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By MELLICIFIA—Dec. 13.

Omaha Women Play Santa Claus.
Old Kris Kringle has numerous faithful helpers in Omaha. Despite the fact that war relief work occupies

nearly every moment these days, several groups of kind-hearted women will still find time to dress dolls and make innumerable trifles so dear to childish hearts.
The Collegiate Alumnae members plan to spend Saturday at the South Side Settlement filling stockings so that each poor kiddie will be remembered Christmas day. These college women are following an annual custom, as they do this work every year, and many a child's heart

is made glad through the efforts of their nimble fingers.
A Christmas tree will also be trimmed for the Social Settlement children and the members of this club ask all those who wish to contribute trimmings or lights for the tree to kindly notify Miss Helen Mason at Harney 4717, who will call for them. This is a wonderful opportunity to help Santa Claus and it is hoped that there will be a general hunt in many attics for tinsel trifles for the Settlement tree.
The Christ Child society will give a Christmas party this year at Creighton auditorium for the foreign children at the different settlement houses. A huge Christmas tree loaded with toys and glitter with many candles will greet the children and a jolly Santa Claus will deliver the toys into their hands.
The little ones at the Child Savings Institute are usually the recipients of the bounty of the Vassar club, but this year the members made children's dresses for the Duruya war relief. However, I feel sure that the kiddies at this big institution will not be forgotten, for they have many warm friends among the good people of Omaha.

Soliloquy of Modern Eve

The fluff-nothings of life go down to ashes with the fires and tortures of life, but the rare persons survive

By ADELAIDE KENNERLY.

A GIANT sassafras near Keswick, Va., some years ago, had a hollow trunk, with its top broken off and it seemed ready to die. Somebody started a fire in it. The fire was stopped with difficulty and it was thought that the tree was killed.
Striking example of humanity as it is—no different. Let a person be apparently empty of that which other people want, and someone will try to destroy. The man or woman who missteps or allows one foot to start on the downward path may be sure of a push—a fire within or around to destroy them.
But this old sassafras tree was an exception. It did not die after the fire. On the contrary the torture it endured only burned out the parasites that were eating the heart from the tree.

Strong Old Tree.

It was a strong old tree. It had endurance—something noble way down deep under the surface which willed that it should not only live but survive the torture with triumphant heart.
After the fire the old trunk with its clean "within" branched out like the springtime and now stands crowned with strong, healthy, boughs, adding beauty to the scenery and giving of its pure self to the world.
So do some souls tower above the weaklings. Souls have been purified by years of suffering; by white hot fires of the brain which burned to ashes all that was vile or impure in thoughts.

Fluffy-Nothings Go Under.

The fluff-nothings of life go down to ashes with the fire, the pains, the repulsions and the tortures of life, but the rare persons survive them and stand as symbols of great spirits. They show what can be withstood. They are as the sun which passes through pollution and comes out clean.
There is none so worthy as one who passes through the worst and comes out the best.

Tea for Faculty.

The Young Women's Christian Association Central High School Girl's Students' club will give a tea today for the faculty. The proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross. The girls of this organization have assumed the responsibility of making the huge Central High service flag.

Steele-Bragg Wedding.

A simple home wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, when Miss Cleda Lore Bragg, younger sister of Mrs. Hamilton, became the bride of Mr. George William Steele of Kansas City. Rev. Ralph H. Houseman officiated. Only the immediate relatives were present at the ceremony.
Mr. and Mrs. Steele will make their

home in Kansas City, where Mr. Steele is in business.

Saturday morning the young women employees of the First National bank gave a shower for Mrs. Steele, Saturday afternoon Mrs. W. E. Dougherty entertained at an informal afternoon and Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton gave an evening party.

For Mr. and Mrs. Vanderlip.

Omaha will have as guests two very prominent people Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Vanderlip of New York will be in the city. Mr. Vanderlip is touring the country in the interest of the war savings stamp movement. Mrs. Vanderlip, who is a Red Cross worker of national fame, also headed the women's committee of New York during the Liberty bond campaign. Two dinner parties will be given Friday evening in honor of the distinguished guests. Mrs. Ward Burgess will entertain at her home in honor of Mrs. Vanderlip, while the men will entertain for Mr. Vanderlip elsewhere. War questions will no doubt be discussed at the affair given by the men, and it is very certain that the talk about the cozy dinner table at the Burgess home will also be on war topics, for the guests will all be women who are giving the greater part of their time to war relief work.
A tea is planned for Mrs. Vanderlip Friday afternoon at the Fontenelle by the members of the woman's Liberty bond committee.

Concert for Red Cross.

The boys' and girls' glee clubs and the orchestra of the Central High school will give a concert Friday night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium for the benefit of the Red Cross. The concert will have a decidedly military air, which will appear principally in the costumes of the ushers. They will wear cadet uniforms and Red Cross dresses. The singing of the Star Spangled Banner will open the program, which will close with a grand finale of patriotic airs.
Mr. Carol Silbert of New York, will be the principal soloist. Mr. Silbert is spending the Christmas holidays in Omaha.

Vassar club members will have luncheon together at the University club next Tuesday, after spending the morning making oakum pads at the war relief rooms, under the direction of Miss Margaret Bruce.

