

Society Notes

May 9

Red Cross Fills Women's Day.

The wave of work for Red Cross and war relief is sweeping westward with ever increasing force. At first it was merely desultory, and then the National Surgical Dressings committee enlarged its work by taking a room in the Baird building and establishing circles of workers. The movement became systematized. Now we have hives of Red Cross workers in every part of town and representing every organization. It is becoming increasingly difficult—almost impossible—for even the frivolously inclined to pretend that anything but relief work should have a place in our thoughts.

Mrs. A. L. Reed said yesterday: "We are working at such a pace that it is hard to tell how long we will last. I think, though, that soon matters will be systematized in such a way as to give everyone something to do without burdening anyone. When the work was new people rushed into half a dozen things at once. They couldn't stand it. Now that we are becoming adjusted we will be able to work well without wearing ourselves out."

If you want to find any of Omaha's social leaders it is safe for you to follow such a schedule as this on regular days. From 12 midnight to 8 or 9 in the morning they are home. From 9 to 12 make the rounds of the Red Cross, Surgical Dressings committee, League for Woman Service headquarters, in the Baird building, the Army building or the Nurses' club, and you will see the faces that you want. From 12 to 1 look in at the Fontenelle or at some of the homes to find your quarry, and then from about 2 to 6 make the rounds again and you will have the day until dinner time, when home is usually the place to find the workers. Some even devote the time after dinner to teaching classes of girls who cannot give their days to Red Cross, but others take their recreation in the evening.

An interesting appeal for thrift was made in England recently, which we hope will never reach us in all its stringency:
Ten shillings saved on, say, feasting equals eight cartridges.
Bottle of champagne equals 400 cartridges.
Lady's new hat equals four steel helmets.
Lady's new dress equals four service rifles.
Diamond tiara equals one field gun.
Motor car equals six strikers.
Piano equals 100 shells.
Lap dogs equal twenty shells, and so on.

Tea for Miss Calvin.

Mrs. George Voss entertained at tea at Hillside, the home of her mother, Mrs. Henry Yates, in honor of Miss Nellie Calvin, who has recently returned from Chicago, where she qualified as a Red Cross instructor under Miss Clara Noyes of Washington in the first rush Red Cross class. The guests were the members of the surgical dressings class which she teaches and of which Mrs. Voss is chairman and a few others.

Thrilling Trip Home.

On the boat, "The Empress of Asia," on which Mrs. Dan McAvoy returned from the orient, were 2,600 coolies who were being transported across the Pacific, through Canada and across the Atlantic to dig trenches. The rumor was that the Germans were very desirous of sinking that ship because of the coolies, and so they were obliged to go out of their route to avoid submarines, and to keep their port holes darkened at night. During her stay in China she frequently crossed the path of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Metz, who were in Kyoto when she left for home.

Benefit Bridge.

Mrs. John T. Yates, assisted by her circle, No. 3, of All Saints' Parish Aid society, gave a benefit bridge party for ten tables at her home. Score cards decorated with flags lent a patriotic note.

Wedding Plans.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth M. Lloyd, daughter of Mrs. H. W. Lloyd, to Mr. William J. Boelter, son of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boelter of Grand Island, will take place Saturday at noon at the home of the bride's mother, Rev. C. W. Boelter, father of the bridegroom, will perform the ceremony.

Sorority Holds Banquet.

Nu Sigma Phi sorority of the Nebraska university medical school met Monday evening at the Young Men's Christian association for a banquet and initiation. A centerpiece of white roses, the sorority flower, was used on the table. Three new members, Drs. Abbie Virginia Holmes, Harriet Hamilton and Clarissa Clay were initiated.

Social Events Planned.

Two subscription dances will be given at Seymour Lake Country club before the opening of the regular season on June 1, it has been decided by the dance committee. One will be on May 11, the other on May 25. Each member is expected to come himself and bring at least two friends so that the parties will be very successful.

Notes of Interest.

The Misses Felice and Vivian Fulton of Beatrice, Neb., are spending the week with their aunt, Mrs. D. A. Johnson, enroute to their home from a visit in Sioux City.
Dr. W. F. Milroy is in Lincoln to attend the forty-ninth annual convention of the Nebraska State Medical association, of which he is president. Mrs. Milroy accompanied him.
Miss Helen Clarke leaves Tuesday to spend a month in Chicago visiting Mrs. Robert Warfield, and in De Kalb, Ill., where she will be the guest of Miss Louise Lewis, who visited in Omaha last year.
Carter Lake Swimming and Bowling club bowled Tuesday at the Farnam alleys. Mrs. W. J. Cattin won high score. Mrs. Henry Keating, president of the club, who with her mother, Mrs. Ella Welch, and daughters, Helen and Eleanor, has been spending the winter in California, returned yesterday.
Mrs. Thurman Kern of Denver, who has been the guest of Mrs. Robert Thompson for some time, is now visiting in Lincoln. Later she will return to Omaha.

Informal Entertaining.

The Columbian club gave a card party this afternoon at its hall. Madames E. J. O'Hern and F. I. Simpson were the hostesses.
Miss Helen Clarke entertained the Junior Bridge club. Misses Helen Ingwersen and Helen Murphy were guests.
Madame Bella Pevsner, who is giving a series of lectures in the city;

NEW REGENT OF OMAHA CHAPTER, D. A. R.



