

LINCOLN ATTRACTION FOR STATE FAIR VISITORS

Mammoth New Store of Rudge & Guenzel Co. Opened to Public Since Last State Fair Was Held.

A new attraction for state fair visitors to Lincoln this year will be the new store of the Rudge & Guenzel Company on N street from 12th to 13th street. Work on this building was started in October 1917, and after much delay, due to shortage of material and labor during the war, was completed in time for the firm to occupy in February this year.

Particular among the construction features of the new building are the lighting and ventilating systems. This new store is conceded to be the best daylighted store in the country, and this borne out by the fact that over 25,000 square feet of plate glass have been used and that daylight reaches each floor virtually from four sides. Over 375 feet of frontage are given to entrance and show windows, the largest plate glass windows in Lincoln.

The building is ventilated with washed air drawn into the building and forced through a continuous spray of pure water by fans and distributed through the store.

Another interesting feature is the facilities for receiving and delivering all shipments. The heavy trucks that come from the station with shipments of freight may run directly into the elevator, which will accommodate trucks twenty-two feet long, and will carry 10,000 pounds to any floor of the building, a smaller freight elevator accommodating 4,000 pounds will take care of lighter shipments.

A large spiral chute of the latest improved type will carry packages to the delivery room in the basement. A pneumatic tube system carries bills and cash from all parts of the building to the cashiers department in the basement.

Every part of the building has been constructed as nearly fire and accident proof as modern science made possible. The elevators have the floor lights and locking devices, making it impossible for elevators to start until the doors are closed.

Many other interesting features are to be found in this new store of which the firm is justly proud and anxious and willing to explain to visitors.

Smallest National Park.

The smallest of our national parks contains just thirty-eight acres and is on Prince of Wales Island, Southeastern Alaska. It was created but a year or so ago by presidential proclamation. The park is an abandoned Indian village, chiefly interesting for its totem poles. There are, also, some buildings, which are the best known examples of Haida Indian architecture.

THE VICTORY GIRL

By HORTENSE CALDWELL.

Ed Holburn rose from his chair and stood looking out. Apparently he was in deep thought, but he really was beginning to become very angry. With a little start he turned to the girl on the sofa calmly humming a popular air.

"Peggy Starr, I wouldn't believe you would be so unaccommodating without saying a word from the patriotic point of view. It certainly wouldn't hurt you to help me out by just doing such a little thing as that."

"I've told you, I wouldn't be in that parade and I mean it. Why, Ed, do you think for a minute I would go riding all about the streets of this city mounted on an old wagon, and having every eye on the street corners looking me in the face. Well, I guess not," she ended with finality.

"Well, there's a good many girls that are going to be in it that are in even better society than you are, and they don't see anything the matter with it."

"It doesn't make the slightest difference to me what anybody else does, Ed, so please let the matter drop. And if you would go along now it would be very nice of you, as I have a good many things to do this evening."

Ed noticed the chill note in her voice and took his hat without another word. The moment he had left the room, Peggy jumped up to go after him. With great effort she held herself back, but she continued to think of what she had said. She knew she had hurt Ed's feelings and it bothered her more than she cared to admit. Still thinking how mean she had acted, she was interrupted by the ringing of the telephone.

"Hello," said the voice of her chum, Helen, Whitman. "Peggy, have you been asked to be in the parade next Monday?"

"Yes, but I'm not going to do it," replied Peggy slowly.

"You're not? Why, Peg, I thought of course you were. Why, the idea, everybody is going to do something for that."

"Well, I for one, will be the laughing stock for nobody. If you want to be dressed up like a wax doll and set in a chariot for everyone to gaze at, you can, but I'm not going to."

"Some people give the boys a hearty welcome when they come home," came from Helen sarcastically as she replaced the receiver on the hook. After shutting off, Peggy got up with tears in her eyes. She had been looking at the celebration from her own standpoint, never giving a thought to whom

it was really for. Quickly she took up the telephone and got the chairman of the committee on the line. "Mr. Wood! Well, this is Margaret Starr on Woodstead street. I understand you need somebody for a role in the parade. If it is convenient for you I will stop at your office on my way downtown."

The next day Peggy Starr started on a little visit to a neighboring city and when Ed called that evening he was told Miss Starr would return Monday. Of course, Ed firmly believed she had gone away in order not to be asked about the parade. With a little shrug of the shoulders he turned and went to his office. Twice between Friday evening and Monday morning he called her up via telephone, only to hear she had not returned and there was no message.

At last Monday came, the day of the great parade. The sun rose over the New England hills in the distance with alarming rapidity, and by ten o'clock the parade had formed in line. The floats were many and elaborate but one in particular attracted much attention. The automobile was made into a modern chariot, with American flags covering the whole outside. Inside, the chariot was pure white, and on one end a high platform. One figure stood on this platform, "Columbia" by name, and at her feet sat two brave lads, one in blue and one in khaki. As the float moved slowly about the streets and "Columbia" stood holding her torch majestically above her head, everyone was thrilled. At last the route was covered and scores of people were crowding about the beautiful float. "Columbia" stepped from her platform where the radiant Ed was awaiting her.

"Peggy, is it really you doing this?"

"Why, of course, it is I. Don't I look natural?"

"But where have you been these last three days?"

"Ed, you made me feel so ashamed the other day, I had to go somewhere, so I went down to Lancaster. I thought you'd be glad."

"Glad! Why I'm so glad I could cry, Peggy. You certainly are one of those Victory Girls."

"But, Ed, the greatest victory I've had is the one over myself. I have learned a good lesson and my pride will be better for it." With a happy sigh she laid her hand in Ed's.

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