

### JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

#### Nancy Wynne Talks of the Return of Officers From France. Six Ill in Household of Mrs. Alexander Brown. Bobbie Finds a Way Out

WELL, every minute a new officer is returning home, until you fairly lose an eye walking up Chestnut or Walnut street every day, seeing first this one and that one and racing up to him, saying: "This is simply great to see you again! Are you well, no wounds? Well, I'm glad it wasn't your right arm. And you'll be all right in time? Oh, cheer! By the way, did you see J— over there?" Now J—, being proudly with the army of occupation and G—, whom you have thus effusively greeted, having been in the dock in Bordeaux for the past month or so, you know just how he must feel. But bless you, he's so glad to be home and see all the familiar faces again, he never even laughs as he patiently explains that he had never seen your "ewe lamb," who had never been in the same regiment nor even in the same division as he the enduring time.

MARYS CLARK is one happy girl—George Frazier is home! He's been in France for more than a year, and you know that is one long time to be separated from your fiancé, now isn't it? Marys and George's engagement was announced just before he left for France in October of 1917. The family, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison Frazier, and Marys did not know that he was to come home, so imagine their joy when he walked in on them on Wednesday. He came by way of London. You must live in a state of pleasant anticipation these days instead of fear. Thank Heaven!

I HEAR that Ned Law is in Germany with the army of occupation. He and Charlotte Brown are engaged, you know. I was in hopes he would come home soon, for Charlotte's sake. She and her family have had so much sorrow in this war. Her brother, Henry Houston, was killed, you know, and the Woodward boy, Dr. and Mrs. George Woodward's son, though not a cousin of Charlotte's, but a cousin of Henry's, was also among the missing. Some have suffered so much in this war!

I HEAR that six members of the household at Castletin, the home of Mrs. Alexander Brown, in Bryn Mawr, are down with almost if not quite influenza. Two trained nurses are kept quite busy taking care of Kitty Penn Smith, Mrs. Brown's three sons, Alexander, Hobson and Nelson, and two maids. Mrs. R. Penn Smith and Kitty have been living with Mrs. Brown, you know, ever since Mr. Brown's death. Kitty has just recovered from tonsillitis and Mrs. Brown, I believe, had the "flu," and they both went down to Atlantic City to recuperate. Then just as soon as they "recuped" thoroughly along came something else, and the whole household seems to be down with it. I hope it won't be anything more serious than just bad colds and high temperature. Everybody seems to be having just these days.

THE Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont gave a turkey dinner this week for the choir boys and acolytes, about thirty boys altogether—thirty hungry boys before the dinner and thirty large, satisfied smiles, entirely surrounded by boy, afterward. Mrs. Kenton Eisenberg, Mrs. Tom Baird, Jr., and Mrs. R. Coleman James, all of whom had sons among the thirty, were much interested in the arrangements for the dinner, and Mrs. George Thayer donated the turkeys. Chaplain Booth, who has just returned from France, gave the boys a talk, which thrilled them very much, and Major (or rather Doctor, for he has been mustered out) Burton Chance, who has been stationed at the hospital at Cape May, was also there and gave a talk.

And by the way, did you know that the women of the Church of the Good Shepherd are among the first, if not the very first, to start sewing all day in the parish house, having a lunch served there, so that they won't have to leave at all? It's just as they worked for the Red Cross, and they are doing this right away so that the organization won't get broken up and the interest won't have a chance to lag. They are going to start on the first Thursday in February. I hear that a number of Red Cross auxiliaries in the churches are planning to do this, but the Good Shepherd has put the plans into effect first.

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Suddenly he threw the contested bit upon the floor. "Whoever takes that is a piggle," announced he. And he strode from the room. He was no piggle! It worked. Helen departed in high dudgeon and Bobbie, returning by another door, snatched the candy and made off before she knew it.

**Social Activities**  
Mr. and Mrs. T. Wilson Sharpless, of Chestnut Hill, will entertain at supper on Friday evening, February 21, after the rehearsal of the wedding of their daughter, Miss Mary Dixon Sharpless, and Major Eric Pearson, U. S. C. K. R., who will take place the following day. The guests will include the bridal party.

