

JUST GOSSIP ABOUT PEOPLE

Nancy Wynne Hears That Miss Agnes Spencer Has Returned From Paris and Red Cross Work—Another Rummage Sale in View—Captain Henry's Death in England

Did you know that Miss Agnes Spencer is home from overseas? She was at the Victory Ball on Thursday night and took part in the tableaux, wearing her dark blue frock and blue veil and white hand of a Red Cross nurse. She has been at Neuilly, the Red Cross hospital, ever since she went over, and she's been over about a year, you know. I thought she looked awfully well, though she seemed a little languid and tired. She has been resting up since her return, for she wants above all things to go back and continue to work for the sick and the wounded and wretched of devastated France.

WELL, I have got a fine piece of news for you. Mary Roberts Rinehart, who has only this week returned from Europe and who has been with the army of occupation, is coming on here next Tuesday, and she is going to speak to the workers at Independence Square Auxiliary that afternoon, and you know that's going to be exciting.

From the time I read her first book I've admired her, haven't you? And to hear her just when she's come so much to tell us of conditions over there, I tell you, I'm afraid the world will suffer that afternoon, for it will be so interesting it will be hard to make the little dresses and trousers for the little refugees, won't it? The following week Sophie Norris will speak at the auxiliary, and on March 4 none other than Lillian Russell, dressed in her army uniform, will speak to the workers. Some interesting days ahead for us workers, I should say.

TALKING of the refugees and poor children who need help makes me think of St. Edmond's Home for Crippled Children, which is to have its annual rummage sale the week of March 17. Miss James Mundy is at the head of the sale, and you know that alone spells success. She is certainly one leader among women. Such a fine business head and everything connected with the thing she undertakes right at her finger-ends.

Have you ever been out to the home? It's at Forty-fourth street and Haverford avenue, and it's the sweetest, "hometown" home I've ever visited. I went out there recently to a card party, and really those children are so sweet it made my heart ache to see them. One poor little "early-old tyke," whose leg was so wrenched he could not walk, wanted to come over and join in the happy chorus of little ones who were to sing for me; and you know, an older boy who had only one leg got up on his little crutches and with his free arm lifted the little teeny one on to his whole knee and held him there to join in.

There are not very many in the home as yet, but there are just as many as the present building can accommodate, and if ever I wanted to help any place I'd want to help that one. Because those dear babies do need the comfort of that home so much.

Mrs. Thomas P. Hunter, Miss Adele Taek, Mrs. J. Quennell, Miss Katherine Raleigh and Mrs. Anthony Hirt are only a few among the women who have resolved to make the sale a wonderful success.

SOMEBOW It just seems too sad for anything to hear that Howdy Henry is dead. It is not surprising in view of the fact that his heart had been in a weakened state for a long time. In fact, it was marvelous how he finally was taken into the army, for his heart was not up to the mark, and you remember he had lost one eye in an accident. When he was growing up and went to the Germantown Academy to school he was a promising athlete, and in Princeton he made the big team, being accounted one of the best football ends the college had ever had.

The news came late Thursday afternoon, before Mrs. Henry and her sister, Mrs. Devereux, who were to have been in the Flower Market tableau at the Victory Ball, had left the house, so they sent their costumes down to be worn by others who had rehearsed with them. They made the arrangements and rehearsed for the third tableau in the ball. Captain Henry's death occurred in England.

NANCY WYNNE.

Social Activities Mrs. and Mrs. John Kent Kane will entertain at dinner Thursday, February 20, in honor of their daughter, Miss Florence Paul Kent, at Bidgely, their home in Radnor.

The Evening Public Ledger will be glad to receive announcements of engagements for the Society Fair, 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, Room 408, Philadelphia, Pa.

ORCHESTRA PLAYS WITHOUT A SOLOIST

First Purely Orchestral Program of Season Given, With Fifth Symphony the Feature

The Philadelphia Orchestra gave its first concert of the present season yesterday without a soloist. Ordinarily, at least eight are given in the season, but owing to the "flu" epidemic and the consequent shifting of dates of the soloists yesterday was the first of the year. The large audience that attended was most encouraging, in that it shows that the people are beginning to go to these concerts to hear the music, and that the lure of the soloist is not so potent as it was a few years ago.

The program opened with the Irish Rhapsody of Charles Villiers Stanford, a work comparatively unknown here, but which proved to be a composition, based apparently upon Celtic melodies, of much charm and developed in excellent taste, besides being orchestrated with the greatest skill and knowledge of the resources of the modern orchestra.

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Private Walter Hatz Briggs, Ambulance Driver, has received his second citation from the French Government for valor at the front. The news was received by his father, W. F. Briggs, 4812 Leiper street, Frankford.

TRUCK MEN TO DISCUSS LAWS

The monthly meeting of the Motor Truck Association of Philadelphia will be held Wednesday evening at the Adelphi Hotel.

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FIREMEN IN MEMORIAL FOR HEROES TOMORROW

Tribute Will Be Paid to Men Dying Bravely Here and Abroad

Members of the Bureau of Fire will hold a joint memorial and patriotic service tomorrow in memory of their fellow workers who died during 1918.

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Reader's Viewpoint

Letters to the Editor on Topics of General Interest

"The Gownman," Please Note! To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I think it is just about a year since I first noticed the series of articles appearing in your editorial page under the pseudonym, "The Gownman."

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MOVE TO SEAT ARTIST AS ACADEMY DIRECTOR

Fellowship Hopes for Closer Union With Management and Wider Support

A movement to have an artist member on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts has been started by the Fellowship of the Academy, the alumni organization.

The purpose, it is said, is to insure a closer union between the Academy management and the artists, and to cause a revival of a taste for art in a more general sense.

The crux of the plan, it is stated, is to reach the largest possible number of persons with the Academy's art influence, and to interest the largest possible number of persons in the Academy's activities.

Spencers for the movement are: John M. Lawrence, president of the Fellowship, and other distinguished artists, Herbert Welsh and Harrison S. Morris.

In an open letter, Mr. Hamilton, in stating that the Fellowship, an art-loving organization, voted unanimously at a meeting on February 4, voted unanimously for the plan.

The reasons for desiring such representation are many and the Fellowship is now more general and comprehensive in its interests, and its members are more interested in the artist while living, as a person and as a creator, than in the artist as a creator.

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CANTATA FOR MUSICIANS

New Century Club Plans Fund to Develop Genus

Plans for a cantata, returns from which will be applied to a loan musical fund, are being made by the New Century Club.

The creation and purposes of the fund were announced at a meeting of the New Century Club, by Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols, its president.

The work has been done quietly and with as little publicity as possible. Every musician who has given his time, and who has well established in his profession, to repay the fund for its assistance. This, according to members of the club, insures freedom of thought and action on the part of the one helped to a career.

BAPTISTS BEGIN CAMPAIGN Start Drive for Memorial Fund on Founder's Birthday Tomorrow

The Baptist churches of Philadelphia tomorrow will celebrate Roger Williams Day, which will start a country-wide campaign to build a memorial in Washington to the founder of the Baptist Church in America.

GLEMENT TO SIT MONDAY

New Commissioner Will Hear Lehigh Transit Plea

City Appointments

Six Wills Are Probed

Medico-Chi Reopens Today

Closed by Parkway Operations, Resumes General Work