

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Many Family Dinners on Christmas — Nancy Wynne Talks About Charity Ball This Evening—Tea Box Sends Christmas Donations to Military Hospitals

WELL, the big day is over now, and all we have to think about is those thank-you notes and our New Year's resolutions. It was the best Christmas in years, for the war is all over but the shouting and nearly everybody had their own or somebody else's soldier or sailor at the dinner. And there were any number of big family dinners. The Bertram Lippincott's gave one at their home, 1712 Spruce street, and Mrs. Ephraim Price, of 1250 Locust street, also gave a large dinner.

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TO DANCE IN CHARITY BALL



MISS MARY D. NORRIS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norris, of Falls of Schuylkill, who will take part in the pageant before the Charity Ball this evening.

BOLSHEVİK RULE WORSE THAN CZAR'S EVER WAS

So Declares Marechal des Logis Desoil, of Belgium, Who Spent Time in Russia

"Bolshevik rule in Russia is more autocratic than the czar ever was. Ideal theoretically, as a means of government, in practice it makes use of murder indiscriminately to accomplish its ends."

Marechal des Logis Desoil, one of the first 200 Belgians to volunteer in the early days of the war, and since Belgian commissioner to Russia, in the course of which he had been twice wounded, and had received the Belgian Croix de Guerre for gallantry in action.

While in Galicia, Marechal Desoil was again wounded by a bullet that pierced the envelope of his heart, penetrating his lung. He was confined to a hospital for eight months.

During the course of his hospital treatment, Marechal Desoil was attended by a Belgian girl, Mlle. Madeleine Werbrouck, who had been visiting in Poland prior to the war and had been unable to return home.

"An alliance between England, France, Belgium and the United States is the next step," he said, in comment on the future relationships of Belgium.

"Neutrality is not a sufficiently good defensive for us. We also desire the commission for relief in Belgium to remain there until we have completed our reconstruction."

MISS SARAH CLAXTON IS MARRIED TODAY

Becomes Bride of Mr. Carl Meyer at Quiet Ceremony at Home

An interesting wedding of today was that of Miss Sarah C. Claxton, daughter of Mrs. Charles Claxton, of 6137 Morris street, Germantown, and Mr. Carl L. W. Meyer, of New York, which took place at noon at the home of the bride's mother, with the Rev. Franklin S. Moore, rector of Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church, officiating.

MISS TINKLER ENGAGED

Popular Young Singer of Norristown to Wed

Mr. John Townsend Tinkler, of Norristown, announces the engagement of his daughter, Miss Florence Kathryn Tinkler, to J. Newton Hunsberger, Jr.

DIES ON STATION PLATFORM

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 25.—William Addison Hervey, professor of German at Columbia University, died on the platform at Princeton Junction while waiting for a train last night.

HOWARD GOULD ILL

Brother Hurries From Paris to England to Be at Bedside

New York, Dec. 25.—A report has reached here of the serious illness in England of Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould.

Former Arkansas Governor Dead

DR. J. WILBUR CHAPMAN, NOTED EVANGELIST, DEAD

Was Pastor Here and Recently Moderator of Presbyterian General Assembly

The Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, former pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, this city, former moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly and one of the most noted evangelists in this country, died in a New York hospital Christmas morning following an operation on Monday last.

The funeral services will take place next Sunday at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, of which Doctor Chapman was pastor from 1906 to 1905. Interment will be in Woodlawn.

Doctor Chapman started his evangelistic career in this city, in addition to his evangelistic campaigns in this country, he toured China, Japan, India and Australia, in company with Charles M. Alexander, the singing evangelist, preaching to immense audiences wherever he appeared.

Outside of the United States Doctor Chapman probably met with the most enthusiastic reception in Australia.

Chapman and Alexander conducted a big evangelistic campaign in this city a dozen years ago, which was the most successful campaign of its kind in Philadelphia had known prior to the "Billy" Sunday meetings.

Began Career Here

Doctor Chapman was known and esteemed by thousands of Philadelphians. He always referred to his pastorate at Bethany as one of the most agreeable experiences in his career.