Miss Mildred Longstreth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Longstreth, of 1221 Locust street, will entertain informally at a theatre party followed by a supper at her home, tomorrow evening. There will be ten guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Walter Holloway have issued invitations for a dinner and dance at their home, Riverbank, Beverly, N. J., tomorrow, in honor of their daughter Ann, who is being married at the Haverstack, Wrightstown, N. J., and Ensign Thomas F. Holloway, U. S. naval air force, who has recently returned from Fromentine, France.

Mr. Benjamin F. Mye announces the marriage of his daughter, Miss Edna Elizabeth Mye, to Mr. John S. Hinkle, Jr., U. S. M. C., on January 9.

Miss Anne Stevenson will give a luncheon at her home, Sixteenth and Market streets, on Friday, February 1, at 12:30 P. M.

honor of Miss Mildred Buck, whose engagement to Mr. William Collins has recently been announced.

Mrs. W. W. Hepburn, of Orchard Lee, Villanova, is spending a few days in New York.

Lieutenant C. Harold Marston, of Johnson street and Washington avenue, Germantown, has returned to his home on indefinite leave. Mr. J. Evitta Coulbourne, of Walnut lane, Lieutenant Marston's brother-in-law, has returned an honorable discharge from the navy, having just returned from France, where he was a member of an aerial bombing squadron.

The annual meeting of the Women's Permanent Emergency Association of Germantown, was held yesterday afternoon at the Fairfax. There was the annual election of officers, reading of reports and a talk by Mrs. Alexander, who has been doing missionary work in Egypt for forty-three years.

An engagement of interest announced yesterday was that of Miss Caroline L. Hilton, daughter of Mrs. Joseph L. Hilton, of Moorestown, N. J., and Mr. Melour R. Lippincott, of Mount Holly.

Mrs. Charles Pailer, of this city, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Clara Marie Pailer, to Mr. Ralph Whitaker, son of Mr. Frederick Whitaker, of this city. No date has been set for the wedding.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Gertrude Elizabeth Wogan, daughter of Mrs. Susan W. Wogan, of 1209 West Thompson street, and Mr. James I. Mitchell, of Cleveland, O., on Tuesday at noon in the rectory of the church of the Gesù, by the Rev. Edward S. Blaine, S. J., Miss Rosemary Wogan, the bride's sister, was her only attendant. Mr. Lewis A. Wogan, the bride's brother, was best man. The ceremony was followed by a breakfast at the Arcadia. The bridegroom and bride left on a short trip, and upon their return will be at home in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Chestnut are receiving this evening and next Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fraser, of 1419 Mount Vernon street, was a December bride.

The annual banquet of the Germantown Business Men's Association will be held on Thursday evening, January 30, at the Pelham Club, Emble and Carpenter streets. The committee in charge includes Mr. Charles W. Edgar, Mr. J. E. Fraser, Mr. A. Powell, Mr. William Lochart, Mr. M. W. James and Mr. J. C. Knox.

The Rev. Herbert Agate and Mrs. Agate, of 2548 North Eighteenth street, are spending the week in Norwalk, O., where Doctor Agate is one of the speakers at the 100th anniversary of the Norwegian Baptist Church.

Mrs. Annie Haney, of 2317 South Seventeenth street, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Edna Haney, to Lieutenant Andrew M. Robinson, of Fort Howard, Md.

THE EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER will be glad to receive announcements of engagements for the Society Page, providing the engagements may be verified. Notices should be written on one side of the paper and must be signed with full name and address and telephone number. Send notices to Society Editor, EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, 606 Chestnut street.

**RED CROSS NEEDS WORKERS**  
Volunteers Called For to Take Up Peace-time Tasks  
Volunteers are wanted for the home service work of the American Red Cross.

There is considerable work to be done in connection with the demobilization of troops and employment of disabled soldiers, and there are many opportunities for those who desire to invest their energy.

Those desiring to help may make application at the main office, 107 Walnut street, or at any of the district offices throughout the city. For those who prefer to work among the families of enlisted men, a course of study and field work, which will last for six weeks, was started on January 20. Those desiring to take up this particular work should apply to Dr. Frank D. Watson, director of the Red Cross Home Service Institute, 107 Walnut street.

