

EXCESS FARES HELP SWELL SMOKE FUND

Lake Shore Express Passengers Contribute \$28.93 Worth of Joy to Soldiers.

TWO BIG SHOWS COMING

Waldorf Ice Pageant and Healy's Souvenir Night Will Draw Crowds.

A Lake Shore express from Chicago, due early in the morning, pulled into Grand Central Station yesterday three hours late. Half an hour out of the conductor went through the train distributing vouchers calling for the refund of excess fares. One of these was given to Mrs. Dore Farrell, buyer for a Toledo department store, who was on the way to the big city to purchase a spring stock of feminine finery.

"We have a very interesting and very much, certainly not as much as the soldiers boys are suffering," mused Miss Farrell as she studied her \$2 voucher. "Wonder if I can't spend this in some way that will help them."

"Of course you can, and so can every body else on this train," exclaimed Major Brown, an army officer who overheard her. "Why not give it to THE SUN Tobacco Fund?"

"Come with me and I'll see what I can do," said the young woman. Whereupon Miss Farrell and Major Brown went through the train and the former invited every passenger who had paid excess fare to relinquish his right to the money that the soldiers might have more smokes.

"They didn't all respond, but I collected \$28.93 and here it is," said Miss Farrell, laying the money on the fund cashier's desk last night. She had cashed the vouchers at the station. "There's a bright side to these train delays, due to storms and war congestion, after all. They give the women more time for their Christmas shopping, a special opportunity to contribute to the fund."

Miss Farrell's contribution was recorded too late to be included in the list appended to this article. It will appear in tomorrow's list of contributions.

Soldiers Show Gratitude.

What the soldiers think of Miss Farrell and other patriots like her is shown by this letter, received by the fund yesterday from Major Joseph M. Baker, commanding a base hospital in France. "I wish to take this occasion to express to you the gratitude of the enlisted men of this base hospital for your very generous gift of fourteen boxes of assorted smoking tobacco, which were received so promptly from America. The men deeply appreciate this most generous donation."

And in another letter a private speaks for himself. "If," says Donald I. Guelius, writing somewhere in France, "there's anything that makes me feel like it's to be working like sixty here at the front and not to be able to get no, not extra, nor books, nor anything of that sort, but tobacco. "Good American tobacco! Magical words, those; and when a fellow gets a box from home his candy is enjoyed so, but his cigars, cigarettes or just tobacco have to be kept under his pillow, even though he is among a bunch of fellows who once were honest!"

"All this is intended to let you know how much we feel and appreciate the gift of tobacco from THE SUN received the other day, and which was contributed by you and other patriots."

Two Fine Entertainments.

Now, last night was one in which a good many real patriots did their bit and incidentally found much enjoyment for themselves. Elsewhere on this page will be found the reports of two splendid entertainments from which the fund derived benefit. It is a fact highly gratifying to every person interested in the movement that no sooner is one attraction out of the way than another, also designed to help the cause, presents itself.

A novelty in the way of amusements has been devised by the management of the Waldorf. It is a historical pageant in which scenes from American history, made familiar by numerous paintings and having interesting settings for a background, are to be utilized in professional form or as tableaux. The entertainment will be held on the nights of January 3 and 4 in the auditorium of the Waldorf, which is completely and comfortably fitted for skating and kindred amusements.

KEEP WAR BONDS AT PAR.

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Overcome by Motor Fumes.

John Leonard was almost overcome by fumes from his automobile yesterday morning in the garage at the rear of his home, 246 Berkeley avenue, Orange, N. J. Mr. Leonard felt himself becoming ill and managed to open a window. He was seen by a servant, who summoned aid. Mr. Leonard was taken to the Orange Memorial Hospital, and afterward was able to go home.

Many Gifted Entertainers.

Headquarters Company is happy in the possession of many gifted entertainers. The Camp Union Four will sing several numbers, including Private Bath's "The Moon is Shining Somewhere in France" and David Hochstein, the violinist, who also is a soldier, will play. Among the other numbers on the pro-

gramma will be contributions by Broadway stars. Though the event is yet nearly two weeks in the future interest in the Acorn Club's ball, to be held at the Hotel Plaza the night of December 29, already is high. Prof. Bender will direct the dances, and Mitchell Friend, former Assemblyman, is a member of the arrangements committee.

Just six days remain in which to make Christmas purchases of Lou Freedman, the haberdasher at 1608 Broadway, near Forty-ninth street. On every day of this week and Monday of the next Mr. Freedman will give a percentage of his gross receipts to the fund. It is a store of the highest class, with a carefully selected stock of men's finery and a large supply of soldiers' needs. Late shoppers will be glad to know that the store is open at 10 o'clock.

Another collection from the fund contribution boxes in some of the United Cigar Stores yielded \$1,199.50, bringing that company's total to \$25,134.17. This collection did not include the contributions made on last Friday and Saturday, which as double certificate days doubtless will prove to have been great fund boosters.

