# RUSH TO MARRY STILL UNABATED

## Patriotic Women Denounce Men Who Shirk U. S. Military Service.

## "CHOCOLATE SOLDIERS"

## Suffragists Make Scathing Remarks, But Cupid Continues to Recruit.

Special to The Toronto World.

New York, April 10.—While hundreds of men here and elsewhere thruout the country still stormed marriage license bureaus to avoid conscription, patriotic women rose up in wrath today and planned steps to make them fight.

A New York group of suffragists, acting indepently of any organization, sent delegates to license bureaus to urge girls not to marry men of military age.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association; Miss Lucille Pugh, well known New York lawyer, and other prominent women, condemned the men for side-stepping service.

City Clerk Scully harangued the sheepish young couples blocking his office, while he issued licenses to them. But Scully's caustic remarks and the attacks of the women and recruiting officers did not prevent this being the second biggest day in the marriage license history of Manhattan.

**Chocolate Cream Soldiers.**

Four hundred and twenty licenses were issued in New York, 206 of them to men under 25; 116 to men between 26 and 30, and 98 to men over 30. One hundred and twenty-three of the licensees insisted on being married before they left the office.

"A fine state of affairs," said Miss Pugh. "I wish to heaven I had the right to shoulder a gun and go to the front and fight. What do I want to stay home and grow beans and peppers for? I want to get to the trenches and raise something hotter.

"But I don't think Uncle Sam will lose much in the brand of young cattle getting married to avoid conscription. They are the chocolate cream soldiers of the nation.

"Any man who would run from a recruiting officer and hide behind a petticoat is made of such rich stuff he wouldn't be much use at the front, anyhow.

**Can't Trick Uncle Sam.**

"And if Uncle Sam wants them anyhow, he'll get 'em. It has been held by an eminent Brooklyn jurist that a marriage contracted solely in the spirit of a lark may be annulled. This decision I think would be to annul a marriage contracted solely to avoid conscription.

"It is an unpatriotic and contemptible thing for them to do, to say the least."

Mrs. Catt's comment was less bombastic, but more caustic. She harpooned the dodgers with these razor-edged remarks: "I do not like to criticize a man for declining to accept a responsibility which I, myself, am not called upon to accept in the same form, but I cannot conceive of myself taking such a position for such a reason, if I were a young man.

"It certainly shows a striking contrast between the young man voter and the voteless suffragists of England, France, Russia and of America, whose eagerness to serve their respective countries has become historic."

## PUPILS' HEALTH GOOD.

### Monthly Report Submitted by Medical Officer of Board.

The report of the medical officer of the board of education for the month of March shows that the number of children examined in classrooms was 29,263, and the number of inspections 5839. The total number of defects found was 2263, and those with disease 756. Four hundred and seventy-nine were excluded for contagious diseases, and the number of suspects was 49. The number of children who received complete dental treatment was 927, and 283 additional children relieved of toothache only. Nearly 8000 operations were performed and 727 extractions were made at Orde street clinic. The eye clinic ordered 79 pairs of glasses. At the ear, nose and throat clinic 204 cases were dealt with, and 101 operations performed. At the chest clinic 136 cases were attended to, including 42 new cases.

## URGES WOMEN TO MAKE GOOD USE OF FRANCHISE

### Archbishop McNeil Addresses Members of Loretto Abbey Alumnae.

His Grace Archbishop McNeil gave an address on citizenship to the members of Loretto Abbey Alumnae yesterday afternoon. The speaker reminded his audience that the right of voting had been conferred upon them by the Legislature of Ontario, and that this right carried with it the duty of making use of the vote.

In voting, said his grace, the thing to consider is the welfare of the country. This should be paramount. The vote is not a marketable article: it should neither be bought nor sold. He did not think that women would be influenced by either the idea of securing money, office or contract. The thing that might influence them most would, in the opinion of the speaker, be personal feeling. A woman might not like the personality of a candidate or some old traditional grudge might crop up. These were things that should not be considered. The thing that should count was not party, while it might sometimes be well to belong to a party, but the character of the man and the measures brought forward.

The archbishop urged the members of the alumnae to study politics and the questions of the day, so that they might use their vote intelligently.

