WILL AIDS CHARITY Former Councilman Remembered Catholic

Institutions With Bequests Bequests of \$1000 each to the Little Sisters

the Poor, Elighteenth and Jefferson streets. and St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum and \$500 each to St. Mary's and St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Churches, both of New Orleans, are included in the will of Frank Hardart. Sr., former Councilman and head of the Horn & Hardart Baking Company. The major portion of the estate, which is valued at more thain \$200,000, is bequeathed n equal shares to the testator's children. Other wills probated today were those of Trawford Porter, 1320 North Twenty-seventh dreet, which in private bequests disposes of operty valued at \$42,100; David M. Hunter. 7236 trays avenue, \$40,000; James B. Mur-nuy, 206 South Third street, \$6500, and Kate McLaughlin, Baltimore, Md., \$4100. The personal property of the estate of

William J. McClary, 4610 Spruce street, is valued at \$662,587.15 in an inventory filed with Register Sheehan. Other inventories were those of George Childs Cook, son of former Congressman Cook, \$198,526.48; John A. Leslie, \$50,995.13; Elizabeth J. Haddock, \$61,342.89; George W. Fite, \$24,342.89, and l.ewis James, \$15,323.96.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

ries S. Douglas, 1620 Clarion st., and Grace Parker, 1920 Park ave. liam Wilkins, 1628 Page at., and Violetta Per-K. Parker 1929 Park ave.
William Wilkins 1628 Page et., and Violetta Perrins, 2212 N. 11th st.
William Hersett 3802 Market st., and EisieCounts, 3941 Lancaster ave.
Gustav Grundell, U. S. A., 916 N. 19th st., and
Karla Soderstrom, 916 N. 19th st.
James E. O'Neill, 762 Preston st., and Lulu L.
Hroomall, 2305 N. 25th st.
David H. Pridey, 822 Columbia ave., and Clara
Koll, 2519 S. 11th st.
Juseph F. Smith, 1636 N. 25th st., and Catherine
T. McKinston, 2037 N. Stillman st.
John E. Issand 1446 S. Bouvier st., and Mollie
Hrown, 1447 S. Bouvier st.
Gerville Marshall, U. S. A., 1208 Pine st., and
Houls J. Duffield, U. S. N., and Otilla Link, 3427
Tampa st.
Lusar Steechter, 265 Pine st., and Parkette West. Louis J. Duffield, U. C. S. and Fannette Wein-Tampa at.
Isaac Schechter, 505 Pine st. and Fannette Wein-er 167 N. E. Boulevard.
Joseph I. Leshner, 1241 Ridge ave., and Rose Schaffer 1305 Leithgow st.
Joseph Seddls. 227 Moore st.
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Walter G. E. Swint, 1848 E. Cambria st., and Laura M. Faltan, 4840 N. Franklin st.
Thomas A. Booth, 3435 Tampa st., and Lena Derkin 4436 Tampa st. and Mary Pul-Nath Acta Tampa st. viola st., and Mary Pul-mutter, 5100 Viola st.
James Staybaugh, 6944 Osane ave., and Elsanor S. Durrel, 1903 N. 25th st.
John Murphy, 3630 N. 7th st., and Annie Boyle, 250 S. 10th st. John Murphy, 1650 N. 71n at., 250 S. 10th al., 250 S. 10th al., Toledo, O., and Alma Moeney, Toledo, O., and Franco, Loganiport, Ind., Youngstown, O., and Franco, Josephoet, Ind. ward D. Kintuy, Youngstown, O. and Frances II, Salpt, Worcester, Pa. II. Shippson at and Annuals Pockets, 424 N. Shippson at and Annuals Pockets, 424 N. Shippson et.

BARNARD STATUE RENEWS DISPUTE

Rejection of Sculptor's Lincoln for Westminster Revives Controversy

The rejection of the George Grey Barnard statue of Abraham Lincoln, to be installed at Westminster, London, and the acceptance of a Lincoln statue by Augustus St. Gaudens has rekindled an old controversy in Philadelphia art circles.

Whether the St. Gaudens statue of Lincolns a truer and nobler conception of the great President than that executed by Barnard is a question that disrupted art circles two years ago. Both statues have been offered to the British Government and both in turn have been accepted.

To determine the controversy a commission was appointed to make a selection. The St. Gaudens statue was accepted and the Barnard statue will be offered to some other

Calls It Libel on Lincoln

A city that would accept Barnard's statue A city that would accept Barnards statu-of Lincoln is certainly hard up for statu-ary," said Joseph Pennell, the stormy petrel of Philadelphia art circles, this afternoon. Mr. Pennell, voicing the opinions of other rities of Barnard's work, characterized it as disgrace to America and a libel on Lin-on." He said: "Art circles throughout America will re-

ice to learn that the Barnard motistrosity has been rejected. It was a horrible piece of work and unworthy of a position of London or in fact any other city. Barnard, at his New York studio, refused this afternoon to accept the verdict as transmitted in press dispatches from Lon-don, and maintained that he had not received my official communication from London to cease work, "Only two weeks ago," said the artist. "I talked with John Stuart, who represents the American commission in charge f the matter, and he assured me my statue

would be put up.
"He even said that arrangements were being made to ship it across the ocean and asked me to take charge of a few details. I think that my enemies are again trying to revive the old controversy."