There are two things which every tobacco buyer should bear in mind. First, all the United and Schulte stores give coupons or certificates with all purchases, without a penny extra charge. Second, these coupons and certificates deposited in the fund's boxes are given to the smokers for the soldiers' boys in France. Enough has been added to convince patriots that these are the stores in which to make Christmas tobacco purchases.

Harry Carroll, the composer and singer, sent in yesterday a check for \$122, which he collected last week at the Riverside Theatre, where he sang "The Old Tobacco Box." Encouraged by these returns he has determined to take further collections at the Alhambra, where he appears next week.

With his contribution S. R. Shaller of Ixorton, Conn., wrote: "I know of no war fund more worthy than the one for the soldiers' boys in the trenches with something that is a sure cure for blues or homesickness, and as I am something of a smoker myself, and whenever I speak, I cheerfully subscribe my dollar."

Helen L. Massenet sent a \$25 check from Belvidere, N. J., and with it the words, "Glad to send cheer to our boys somewhere in France."

This message came on the note paper of the Mattano Club, Elizabeth, N. J.: "Good old Stux; keep it up. I'm with you. Cheers! I'll send you a dollar. Yours for the smoke fund. Yours for Uncle Sam's Sammys."

"JOHN C. WITMER." From the Otis Elevator Club of the Otis Elevator Company came a check for \$30 and the Atlas Social Club of Harlem sent \$20, which was a quarter of the receipts of its dance December 9.

How the Fund Stands.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN, United Cigar Stores, New contributions, Grand total, etc.

NO TOBACCO SLACKERS.

Hale Hamilton Stirr Applause for "Sun" Fund in Theatre. "What's your husband doing for this Sun Tobacco Fund?" Hale Hamilton as John Widgast asked one of the women characters during the performance at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre last night. The answer is believed to have been to the effect that there was no slacker in that family, but some of the words were drowned by the applause.

Everybody in the audience as well as everybody on the stage was doing something to increase the soldiers' tobacco supply, for the managers, Sanger & Jordan, had offered to give the fund a percentage of the receipts. The idea had come from the dressing rooms, and Hamilton, Jane Cooper, Charlotte Ives, in fact all the performers in the company which is presenting "What's Your Husband Doing?" were at their best.

This farce of George V. Hobart's is always funny and with the few special lines, appropriate to the occasion which were interjected last night, it was better than ever. The audience was not slow to demonstrate its entire approval of both the entertainers and the fund.

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WALDORF CONCERT AIDS SMOKE FUND

Rubinstein Club Gives Patriotic Flavor to Christmas Programme.

THREE SOLOISTS HEARD

May Peterson, Clara Clemens and Rudolph Ganz in Songs and Piano Numbers.

Made notable both by the superlative character of the entertainment and the brilliance of the audience, the Christmas concert for THE SUN Tobacco Fund given last night in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria proved a notable event. It had been arranged by William Rogers Chapman, director of the Rubinstein Club, in connection with the choral members of that organization. Every number was delightfully rendered.

The solo artists who generously contributed their services were Miss May Peterson, coloratura soprano from a Metropolitan Opera, Mme. Clara Clemens, mezzo soprano, and Rudolph Ganz, pianist. At the piano for Mme. Clemens was Walter Goite and for Miss Peterson, Charles Albert Baker. For the Rubinstein Miss Alice M. Shaw was at the piano and Louis R. Dresser at the organ.

Miss Clemens sang first a group of Russian songs, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Glinka and Tchaikovsky being the composers represented. In her second group of songs she gave Bizet's "Chant d'Avril," Debussy's "Les Etapes" and Mousouragky's "Hopak." Miss Peterson's selections were the aria "Caro Nome" from Verdi's "Rigoletto" and four songs in French, compositions of Koehlin, Debussy, Ethene Daton and Fourdrain. The Debussy selection seemed particularly appropriate for the occasion. It was translated, "Christmas for the children who have no homes."

Mr. Ganz played in the first part a group of Chopin, including two Polish songs transcribed by Liszt, and in the second part the "Berceuse Heroique" which Debussy wrote in homage to King Albert and his soldiers of Belgium. The other composers the pianist drew on were Ravel, Sibelius and Godard.

A distinctly patriotic flavor prevailed in the contributions by the Rubinstein Choral. This famous band of women singers opened the programme with "America" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and closed it with "The Star Spangled Banner." It sang also Sullivan's "Lost Chord" and a group of songs by Josephine Sherwood.

Among the patrons and ticket purchasers were Dr. and Mrs. Louis Livingston Seaman, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Loree, Mrs. Katherine S. Dreier, Mr. and Mrs. George Preston Hotelling, Mrs. G. V. Converse, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harris, Mrs. Frederick Peterson, Mrs. William Grant Brown, Mrs. Lyman J. Gage, Mrs. Samuel Entenmyer, Mrs. Willy Meyer, Mrs. Francis M. L. Tonetti, Mrs. V. McGibbon, Miss Ethel Bowers, Mrs. Robert Richardson, Mrs. Otto Besser, Mrs. Mary Jordan Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Ford, Lewis I. Clark.

