

VARIED CHRISTMAS WEEK ACTIVITIES ARE DOMINANT IN A PICTORIAL REVIEW OF THE DAY'S NEWS HAPPENINGS



GOING OVER THE TOP of the landing pier, and "beating" it for home. Thousands of sailors and marines of the fleet from overseas, now anchored in the Hudson River, were granted furloughs of ten, fifteen and twenty-one days, according to the distance of their homes. This is the first opportunity that most of them have had to see their families since enlistment.



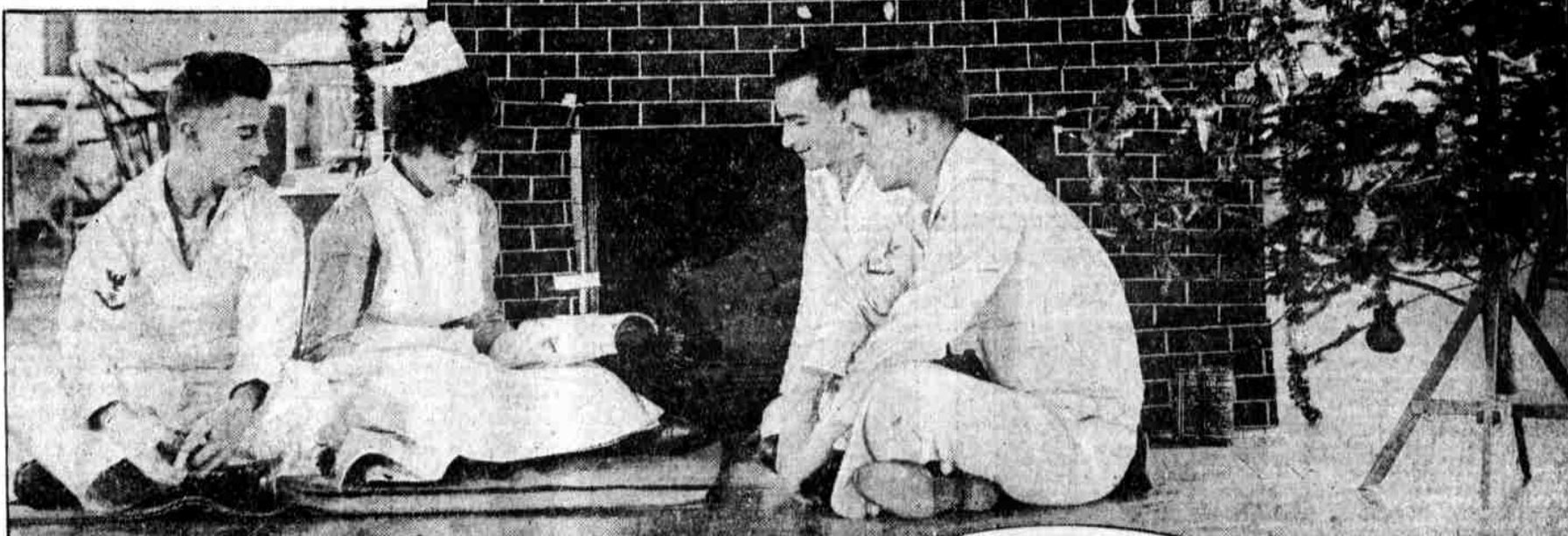
THE CHRISTMAS LADY in the dress of war is Mrs. George Gould, of Lakewood, N. J., acting as hostess at a dinner to men at arms at the Officers' Club in New York.



LITTLE DANCERS in "Au Clair de la Lune," a ballet drama presented at the Christmas party of the Matinee Musical Club in ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford. From left to right are Katherine L. Baxter, Catherine M. Hall, Virginia P. West, Edith Akeroyd and Katherine Andress.



THE SECRETARY OF WAR, Newton D. Baker, was Santa Claus to as many Washington children whose fathers are serving Uncle Sam in France as could be collected in the immense rotunda of the Capitol on Christmas Day.



CONVALESCENT JACKIES in the "ship's bay" of the Pennsylvania Hospital, enraptured in the unfolding of a story that Nurse Mildred L. Steele is reading aloud.



THE YOUTH WHO HAVE GONE to France from Camden, N. J., have fought so heroically, and paid with their young lives the price of victory in the desperate taking of Sedan, that our neighbors across the Delaware are justly proud of their high achievement and patriotism. This triumphal arch to the Yanks from Camden, overseas and in camps, is located at Broadway and Ferry street.



TWEEN ALARMS these long winter evenings are often excitingly passed away at the firehouse in hotly contested pinochle tournaments. Many a thrilling meld has been "spurio venenkt" by the sudden clanging of the fire-alarm gong before it could be officially recorded according to Hoyle.