## PRESENT FOR SOLDIERS.

Mrs. Murray Alexander and the women of the 35th Battalion, had a splendid surprise for the members of the 109th Regiment's Overseas Company this week when they presented them with fifty pairs of socks. The women of the 35th are taking a big interest in the 109th draft.

# Society—Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips

Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire will visit Windsor on May 22 and 23.

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, attended by Col. the Hon. Harold Henderson and Captain Ridley, A.D.C., was present on Monday afternoon at the opening of the Good Roads Congress in Ottawa.

The Household Exhibition at the Arena yesterday was extremely well patronized, all the exhibits being most attractive and interesting, and, as for Mrs. Walker's gallery, it is perfectly delightful. Even on the first night the dancing went with a swing. The afternoon tea room was crowded all afternoon, and high tea was served for two hours, and altogether the result, after the labor of getting ready, was most gratifying. The Samaritan Club had a long table in the gallery filled with beautiful home-made cakes and sweets, which met with a ready sale. The hostesses of the tea room today will be Mrs. George Ross, wife of Lt.-Col. Geo. Ross, I.S.O., and Mrs. O. B. Sheppard, and the proceeds will be for the Base Hospital.

Col. Langton, inspector-general, spent the week-end in town.

General Carleton Jones has arrived in Halifax, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Morrow.

Mr. Robert Laurier has arrived in town from Ottawa.

Col. George Ham and his grand-daughter, Miss Helen Burley, Vancouver, B.C., have been spending a few days in Ottawa, the guests of Col. and Mrs. E. J. Chambers.

Hon. Dr. Pyne and Mrs. Pyne have returned to town after spending the Easter vacation at their country house at Grimsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Crowell are in town from Halifax.

Mrs. Thomas Gibson, Ottawa, is visiting Mrs. J. B. Tyrrell.

Col. Panet has arrived in Quebec and will spend a week with his parents.

Mr. William Clemow is in Ottawa with his mother, Mrs. W. R. Northrup.

Mrs. Benson, wife of General Benson, Halifax, N. S., entertained at luncheon in honor of Administrator Murray and Mrs. Murray, St. Lucia, B. W. I. The guests included His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Hector MacInnes.

Mrs. Wallace Helliwell has left for her home in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watson were in town from Hamilton for Easter, the guests of Mrs. Watson's mother, Mrs. Gillespie.

Mrs. Rowe, Hamilton, is staying with Mrs. Hugh Blain.

Sir William Peterson, principal of McGill University, Montreal, has been elected a member of the Athenaeum Club, London.

Mr. R. H. W. Bromley, C. E. F., is expected home today on leave of absence.

Mrs. J. B. Elliott and Miss Mabel Elliott are in town from Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clemes are leaving town today en route to New York and Atlantic City.

Col. Roger and Col. Stewart, Ottawa, are at the King Edward.

Mrs. Thomas Taylor of Luty avenue, Kew Beach, has returned from California where she has been spending the winter.

Mr. F. A. Hay, M.L.A., Listowel, is at the King Edward.

## CAFETERIA OPENED IN LESLIEVILLE CHURCH

### Restaurant for Women Munition Workers Will Prove Big Success.

The new G. F. S. cafeteria for munition workers, opened at Leslieville Presbyterian church, Carlaw avenue yesterday, shows every promise of being a big success. Six large tables, capable of accommodating from 30 to 50 girls, were arranged in the basement of the school house, with shining, white covers, and decorated with attractive spring flowers. Hot soup, tea, coffee and milk are served, in addition to sandwiches and all kinds of pastries, cakes, pies, etc. Piles of these good things were set out upon the long counter, and the usual canteen prices prevail. A comfortable rest room is one of the best features in connection with this cafeteria. Provided with several couches, chairs and cosy cushions, it is a quiet corner, where tired workers may lounge for a while before returning to the factory.

The cafeteria is open to all girls, whether working in munition or other factories. Over 70 were present at the opening yesterday.

The following women are assisting: Miss Nordheimer, in running the cafeteria; Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Elton, Mrs. Deverall, Mrs. Horrocks, Miss Widder, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Eden Smith, Miss Campbell, and Mrs. Minuet.

