

“Chicken in France” Buttons Under Ban

New York.—No more of the “I have a chicken in France” buttons, emblems of membership in the Poultry Club of the American Com-

mittee for Devastated France, are to be distributed. The news broke here. Miss Lucy Hewitt, who is in charge of the club, confirmed it. She admitted that the little red, white and blue buttons, which sold for 10 cents each had worked wonders in the committee's efforts to reach France, had been frowned on by the National Investigation Bureau, a charities supervision organization, with headquarters at 1 Madison avenue.

UZIT FOR CORN'S BUNIONS CALLUSES GORGAS DRUG STORES

list of approved charities must not sell buttons except during drives. And the Poultry Club is conducting no special drive. About 230,000 of the buttons, with their rampant little chickens perched on American shields, have already been distributed throughout the country and may still adorn the coats of their purchasers. Various branches of the Poultry Club out of town still have scant supplies of the emblems, which they will distribute. But no new ones will be ordered, and instead of the button, it is announced, there will be a thoroughly conventional membership badge, which will bear this carefully phrased slogan: “I am a member of the Poultry Club of the American Committee for Devastated France.”

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MUST GIVE WHAT THE LAW WANTS

Interesting Public Service Decision Issued by Commissioner John S. Rilling



The fact that a utility company has not always rendered satisfactory service in the past is not to be taken as a reason for setting aside an agreement whereby it will be required to meet the obligations of a public service company, in opinion of the Public Service Commission. The decision, which was written by Commissioner John S. Rilling, dismisses the protest of subscribers of the Bell Telephone Company, living in Endeavor and East Hickory, Forest county, against an agreement being entered into whereby the Bell Telephone Company, a local concern, its business in that community, maintaining a connection with the exchange at Endeavor and providing for toll service to Tionesta.

The decision says that when the arrangements are complete it will result in a single company serving East Hickory and Endeavor, furnishing a higher grade of continuous service under a new schedule of rates. It is stated that the arrangement contemplates an improvement in facilities and service and gives an exclusive right to a territory. It then says “the fact that the Endeavor Telephone Company has in the past rendered inferior service is not here important. It is a public utility and as such is in duty bound to render adequate service at reasonable rates. If, after the contemplated arrangements are completed, there should be any inferior service on its part, this may be corrected upon complaint filed with this commission.”

To Discuss Laws—Commissioners of Fisheries of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario will meet at

Eric on December 17, with representatives of the United States Bureau of Fisheries and the Fresh Water Fish Producers Association, to discuss uniform legislation. Means for a better collection of eggs are also to be taken up.

To Push Survey.—When the State Commission of Agriculture adjourned last night it had been decided to push the plan of having the abandoned or half-worked farms of the safe listed and to submit the plan of selling land to soldiers and sailors on easy terms to some financial experts. The scheme is for farm buying on the building and loan association idea.

No Hearings Here.—The Public Service Commission did not have any hearings here to-day. Members are sitting in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

To Open Bids.—The bids for the new state bridges authorized a short time ago will be opened in January, it is expected. The final meeting of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, as at present constituted, will be held early in January.

Big Increase.—The Glendon Refining Company, of Warren, filed notice of an increase of stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Well Known Here.—Roger O'Mara, the former head of Pittsburgh police activities, who died yesterday, was well known to many in this city. The old chief used to come to the city during legislative sessions.

Brenckman Is Secretary.—Fred Brenckman, of Carbon county, who has been in charge of the State Grange headquarters here for the last year, has been made secretary of the grange as the result of the annual election at Tyrone. Mr. Brenckman was formerly prominent in the Washington party, but of late has been active in grange affairs, although he picked a bad chance to show it when he undertook to defeat the \$10,000,000 road loan. He will be in charge of the grange legislative program.

TEACHERS HIGHER PAY.—Chambersburg school board went on record last night in favor of a 25 per cent. increase in the state appropriation for school teachers for the next two years. The schools may not reopen their sessions until after New Year's because of the continuance of the “flu.”

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

MOON OF ISRAEL: A TALE OF THE EXODUS

By H. Rider Haggard. Author of “She,” “Allan Quartermain,” “Marie,” “Child of Storm,” “The Wanderer's Necklace,” etc. This book tells the story of the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, as it might have appeared to an Egyptian, Anna, who took a leading part in the circumstances which surrounded that tremendous event. The lines of the Old Testament narratives are followed closely, but the narrator, the scribe and novelist, Anna, or Ana as he is here called, naturally puts his own interpretation upon some of these happenings. To him they seem to represent a war between the God of Israel and the gods of the Egyptians, of whom Amon or Amen was the chief, as indeed they did according to the Bible. It remains to be added that Anna or Ana really lived in the time of Seti II, and was the author, among other romances, of the famous “Tale of the Two Brothers.”