In his last published book, "The Minister's Handicap," he said: "Bethany Church in Philadelphia at that time was in some respects the most conspicuous church in the world, not only because of its large membership, but also because of its great Sunday school, which was a monument of the work of the Hon. John Sunnaker, and many times in the Bethany Sunday school during my pastorate the attendance would be quite 5000 scholars on a Sunday."

Born in Richmond, Ind., June 17, 1859, Doctor Chapman obtained his A. B. degree from Lake Forest University, Illinois, in 1879. His graduation from the Lane Theological Seminary followed three years later, and he took his D. D. degree at the University of Wooster in 1898. An LL. D. degree was conferred upon him at Heidelberg University, Ohio, in 1910.

His first pastorate was the First Reformed Church in Albany, from which he came to Bethany Church.

Coaches "Billy" Sunday

He was associated with "Billy" Sunday upon numerous occasions and knew him probably better than any one except "Billy's" wife, he often said. In an interview concerning his pastorate at Bethany, he said: "I knew 'Billy' before he knew how to pray. I gave him his first sermon, and he was a natural thing to do, because I had never used it again. I tried to use it once and a man accused me of stealing 'Billy's' stuff. I, perhaps, am more responsible than any one for 'Billy' becoming a preacher, and I consider it the greatest thing God ever permitted me to do. I knew him better, probably, than any one else except his wife, and I know him honest, how sincere and how great he really was."

This personal interest seemed to be characteristic of Doctor Chapman, for he took an exceedingly fond interest in many men and women, even before they had become members of the church.

Doctor Chapman carried this personal touch into his evangelistic work. Many are the stories of his personal solicitation winning recruits for the church.

Beginning his pastorate at Bethany in 1890, he left after a few years to engage in evangelistic work, going on a tour which took him to the coast of California, where he returned to this city in 1895 to resume his pastorate at Bethany Church, continuing there until 1906, when he accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church, New York City.

Doctor Chapman was elected Moderator of the 125th General Assembly in May, 1917, this being the highest honor the Presbyterian Church can bestow upon one of its ministers.

As executive secretary of the General Assembly's Committee on Evangelistic Work, and representative-at-large of the Commission on Christian Education, Doctor Chapman gave great impetus to the evangelistic activities of the Presbyterian Church. At one time, he organized missionary parties for Australia and other countries.

Aided Nation in War



DR. J. WILBUR CHAPMAN, Former pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church, this city, and noted evangelist, died in a New York hospital Christmas morning, following an operation on Monday last.

and daughter, Mrs. Fred E. Linder, of New York. Doctor Chapman was married three times. His first wife, Irene E. Stodden, and his second, Agnes P. Strain, are both dead. His third wife, Mabel Cordelia Moulton, survives him. They were married in 1916. His home was at Jamaica, L. I.

Though a robust man, Doctor Chapman suffered many illnesses. This was his third operation, two others having been performed for the elimination of gall stones. His life was almost forfeited in 1903 when by mistake he was poisoned with bromide administered instead of a tonic. The bottles became mixed.

In recent months Doctor Chapman devoted himself entirely to the New Era movement of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was vice chairman and active executive, in charge of the fund-raising for the war. He expected to conduct personally a series of evangelistic campaigns in many of the large cities of the country next year.

This movement is a re-enactment of all the members of the Presbyterian Church into a full co-ordination of all the forces of the church, behind its work and is especially designed to meet all the reconstruction problems arising out of the war. It plans to spend \$500,000 on stricken churches in the war zone and another \$500,000 on Presbyterian soldiers and sailors returning from the war. It has prepared a budget for the coming year of \$13,000,000 for the entire Presbyterian program.

CHARITY BALL TONIGHT

Two Pageants Will Feature Annual Affair at Academy of Music

The thirty-ninth annual Charity Ball will take place tonight at the Academy of Music. The ball will open at 9 o'clock with a spectacular pageant, entitled "The Eyes of American Youth," in which more than 300 young women, prominent in the social world, will take part.

Following the finale will be a patriotic demonstration of songs, in which various organizations of the city will be represented.