**War Shipworkers Unite**  
Shipworkers engaged on construction of vessels for American transport during the war have organized the United States Association of War Shipworkers, with headquarters at the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation, Harriman. The organizers intend to form a national organization. Applicants for membership must have been employed in a shipyard for three months between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918.

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**MISS VIRGINIA CATHARINE STROUD**  
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Stroud, of 3340 North Broad street, whose engagement to Mr. Walter Henry Greenfield, United States naval aviator, was recently announced. Mr. Greenfield, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Greenfield, of 1309 West Lehigh avenue, is a pilot and is expected home in Philadelphia, February 1.

Prohibition is no longer a moral issue. It has become a matter of expediency. The advocates have handled the issue. The Boston tea party was not a protest against a tax, but the principle involved. Mark Twain, in his "Hatter's" says his respects to the legislative moral reformer and in his "Connecticut Yankee" in King Arthur's court, tells the tale of how even in those days the clergy tried to rule. These things all point the

### Reader's Viewpoint

Letters to the Editor on Topics of General Interest

For acceptance and publication in this column, letters must be written on one side of the paper, deal with topics of general interest and be signed with the name and address of the writer. Names will be withheld on request and a special request to this effect. Publication is not guaranteed. No copyright matter will be included, nor will religious discussions be permitted.

**Wants No Jellybiny, Either**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—I wish to express my appreciation of your masterly editorial of the 21st on the dry amendment and centralizing conditions in American politics of today.

Your reference to Mrs. Jellybiny and its application is excellent and delightful sarcasm. The present generation of men are woefully lacking in political history of the United States. Either they do not know or care less about where they may drift.

Every word of your article is true and I do not think you let anything worth mentioning at the present time escape you. Whether the two leading parties will take opposite position to which political history gives them, as you intimate, none of us knows, of course; but it would seem to me that both are tied to this amendment by promise and performance, hence must stand for the charge of suppressing the right of the individual and I think forced us into oligarchy or near to it.

**The Need of Practical Sense**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—Governor Sprout, in his inaugural address on January 21, said a mouthful when he emphasized the need of practical sense in dealing with problems of the commonwealth, rather than "ailing the uncharted seas of idealism."

Such a reference has a unique significance. Now, for multitudes of our people seem to have given themselves with religious fervor to one or other of the present-day forms of pseudo-idealism, which brushes aside all uncheerful verities, while exalting their Brotherhood of Bunk ideal as the sacred force which, in its universal complement, will usher in the millennium.

With what gratification must this parade of pseudo-idealism be viewed by the propagandists of the ultra modern cults of make-believe, who have long been huckstering "New Thoughts for Old" and "False Thoughts for the True?" And what exhortations from the Hun forces who still hope to benefit by it.

**"Over the Top" and "Jim Crow"**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—Most of the States of the South compel by law the colored people to ride what are called Jim Crow cars. The name itself is an insult; the law is an outrage upon the rights of American citizens.

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**Dress and Modesty**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—At a meeting of women in New York the other day for the purpose of discussing some girl problems in its relation to demobilization, a feminine deputy police commissioner and the president of the Women's Republican Club seized upon the occasion to express their abhorrence of female apparel, or rather the lack of it, at dinners and dances.

According to modern psychologists, modesty is only a synonym for fear. Puritanism is only who is not favored by nature, and is conscious of the fact. And that is why he is ever trying to make over all the people of the world into his own image. He hates beauty because he is not beautiful; he hates art because he is not an artist; he hates the joy of living because he does not know how to obtain it for himself.

**Prohibition and "the People"**  
To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:  
Sir—In regard to your editorial of January 17 on the subject of the stampede of the various State Legislatures to ratify what is now the eighteenth amendment of the Constitution, you seem to overlook one very vital fact: that is, that no just government can rule without the consent of the governed.

It became necessary to take away from the Legislatures the right to choose Senators. Why? For the same reason that it will be necessary to take away from them the right to pass upon constitutional amendments and other matters involving the rights of the governed. Even the proponents of prohibition must admit that the Legislatures in the States of Maryland, Iowa, Missouri and California, all of whom voted within the last two years against the dry, misrepresented their constituents. Likewise, the local option elections in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts can leave no doubt that these communities are "wet" by overwhelming majorities.