The period is that which is generally accepted as the date of the Exodus, at or about the end of the reign of Pharaoh Menepthah, the son of Ramesse the Great, and it is Sir Gaston Maspero informed its based on the theory which the late writer he considered quite probable, that the usurper, Amenemes, immediately succeeded Menepthah and was the actual Pharaoh of the Exodus. The love interest in the tale is furnished by its heroine, a Hebrew lady named Merapi, Moon of Israel.

To their “Library of French Fiction” E. P. Dutton and Company are preparing to make shortly three new additions, of which one will be “Nono; Love and the Soil,” by Gaston Roupenel, translated by Barnet J. Feyer, a story in which a humble wine-grower of Burgundy is the central figure. The author's fine art reproduces him and his family and friends with graphic portrayal and makes his love and sorrow his frailties and his goodness, dramatically vivid and interesting. The purpose of this series of French novels is to bring forth American readers the work of French authors who deal with other and more characteristic phases of French life than do those who concern themselves solely with the more or less decadent features of life in Paris. Unfortunately, so much attention has been paid to these latter novels in stories of the profits displayed, as English speaking countries that a false conception of the French people and their character had, before the war, been spread abroad. The novels in Dutton's “Library of French Fiction” are all selected with the purpose of showing how French novelists depict French life outside of the bohemian circle of Paris.

Newspaper correspondents have been sending from Brussels many soon as the Germans left, of the patriotism which had steadily burned in the breasts of the Belgians under German rule. But none of them gives so complete and convincing a picture as does Jean Massart in his little book, “The Secret Press in Belgium” (H. E. Dutton and Company), in which he tells how the famous paper, “La Libre Belgique,” was secretly printed and circulated and reveals also the methods employed in the secret reprinting and circulation of other periodicals, books pamphlets, pictures and music. One of the collections of Raemker's drawings, for instance, was smuggled into Belgium and passed rapidly from house to house. It was discovered in a domiciliary search, of the efficient sort that frequently happened and confiscated. But the first person to see it had made photographic copies of all the pictures and these were widely distributed, with, of course, the great secret. “King Albert's Book,” the author says, was translated and a good many copies had been sold, the proceeds being devoted to food relief of the poor. Then the Germans descended on the secret office and seized the staff, the fonts of type, the printed sheets, the paper and the entire plant of the printing office. “They thought,” says M. Massart, “they had finally got rid of King Albert's Book,” but to their profound annoyance, only a week later, 10,000 fresh copies appeared on the secret market.

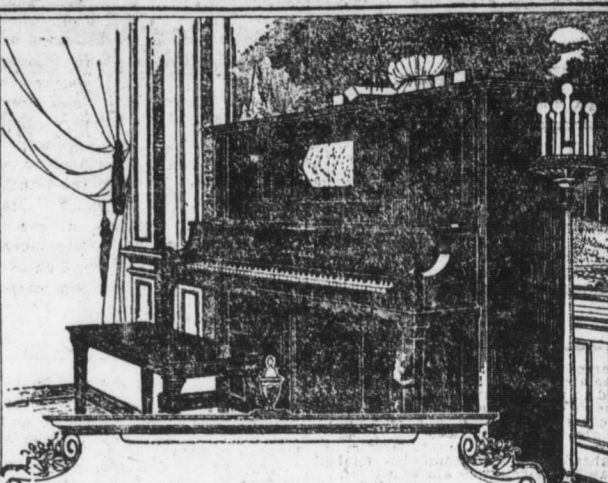
“The romance of the Red Triangle,” by Sir Arthur C. Yapp, K. C., recently published by George H. Doran Company, is a vertible storehouse of the incidents which have made war both a tragic and humorous thing. One of the vignettes of “Le Triangle Rouge” is this story: “One of the funniest sights we saw in France was that of a tiny British corporal marching behind ten stalwart German prisoners, escorting them back to their quarters after they had finished orderly duty in one of our tents. The humour of the situation evidently appealed to him, for he winked as he passed us—quite an unsoldierly thing to do.”

The world of art will welcome ten more of the charming and vivacious pencil sketches by Charles Huard, official painter of the Sixth French Army, appearing as illustrations to his wife's most recent war pictures from France. “With Those Who Wait” (Dutton), by Frances Wilson Huard, M. Charles Huard's drawings through exhibitions, magazines, and Madam Huard's books are already famous in this country. “They have,” says the New York Evening Globe, “something of the mellow effect of certain French prints of a generation ago.”

Mission Leaders Wire Wilson Message of Cheer

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 13.—Missionaries from India, Africa, Turkey and the Balkans were heard at the sessions of the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions here to-day. A message of greeting was sent to President Wilson on the steamship George Washington, wishing him and party a safe arrival and expressing the hope that his ideas as to peace and a league of nations might be accepted.

NEW CHEMICAL LABORATORY.—New Cumberland, Pa., Dec. 13.—A chemical laboratory is being constructed in the basement of the high school.



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