## Auxiliary Does Fine Work On Behalf of Men Overseas

The women's auxiliary of Central Y.M.C.A. held its usual monthly meeting yesterday afternoon in the auditorium, College street. The treasurer's report for March showed a total collection of $446.66. Sixteen new members joined during the past month.

A letter was read from the colonel in command of the 19th Regiment expressing grateful thanks for a supply of sox. The working committee's report showed the following garments made and sent to the front during March: 756 gauze garments, 12 shirts, 12 pyjama suits, 303 pairs of sox. The sum of $285 was reported by the purchasing committee to have been expended in beds, tables, chairs, pillows and other furnishings for the Triangle Club. It was announced that this club will be opened on Saturday, and members of the general public are invited to make a tour of inspection. At the close of the meeting Mr. Hopkins of Central Y.M.C.A. gave an address upon the work of the association, illustrated with lantern slides.

## MORE WORKERS NEEDED.

### University Hospital Association is Doing a Great Deal for Soldiers.

The sum of $2069.31 has been received by the University Hospital Supply Association since March 3. Of the above amount $1125.96 was a gift from the students' administrative council. During February and March 114 cases and 16 bales were packed. These contained sheets, pillow cases, socks, shirts, dressing gowns, etc. The need for supplies is so urgent that workers are more and more needed and will be welcomed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the university library.

## WOMEN AND MUNITIONS.

At the meeting of the Women's Press Club yesterday afternoon, Mrs Snider, the vice-president, gave a very interesting account of her experiences in a munition factory, when the celerity and general efficiency of the women workers were dwelt upon and many instances related that gave just the proper heart touch and taste of humor to the narrative.

## KILLED BY FALL FROM CAR.

Mrs. McMordi, 50 years of age, of 420 Gladstone avenue, died while being admitted into the general hospital last night, the result of a fractured skull, sustained when she slipped and fell from a King car, at the corner of Jones avenue and Queen street. It has not yet been decided whether an inquest will be held.

## CUTTERS TO ASK MORE.

A private meeting of the Cutters' Union was held last evening in the Labor Temple, when a committee was elected to prepare a new wage schedule to be submitted to the employers for the coming season. The new schedule will be submitted to the union for approval at a special meeting to be called at an early date.


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# PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

## "MOTHER CAREY'S CHICKENS."

"Mother Carey's Chickens," Kate Douglas Wiggin's popular novel, which has been put into play form by the author and Rachel Crothers, and which will be the attraction at the Alexandra next week, was written in the author's famous colonial home, "Quillcote," at Hollis. The writing room of Mrs. Wiggin is as beautiful as anything she could recall from the past. It is a white room, full of brightness and fresh air. Matinees will be Wednesday and Saturday. Plan opens Thursday.

## THURSTON, THE MAGICIAN.

Thurston, the magician, will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House next week. Few people know of the extent of his tours. Three times has he encircled the globe. There are few crowned heads of Europe before whom he has not appeared, and in the far east those rulers over millions with their odd and unpronounceable titles have also been astounded by his mystifying performance.

## "A LITTLE BIT OF FLUFF."

The attraction at the Grand Opera House for the week of April 23 will be the brilliant comedian Albert Brown in the celebrated London success, "A Little Bit of Fluff."

## AT THE REGENT.

"The Weakness of Man," the feature at the Regent today, is one of the most interesting of the "Brady-made" films. "The Secret Kingdom" grows steadily more exciting. Some thrilling adventures on an island, where the castaways are hunted by savages, are depicted in this week's instalment. As an extra attraction Mr. Bruce Metcalfe, the gifted Canadian pianist, is appearing twice daily.

## "BURLESQUE REVIEW."

The "Burlesque Review," offering a burlesque of the very latest Broadway successes, will start a week's engagement at the Gayety Theatre with the matinee Monday. There are many interesting scenes thruout the twelve scenes of the show. Harry K. Morton is featured in the show. He is surrounded by many favorites, Danny Murphy, Zella Russell, Flossie Everette, Julia de Kelety, Harry O'Neal, Al. Dean and a good chorus.

## GOOD BILL AT STRAND.

The strong photodrama, "His Brother's Wife," with Carlyle Blackwell and Ethel Clayton, which is forming the headliner at the Strand Theatre for the first half of this week, is proving a strong drawing card. Photography, acting and settings are all of the best, while the plot is one of absorbing interest.