**Medal for Stefansson**  
Arctic Explorer Receives Elisha Kent Kane Award Tonight  
The Elisha Kent Kane Medal for 1918 will be presented to Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, at the annual dinner of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia, which will be held at 7 o'clock this evening at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel.

The speakers will be Robert Silvercruz, attaché of the Belgian Legation, who will discuss reconstruction work in Belgium; Lieutenant Giorgio Abelli, R. I. A., of the Italian Mission, who will tell of Italy's frontier problems, and Sir Geoffrey Butler, head of the bureau of information of the British Mission, who will respond to a toast on Anglo-American good-will.

**Dancing Mrs. Jane P. C. Miller**  
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### MISS ELIZABETH CASANAVE



Miss Casanave, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Casanave, of Overbrook, is a popular member of the younger set on the Main Line.

same lesson, which is that while theories may be all right, they do not always work out as they ought to, and when they don't, "the deuce is to pay."

**15 TOWNS WILL REFUSE TO PAY WATER CO. BILLS**  
Delaware County Communities Will Take Rate Question Into Court  
Fifteen boroughs and townships in Delaware County have decided not to pay water bills submitted to their respective municipalities by the Springfield Consolidated Water Company.

**Big Audience at School Play**  
Twelve hundred people attended the eighth annual play and dance given by the students of the Philadelphia Trades School at Mercantile Hall last night. The play, "The Magistrate," a farce in three acts, by A. W. Pinero, was enthusiastically received by parents and friends of the students.

**PHILADELPHIA'S FOREMOST THEATRES**  
FORREST LAST WEEK BUT ONE  
LAST 2 TIMES FEB. 1  
Victor Herbert Conducts Tuesday, Jan. 28

**THE VELVET LADY!**  
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**GOING UP**  
Broad and Locust  
"Ullo! 'ere's a 'it! THE BROAD ROCKING WITH LAUGHTER"

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### S. D. THAW ORDAINED

Son of Benjamin Thaw Enters Clergy of High Episcopal Church  
New York, Jan. 24.—Stephen Dows Thaw, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thaw, of this city, Pittsburgh and Newport, this morning was ordained a deacon of the Episcopal Church. The ceremony took place in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in Porters sixth street, west of Broadway. The officiating bishop was the Right Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, Bishop of Pittsburgh.

The fact that the wealthy young man is entering the Episcopal ministry and the high church has caused surprise. He was for some time a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Syria. His parents are leaders in the Shady Side Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, and he was very active there.

**BETROTHAL OF COUNTESS INTERESTS MANY HERE**  
Mrs. Charles Wheeler Announces Pauline Pappenheim Will Wed Count Raben of Denmark  
Interest in social circles today centers largely in the engagement of the Countess Pauline Pappenheim to Count Raben, of Denmark.

The engagement was announced by Mrs. Charles Wheeler, of Pembroke, Bryn Mawr, grandmother of the Countess. Mrs. Wheeler received a cablegram from her granddaughter last Monday.

Countess Pauline Pappenheim is a daughter of Countess Pappenheim, who was Miss Mary Wistar Wheeler, and who has lived abroad many years. The Countess Pauline has been much sought after by titled European society since her debut in 1905. One after another, however, they were rejected by the high-spirited young woman, who was said to feel she did not care to marry with so young a man. She is now in her twenty-eighth year.

Her mother became the wife of Count Maximilian Albrecht Pappenheim of Bavaria, in this city, April 2, 1892, and died in Brighton, England, a year before. The Count had followed the Wheelers to this country. They then lived at 1217 Walnut street.

Countess Wheeler and the Count were married first by a civil ceremony performed by Mayor Edwin H. Pflizer in the parlor of his home, Sixteenth and Walnut streets, to conform to the Bavarian law, and the next day a religious ceremony was performed in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Locust street above Sixteenth.

As the result of this marriage the Count had been forced by the Bavarian ruler to resign all rights and privileges pertaining to his rank, and Countess Pappenheim was accorded none of the social eminence to which she had been accustomed. The Count had an allowance of \$6000 a year was fixed by the Countess on her husband, and when he protested he needed more the Countess left him. The Count in 1895 brought suit for divorce on the ground of willful abandonment. The divorce never was granted, but the Countess has lived apart from her husband, making her home in London.