TWO WOMEN AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—Belated credit was given today to two young women for their conduct following the explosion. When the explosion came the naval hospital had only two nurses on duty, Sister Alice Boutin and her assistant. Although the roof crashed in and the building was damaged, not a patient was lost. In addition to attending these patients, many injured from outside were brought in. With a fractured rib and a dislocated shoulder, Sister Boutin remained on duty until late in the evening, when she became exhausted.
Miss Jean Groves, operator at the private branch telephone exchange at the dock yards, remained at her post and sent out calls for doctors, fire department and other aid until ordered out of the building, which was badly damaged. Within an hour she was at another exchange reporting for duty.

Red Cross Funds in the War.

When the war fund drive was conducted, last June, the American people subscribed a little over \$100,000,000 for the purposes of the Red Cross. It was an act absolutely without precedent. The world had looked upon the United States as great, powerful nation, but as inclined to be mercenary and selfish. Our stupendous Liberty loans, plans for great armies and navies, and great munition outputs, merely confirmed the view the outside world had had of the greatness and power of America. But that we should subscribe a fund of \$100,000,000 at the very outset of the war for the relief of humanity, gave the world an entirely new vision of the essential meaning of American life and character.
Up to date approximately \$85,000,000 in cash has been collected. Of this amount a little over \$40,000,000 has been appropriated. The demands, however, in Europe are increasing with great rapidity. And the \$100,000,000 fund cannot last on the present basis of expenditure much beyond the spring.
The American Red Cross is the greatest humanitarian agency in the history of the world. The war council, appointed by President Wilson, and headed by Henry P. Davison, is conducting the affairs of this great organization on the theory that it should contribute to these great aims. First, to be ready to care for our soldiers and sailors whenever and wherever that care may be needed. Second, to the shortening of the war by relieving the suffering and bolstering up the courage and morale of the civilian populations as well as the armies of our allies.
Third, through carrying a message of relief and mercy, as an expression of the sacrifice and sympathy of the American people, to let our allies know that this is not a mere money-making nation, but a great money-making nation—and thus, through promoting a better understanding between ourselves and all the allied nations, lay foundation for an enduring peace after the war.—From "How Red Cross Money Is Handled and Spent" by Ivy Lee, in the American Review of Reviews for December, 1917.

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PERSONALS

Miss Madeline Cohn will visit her parents, Rabbi and Mrs. Frederick Cohn, during the Christmas holidays. She will arrive Friday, December 21, from the University of Chicago.

Duplication of Efforts in Raising Y. M. and Y. W. Funds Subject of Comment

Duplication of efforts in raising the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian association war funds is the subject of comment among local club and church women as well as workers in the campaign, and local business men who are solicited for funds. The Young Men's Christian association fund was oversubscribed. The Young Women's Christian association joint hostess house and annual budget campaign for funds is on this week.

Merger Young Men's and Young Women's Christian association campaigns were carried on with splendid results in Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Denver, Minneapolis and Des Moines.

Miss Etta Pickering, local Young Women's Christian association secretary, explains that the merger campaigns were launched in the cities which held their drives last of all. Early in the campaign national leaders did not deem it wise to combine the two drives for funds. Omaha came in the early group.

More than \$2,500,000 of the \$4,000,000 fund desired has been raised. The Omaha campaign is for \$25,000 for the hostess house fund and \$10,000 for the annual budget.

Nebraska Women to Talk On Suffrage Amendment

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Norris, and Representatives Kinkaid, Sloan and Lobeck, with Representative Shallenberger represented by Mrs. Shallenberger, met this morning in the office of Senator Norris to hear a number of Nebraska women who are in Washington attending the suffrage convention present their views on behalf of constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women.

The ladies in the Nebraska delegation were: Mrs. W. E. Barkley of Lincoln; Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Mrs. Sumney of Omaha, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Charles H. Dietrich of Hastings. All presented their views. Mrs. Shallenberger was outspoken in her opposition to picketing. It is understood that representatives in congress present at the hearing declared themselves in favor of the amendment with the exception of Mr. Lobeck, who was noncommittal.

Ancient Thessalonica.

Salonica, in the days when St. Paul addressed his Epistles to the Thessalonians, was not modern, for it was built about 315 B. C. on the site of an older city called Therme, and it was named by its founder after his wife, a sister of Alexander the Great. It has always been a place of importance, as it is the chief harbor of Macedonia, and was a point on the ancient highway from Rome to the east. With a few new buildings, like the old mosque, which has been in turn a temple of Venus and a Christian church, it has always been a collection of houses largely of wood and, therefore, highly inflammable in the extreme continuous heat of summer.

Frosted Rice Pudding.

4 pounds or 8 cups rice 2 1/2 quarts sugar.
rice 1/2 cup salt.
8 quarts boiling water 8 lemons.
8 quarts scalded milk 1 cup lemon juice.
16 egg yolks 1/2 cup powdered sugar.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
Add rice to boiling water and cook in double boiler until rice is soft and water is absorbed. Add scalded milk; mix egg yolks with sugar and 1/2 cup salt, add to the hot mixture, and stir until slightly thickened. Remove from fire, add grated rind of lemons and 1/2 cup lemon juice. Pour into large pans or baking dishes and cover with a meringue. Beat whites of eggs until very light, add powdered sugar gradually, beating constantly, then add 1/2 cup lemon juice and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Spread over the pudding and put in a slow oven until delicately browned.
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