## MADISON.

"Castles For Two," which is headlining the bill at the Madison Theatre for the first half of this week, is a delightfully clever and charming comedy-drama. As a vehicle for Marie Doro, she has seldom if ever had one which showed her to greater advantage. Good houses have been the rule so far this week.

## EMPIRE TOURS.

Do you know the empire as you should? It is surprising how very few people have even a rudimentary knowledge of those great distant lands which are such an important part of this empire of ours. In presenting his Empire Tours, which open at Massey Hall tomorrow night with a tour thru "Old England, its Cathedrals, Castles and Byways," Julian B. Arnold has made it a point not only to give his followers a comprehensive idea of the greatness of the empire but also to give some good political information.

## BELGIUM FROM WITHIN.

Two speakers with many interesting facts to narrate are to give addresses in Convocation Hall on Friday, April 13th, at 8.15 p.m. These are Mr. Edgar Rickard, assistant director of the commission for relief in Belgium, who has been working directly under Mr. Herbert Hoover, whose fame as an organizer is world-wide. The second speaker is Mrs. C. Kellogg, the only woman on the commission, who since her return from Belgium has delivered many lectures in the United States with splendid results.

## RED CROSS SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Brig.-Gen. James Mason, hon. treasurer of the Canadian Red Cross Society, reports that since the last public acknowledgment contributions to the fund of the society have been received amounting to $127,574.65.

## Announcements

Notices of any character relating to future events, the purpose of which is the raising of money, are inserted in the advertising columns at fifteen cents a line.

Announcements for churches, societies, clubs or other organizations of future events, where the purpose is not the raising of money, may be inserted in this column at two cents a word, with a minimum of fifty cents for each insertion.

THE SAMARITAN CLUB sale of home-made cooking, household exhibition, Arena, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, afternoon and evening.

BELGIUM FROM WITHIN.—Open Meeting under the auspices of Belgian Relief Committee, T. W. P. L., Convocation Hall, Friday, April 13th, 8.15 p.m. Addresses by Edgar Rickard, assistant director international commission for relief in Belgium, and Mrs. C. Kellogg, recently returned from work in Belgium


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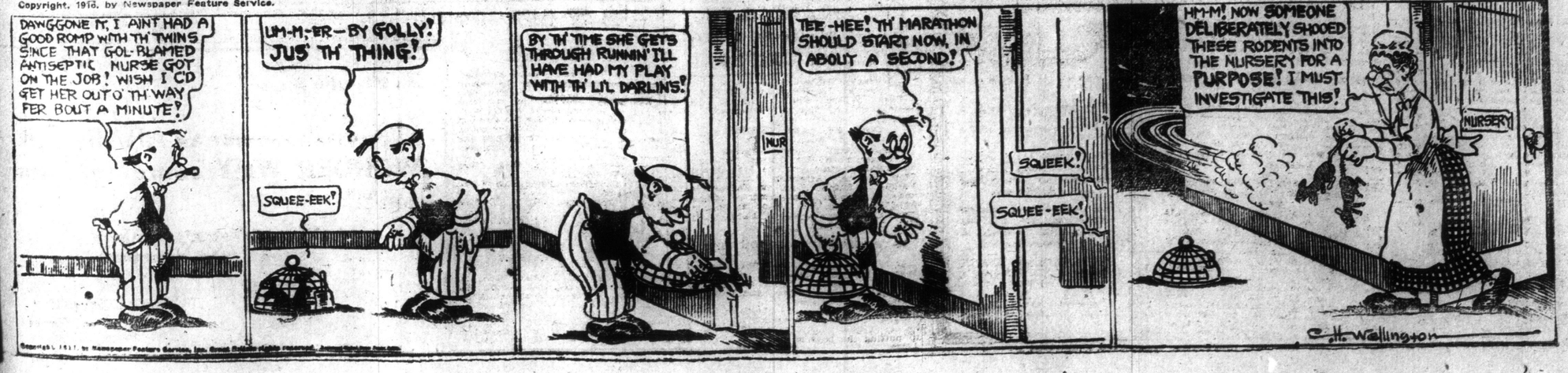
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