Morris Disappointed

Harrison S. Morris, art critic and former director of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, when informed the Barnard statue had been rejected by the American commission, expressed surprise and disappointment. He said

"The Barnard statue is a legitimate ren-dition of Lincoln the man, and ought to be placed in London. Augustus St. Gaudens's statue of Lincoln is a noble piece of art, but I can see no reason why it should be given higher rank than the work of George Barn-

"George Barnard is a great sculptor and an honor to America. It is unfortunate that members of his own profession should criticize him so severely. He made an intimate study of Lincoln, and his conception of the man as expressed in the statue reflects credit upon

"He endeavored to disclose the real Linre endeavored to disclose the real Lin-coln and his work does not discredit the great American. That statue should be placed in London. In fact, I am in favor of placing both statues in that city, but believe it is wrong to reject Barnard's great work."

Two Years' Controversy

For hearly two years a controversy among art critics concerning the merits of the two statues has been waged, and despite the action of the American commission in its selection of St. Gaudens's Lincoln, it is not

ended, it is believed. By taking this action the commission jus-ifies the attitude of the original committee that accepted the St. Gaudens statue several years previously in behalf of the British

1913 a British delegation visited the In 1913 a British delegation visited the United States to make arrangements for the celebration of 100 years of peace between English-speaking peoples. At that time the American committee for the celebration of fered to the British committee a replica of the St. Gaudens Lincoln statue in Chicago. The gift was accepted and the British Government granted a splendid site for the monument in the Canning inclosure.

ument in the Canning inclosure, The war interfered with the carrying out of this program, so the offer of St. Gaudens's statue did not materialize. In the summer of 1917 the project was revived by Charles P. Taft, brother of former President Taft, when he offered a replica of the Lincoln statue

This offer was accepted and the site chosen for St. Gauden's statue assigned to it. This action created a storm of protest, for scores of art critics and historians who and known Lincoln in real life character

the statue as a "scandal to America Studied Abroad

Mr. Barnard, central figure in the conroversy, was born at Bellefonte, Pa., in 1863. and after a year's study in Chicago went abroad. After four years in the Ecole Na-tionale des Beaux Arts he returned to this country in 1887. Among his most notable works is his group of figures at the State capital in Harrisburg: "The God Pan," in Central Park, New York; "Two Natures," in the Metropolitan Museum at New York; "La-bor and Rest" and "Love and Labor."

USED BELGIANS AS SHIELDS

Soldier's Letter Tells of Teuton Abuse of Women and Children

"It was supposed to be a veteran and well-trained enemy, but we always defeated them, and they looked to us like a dirty bunch of blockheads."

Thus speaks Paul Donnelly, of Company C. Thus speaks Paul Donnelly, of Company C, 112th Field Signal Battalion, in a letter written to C. A. Blessing, of 516 Montgomery avenue. Donnelly, who lives at 7104 North Broad street, writes that he sailed on the 22d of June from Newport News and arrived in Brest after a quiet voyage, Three and a half days in a cattle car took him to Chaument, and on the 25th of July he benefits.

haumont, and on the 26th of July he reached he front-line trenches in the Lorraine or, near Strassbourge.
"We were the first division to open up the drive in the Argonne forest," says Donnelly, "and with the boys of the Seventy-ninth and

-first Divisions we captured Montfau-Later Donnelly fought in the St. Miliel drive and tells graphically of advancing through the German lines and of seeing the releasing of prisoners and peasant slaves whom the Germans had held. While the drive was at its height and the Germans were on the run, it was not an uncommon sight, according to Donnelly, to see Belgian vomen and children forced en masse into a blistering shelifire from Allied guns in order to cover the retreat of the "duli gray horden." Donneily's division and its colleagues had the honor to be the first Allied commands to cross the Scheldt River. For this they re-ceived official recognition from General Foch in a letter of congratulation.

MISS PHYLLIS WALSH HOME

Ambulance Driver First American Woman In St. Mihiel at Capture

Miss Phyllis Walsh, Philadelphia society girl, who was the first American woman in St. Mihiel after its capture by our troops.

Miss Walsh arrived at New York today on he scamship Wallmer Castle. For the last year Miss Walsh has been driving an ambulance on the French fro

NAVY-YARD OFFICE GIVES DANCE

The cost accounting department of the navy yard gathered its force, present and past, with their friends to a banquet and dance at the Army and Navy Rotary Club last night.

last night.

The object of the event was the formation of the Philadelphia Cost Accounting Association to coment the ties of friendship which have developed among the enlisted man gathered from all parts of the country. Chief Yeoman S. F. McKelghi was elected the one officer necessary to conduct the organization Lizutemant H. S. Fedt was intelligence.