



TORONTO CONSERVATIVE LADIES' GARDEN PARTY.

The delightful event at which an episode was the presentation of a tea service to Mrs. Arthur VanKoughnet, president of the ladies' branch of the Centre and South Toronto Conservative Club. The function took place at the residence of Hon. W. H. and Mrs. Hearst, Glen Road. Lady Willison was among the guests.

Proud and simple—all love country, all bleed when the shot pierces, all shrink at thought of strange Walhalla. Therefore, women forget the gulf which is left unbridged by social distinctions, and thanks to the apparition of Mars, are shaken into a sense of sudden kinship.

A Ship of Grace

A HOSPITAL ship is to be the gift of the women of Canada to Britain as a result of the initiative of the National Executive of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, at headquarters, Toronto.

An appeal was made to Canada's women to contribute \$100,000 by August 13th, the same being the sum required to buy and equip the "ship of grace," which is to be given to the Canadian Government and, through it, transferred to the British Admiralty.

Publicity was given to the undertaking through the numbers of press women present at the meeting, which was called by the president, Mrs. A. E. Gooderham, and also by dispatches sent out promptly to the secretaries of all the other nationally-organized bodies of Canadian women. These include such powerful societies as the National Council of Women, the W. C. T. U., the Women's Institutes, et cetera, and the appeal will be spread by means of emergency meetings.

In the event of a speedy termination of the war, it was decided that all moneys collected should be given over to military or naval hospital purposes.

Societies represented at the meeting included the National Council of Women, the Women's Liberal Association, Graduate Nurses of the Toronto General Hospital, the St. John's Ambulance, the Women's Society of Old St. Andrew's, Rosary Hall, United Empire Loyalist Association, the Association of Women Teachers, Women's Canadian Club, University Women's Club, Alumnae of Grace Hospital, and many others.

The president of the Central Council, which is carrying out details, is Mrs. Gooderham, with Miss Pummer, secretary, and Mrs. John Bruce, treasurer. Responses are pouring in to these ladies at the I. O. D. E. headquarters, corner of Bloor and Sherbourne Streets, Toronto. A general letter from the president to the members of the Order is published as follows:

To the I. O. D. E.:
I would remind every member of the privilege and obligation enjoined upon them at this time of Imperial

crisis. The call has come to us to do our duty as urgently as to the soldiers and sailors of the Empire. The Daughters of the Empire ask the co-operation of the women of Canada to give this tangible expression of their sentiment in the service of King and Country in providing a Hospital Ship to be placed at the disposal of the British Admiralty.

MARY R. GOODERHAM.

A meeting was held on Monday evening last at the home of Mrs. Gooderham, Deancroft, Toronto. It was announced that money, from the sum

ters of credit on the Bank of Montreal.

The marriage of Miss Lucy Bigelow Dodge, daughter of Hon. Mrs. Lionel Griest, to Mr. Walter T. Rosen, of New York, was celebrated in Montreal at St. George's Church, St. Anne de Bellevue, on August 11th. Miss Marguerite Shaughnessy and Miss Geraldine Paterson were bridesmaids.

Officers of the National Council of Women are discussing the possible effect of the war upon the work of the International Council. The secretary resides in Berlin, and between her and the Countess of Aberdeen, the president, is a sea of lusty warships.

The United States has been thrown into mourning by the death, after a some months' illness, of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, at the White House. "The First Lady of the Land" was beloved. She was born in Georgia and was the first southerner in sixty years to preside as the mistress of the White House. In addition to being a gracious hostess, the late Mrs. Wilson was also a clever artist.

The idea of a hospital ship as the gift of Canada's women to the Empire originated with Miss Mollie Plummer, of Toronto, who is acting as secretary of the fund committee.

Mrs. Colin Campbell, of Winnipeg, who is president of the Provincial Chapter I. O. D. E., of Manitoba, had had experience in collecting for the Red Cross in a former war-time, and suggested that in raising the hospital ship fund, cities be divided off into districts, the divisions being assigned to different societies who could subdivide them again for house-to-house calls.

At the first note of the Imperial bugle some seventy nurses in Montreal, members of the Victorian Order, volunteered for field work.

A letter received by Lady Gibson, at Government House, Toronto, expressed the pleasure of the Duchess of Connaught in the proposed undertaking of Canada's women to give a hospital ship for the war as follows:

"I am delighted to hear of the splendid proposal made by women of Canada to equip a hospital ship. I shall be only too glad to associate myself with it and give every support to the movement. Please keep me informed."

"(Signed) LOUISE MARGARET."



MADAME THAMAR KARSAVINA

The so-called "Queen of Russian dancers," whose unique performances at Drury Lane have captivated the fancy of critical London.

of a one cent piece to cheques for five hundred dollars, was rapidly coming in, and that negotiations were under way to secure a 4,000-ton ship.

News in Brief

MISS PERCY HASWELL, the well-known actress, gave a special matinee in Toronto this week in aid of the Canadian Women's Hospital Ship Fund. "Jane Eyre" was the play on that occasion.

Sir Lomer and Lady Gouin are in Europe, and it is reported that, having arrived in London, Quebec's Premier came to the assistance of a considerable number of French-Canadians stranded there with uncashable let-

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