Every box has been taken and many parties are being planned preceding the ball. The beneficiaries selected this year are the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, men's surgical ward; the Jefferson College Hospital, medical ward; the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and the Pennsylvania Society to Protect Children from Cruelty.

Relatives Benefited by Wills

Relatives who are the beneficiaries in four wills probated today are as follows: Mary E. Beck, 6048 Trevelyan road, Overbrook, \$250,000; Blanche B. Kennedy, 2202 Walnut street, \$95,000; Charles R. McKean, 2117 South Fifteenth street, \$15,200 and James McQuilley, 624 North Sixty-fourth street, \$8500.

Palace 1214 Market Street

ARCADE 16TH

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

VICTORIA

REGENT

GLOBE

CROSS KEYS

BROADWAY

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

"POLLY WITH A PAST" A DELIGHTFUL COMEDY

Ina Claire Scores Triumph at the Garrick in Belasco Play

"Polly With a Past" is a meritorious play and deserved the appreciation which a critical audience bestowed upon this latest David Belasco production yesterday afternoon at the Belasco Theatre. Many plays have been fashioned around the vampire and her part in the lives of the people with whom she comes in contact, but there is a new idea, inasmuch as this girl's past is a fictitious one, George Middleton and Guy Bolton are the authors, and their work seems with fresh, sparkling dialogue. Some of the cleverly turned phrases recall the delightful writings of the latter as heard in "Oh, Boy," "Oh, Lady! Lady!" "Leave It To Jane" and other pieces.

The comedy deals with two distinct ideas, one of which is to make light of the philanthropic work of a society girl, and the other to break off an engagement between this girl and her childhood friend. The plan to have a minister's daughter play the part of a vampire of the worst sort is concocted by this girl when she is employed as a maid in the apartment of the friends of the young man. With the assistance of the two friends, she agrees to be the vampire, but she must have a past, and that is attended to by the self-appointed press agents. She succeeds beyond expectations and in doing so causes complications which will seem to find their way into a musical comedy because of their capable handling. How the lady with the past is brought into the home of the betrothed is best left untold for the enjoyment of the many who will see this charming play.

From "The Quaker Girl" and "The Follies" to the dramatic stage is the history of the star, Ina Claire, and she will be assured of a following here because her playing is an artistic delight. It was when she sang "Marie, Marie" in "The Follies" that her work as a dramatic actress was first noticed. Her transition from a maid to a famous French vampire is a startling bit of dramatic artistry. Miss Claire has no affectations and is a natural actress, who brings realism to the stage with her initial stellar role. Cyril Scott, remembered for his work in past seasons, is a capital comedian and press agent, and George Stuart Christie is a capable friend. There is a wholesome mother character in the person of Adah Barton, while Louise Galloway is unusually good as the mother of the girl who is jilted. H. Reeves-Smith is the uncle and Herbert Vost is the man in the case. Other characters were created by Betty Linkley, being Sobering Thomas Reynolds, Francis Verdi and Lloyd Neal.

PHILADELPHIA'S LEADING THEATRES

SAM S. SHUBERT THEATRE, Broad St. Below Locust

MAYTIME

ADELPHI EVENINGS at 8:15

EYES OF YOUTH

Oh, Lady! Lady!

FRIENDLY ENEMIES

7 DAYS LEAVE

FORREST BIG Today

THE VELVET LADY

GARRICK

POLLY WITH A PAST

BROAD

CYRIL MAUDE

THE SAVING GRACE

KNICKERBOCKER

SIX ACTS OF SUPERIOR VAUDEVILLE

THE GARDEN OF ALI

THE SAME STUPENDOUS PRODUCTION

Social Activities

Mr. and Mrs. James Frances Sullivan, of the Woods, Radnor, will give a dinner on New Year's eve in honor of their daughter, Miss Elaine S. Sullivan, before the dance to be given by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Ashton, of Redbank, Wynnewood, in honor of their daughter, Miss Ann Ashton.

MISS FLORENCE KATHRYN TINKLER

Daughter of Mr. John Townsend Tinkler, of Norristown, whose engagement to Mr. J. Newton Hunsberger, Jr., also of Norristown, is announced.