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**Continue Sales of War Stamps**  
More than 600 Philadelphia business houses that sold thrift and war savings stamps during 1918 have responded to appeals to continue the agency during the present year, according to a statement made today by the war savings division of the war loan organization. Requests that they continue selling stamps have been sent to more than 5000 firms in this city.

**W. M. FAVERSHAM**  
IN FIRST PRESENTATION OF "The Silver King" A ROMANCE OF HAPPY VALLEY

**ARCADIA**  
"LITTLE WOMEN" Next Week—ELIZABETH PERLWITZ "THE PARLIAN" WIFE

**VICTORIA**  
Annette Kellermann "Queen of the Sea" A \$100,000 Submarine Spectacle

**REGENT**  
"PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT" TANGO SHOES, OTHER ACTS

**GLOBE**  
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**BROADWAY BROAD & NYDER AVE.**  
BILLY REEVES & CO. Geraldine Farrar in "THE HELL CAT"

**PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA**  
Soloist: HAROLD BLOOM

**CASINO**  
LADIES MAT TODAY

### GIVES UP ROYAL RANK FOR LOVE

Princess Pat Renounces Title and Privileges to Wed British Officer  
KING GEORGE APPROVES  
No Precedent for Act of Bride-Elect, Nor Any Compulsion

London, Jan. 24.—King George has consented to the renunciation by Princess Patricia of Connaught of both her title of princess and her style of address as Royal Highness on her marriage next month to Commander Lord Alexander Ramsay, brother of the Earl of Dalhousie.

The princess after her marriage will be known as Lady Patricia Ramsay. She will receive a considerable fortune from the Earl of Dalhousie, the late Duchess of Connaught.

Princess Patricia's renunciation of her royal titles probably is due entirely to a romantic desire for approximate equality of rank with her fiancé. Neither the British royal marriage right, in which a princess may retain such a step in England. When King George's aunt was married to the Duke of Argyll she retained the style, "Her Royal Highness, Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll," and the King's sister, the Duchess of Fife, also kept her royal titles, with partial transmission to her children.

The fiancée of Princess Patricia has not previously been referred to as Lord Alexander Ramsay, and unless there has been some special grant by the King is not entitled to that style. As an earl's brother he is merely "The Honorable Alexander Ramsay," and his wife, with no titles in her own right, would be merely the Honorable Mrs. Ramsay. It is probable, however, that Princess Patricia retained her status as a duke's daughter, which would entitle her to the style "Lady Patricia Ramsay," but she would still outrank her husband one degree in the social calendar, he remaining the Honorable Alexander, unless raised to the status of an earl's eldest son or honored with a peerage in his own right, in which latter case he would be simply Lord Ramsay and his wife Lady Ramsay.

**HEALTH EXHIBIT OPENED**  
Proper Care of Body to Be Explained Each Day for a Week  
A health exhibit under the auspices of the National Liberty Neighborhood Workers' club, is now open at the Friends' Guild, Fourth and Green streets.

The exhibit, with food demonstrations, lectures, entertainments and music, will continue until January 31 and is open from 10 A. M. to 9 P. M.

During the week the Drexel Institute, Temple University, Boy and Girl Scouts and individuals will have a part in the program. The exhibits have been prepared by various organizations which work for better health conditions in Philadelphia.

Prominent among them is the Philadelphia Housing Association, the Visiting Nurse Society and the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

**PHILADELPHIA'S LEADING THEATRES**  
ADELPHI  
"OH, MAMA!"

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With a Gay Array of Artists and a BATTALION OF YOUTHFUL BEAUTIES

**WHY MARRY?"**  
WITH ASTOR THEATRE IN Y. CAST AND PRODUCTION INCL. INCLUDING NAT C. GOODWIN

**Rock-A-Bye Baby**  
"Tuneful and amusing music show with a plot."—North American.

**OH, LADY! OH, LADY!**  
ABSOLUTELY IDENTICAL NEW YORK CAST BEGINNING MONDAY EVENING

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**NEWMAN**  
Traveltalks Color Views Motion Pictures

**WARTIME FRANCE**  
TICKETS 50c, 75c, \$1.00 at Heppner's, Amp. 25c