Mrs. Phillip Potter was elected regent of Omaha chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the annual meeting in the public library Tuesday. Mrs. F. F. Porter and Mrs. J. J. Foster are the vice regents; Mrs. Charles Frankish, recording secretary; Mrs. J. O. Goodwin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. T. H. Tracy, treasurer; Miss Harriet Johnston, registrar; Mrs. W. F. Curtis, chaplain, and Mrs. R. A. Finley, historian. Mrs. F. R. Straight, the retiring regent; Mrs. C. H. Aull, retiring state regent, and Mrs. F. W. Clarke constitute the advisory committee.

Reports of the national conference held recently in Washington, D. C., will be given at the June meeting on Flag day.

Maud Springer Nesom, short story writer; Mrs. George Katz of Chicago and Miss Phyllis Luman of Salt Lake City were guests at the fortnightly luncheon of the Omaha Woman's Press club at the Loyal.

Babies Coo at Each Other While Their Fathers Glare

Two babies in their fathers' arms cooed at each other across the attorneys' desk in Judge Redick's court, while their parents glared at each other during progress of a slander suit. Fred Christensen is suing Martonus Thomsen for \$1,000, alleging slander. Christensen alleges Thomsen, in the presence of others, accused him of "stealing his chickens."

Both plaintiff and defendant carried babies in their arms when they entered court. Tiny fingers pointed at each other across the big desk and innocent smiles were exchanged, but the father of each child looked straight ahead and paid not a bit of attention to anything save the arguments of the lawyers.

Bohemian Women Organize Woman Service Detachment

Thirty-five Bohemian women met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Vaclav Buresh to organize a detachment under the general service department of the National League for Woman Service. Mrs. Harvey Newbranch, commandant of this division, spoke to the women of the needs of the league and helped them to begin their work.

Mrs. Buresh was chosen commandant of the division. Mrs. Julia Stenica will head the knitting division. Mrs. F. J. Kutak the sewing division. Mrs. Josephine Hudeck the hospital supply division, and Mrs. Anna Vrane the financial division.

Women Are Replacing Men in Railroad Office Work

In a number of the offices of railroad headquarters women are working into positions where they have not been heretofore seen. They are taking the places of the men who have enlisted and have been sent to camps, or out to do guard duty.

While figures are not made public, it is said that over the Union Pacific system more than 500 of the employees have enlisted since war with Germany was declared. Some of these men are from the headquarters, but most are from the shops or out along the lines of the system.

Sisters from Destroyed Orphanage Seek Funds

Sisters Gertrude and Colleta of St. Francis orphanage, at Nevada, Mo., destroyed by fire in September, 1915, are in Omaha pleading subscriptions to rebuild the institution. The orphanage accepts children of any denomination and cared for several from Nebraska. Archbishop Harty endorses the cause. The sisters are at the Sacred Heart convent.

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Women Will Establish Red Cross Comfort Station to Sell Supplies

Chairman of the committee on supplies for fighting men, plans to have a downtown Red Cross Comfort Shop, where supplies for the comfort kits will be on sale, and the women will work under competent instruction. Fifteen women met Tuesday at Mrs. Stewart's home to begin work on the comfort kits, which will be used as samples when the comfort shop is opened.

Employees to Do Their Bit—Fifty-six women employed at Thomas Kilpatrick & Co. met Tuesday night to organize a Red

Cross auxiliary. Mrs. O. C. Redick talked to the women on the nature of the work and gave them instruction on how to make surgical supplies. The class will meet every Tuesday evening in the store rooms on the third floor.

Campaign Committees Meet

The executive committee of the Red Cross Membership campaign met with F. P. Poisie to discuss plans which are yet a "deep, dark secret," as they call it.

Ten Nets Ten Dollars

Ten dollars was added to the Red Cross fund for supplies for fighting men by the afternoon tea served Tuesday at the Fine Arts exhibit.

Booth Committee Meets

The Booth committee of the Red Cross membership campaign of which Mrs. Howard Baldrige is chairman, met at the Fontenelle at 2:30 to discuss plans for operating Red Cross booths in the retail district. Two hundred and fifty women were present.

Contributor to Daughters

C. S. Stebbins, 1230 Park Wilde avenue, has the distinction of being the first man to visit the work rooms of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of 1812 in the Army building. After examining the

hospital supplies which the women were making and commending their work, he asked if they would accept a small donation. He gave \$10 to assist in purchasing material.

Asks for Orders

W. G. Urs, secretary of the Omaha Red Cross chapter, sent a telegram to the Washington headquarters, asking in what way the local chapter can best serve the cause; by providing an ambulance company or a base hospital. Since thirty-one base hospitals have already been sponsored, it is believed an ambulance company will be requested by the national authorities.

General Campaign Meeting

The Red Cross membership campaign committee, the executive committee and the board of directors will meet for a conference with F. P. Poisie of Washington Thursday at 1:30 at the Fontenelle to discuss campaign plans. Dr. Donald Macrae, Emmet Tinkley, Charles Hannan and George Wright of Council Bluffs and Captain Ray of the army will speak.

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