Others were Mr. and Mrs. William Theodore Harrington, Mrs. Lancaster Morgan, Mrs. Gilbert H. Montague, Mr. and Mrs. J. Holden Gere, Miss Harriet Payne, Mrs. James Stewart, Clapham, Mrs. Walter Gray Crump, Mr. and Mrs. George Thomson Colter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baldwin Waring, Mrs. John Dorn, Mrs. J. E. Burtch, Mrs. W. H. Van Tassel, Mrs. J. Reginald Crossley, Mrs. Henry Osborn Taylor, Mrs. Florence Foster Jenkins, Miss Isabelle E. Rutty, Mrs. Cuthbert du Four and Mrs. du Four, Mrs. Simon Ford, Mrs. Edw. Hendrick, Mrs. Henry Hasler, Miss Helen Rums MacQuinn, Mrs. William Cumming Storey, Mrs. Josephine de W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wiggin, Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon Battle, E. H. Gary, E. W. Lafrantz, John Squire, Mrs. H. J. Oppenheimer, Mrs. P. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. James McLean.

O'RYAN HINTS AT WINTER HERE

"Enough War Over There for Everybody," He Tells Them. Special Despatch to THE SUN. CAMP WADSWORTH, SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 17.—The impression among the men that the Twenty-seventh Division was soon to see service overseas on the return from France of Major-Gen. O'Ryan was dispelled today by the commander in an editorial in the official camp newspaper, The Wadsworth Gas Attack and Rio Grande Rattler. In it he says:

"This war is going to be won by disciplined fighting soldiers, not by devices and material things, and officers and men should not be impatient to go abroad. There is enough war over there for everybody, and a continuation of the training period here under the favorable climatic conditions of this section of the country will prove most valuable. I am glad to be back but I am ready to go again."

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ROOSEVELT ASSAILS WAR POLICY OF U. S.

Points to Things Undone Since This Country Entered the War.

PRESIDENT IS BLAMED

"T. R." Fears We Will "Be Brayed in the Mortar of Dreadful Calamity."

Special Despatch to THE SUN. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—The Kansas City Star will print the following tomorrow morning: BEING BRAYED IN A MORTAR.

President Wilson speaks in military matters through his Secretary of War. The sole importance of the Secretary of War's report comes from its being the official declaration of the President. I discuss it as such. According to the reports in the New York World the Secretary of War states "that he does not favor universal military training as a permanent policy." Mr. Wilson's Secretary therefore takes what is in effect the position of Mr. Bryan, which was picturesquely phrased as being that a million men can at need spring to arms over night.

The Administration's attitude is less picturesquely expressed, but is precisely as futile and as unspcakably mischievous from a standpoint of permanent national interest. Moreover, it is taken as the very thing which is the most serious effect of the Administration's policy of complete unpreparedness is being shown by the admissions of Gen. Crozier on the first day of the Congressional investigation.

To Preserve Disasterous Policy. Mr. Baker's report, Mr. Bryan's theory and the things already shown by the Congressional investigation dovetail into one another. They match in the relation of cause and effect. The Administration now officially and complacently announces that the policy which at this very moment has proved disastrous is to be preserved in the future, and therefore assumes complete responsibility for every blunder and delay, and for all the misadventure and annihilation that these blunders and delays and all this misconduct have taught us nothing, and that we are to amble onward in the same futile path until we have met our doom. The Administration officially declares that we shall persist in our own fold until we are brayed in the mortar of the dreadful calamity.

If the Administration frankly and manfully acknowledged its evil errors in the past and championed a policy which would prevent the repetition of these errors in the future I would think only of the future and not of the past, but now it is necessary to emphasize the past in order to avoid disaster in the future. We are in the eleventh month since Germany went to war with us. We have not yet built an airplane fit to match the speedy battle planes of our foes. We have not yet built a heavy bomber, or, on the contrary, we have had to draw on burdened friends to give us artillery.

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CURTAIN LUXURIES, VANDERLIP PLEADS

Great Work Is to Win the War, He Tells Texans.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 17.—The most that may be expected for a wartime economy campaign is curtailment of luxuries, not a complete abandonment, said Frank A. Vanderlip, national director of the war savings movement, in an address here to-day. Consequently, he said, business will not be disorganized by even a well developed thrift campaign.

"In the first place," said Mr. Vanderlip, "this campaign of economy is not going to be 100 per cent. efficient. There never was a crop approaching in value the crop that was produced this year, \$21,000,000,000, against \$9,000,000,000 the year the war broke out. Now farmers with all this wealth, workmen with all this added income, are not going to be universally economical. The experience of England was that there was not a dullness, but great activity in luxuries. The best we can do will only be to hold down this activity in luxuries."

"No one needs to be alarmed that we are going to suddenly disorganize all business. If each and all of us will do our best with our own affairs and do our best to carry the lesson to others we may open the workshops sufficiently for the Government to perform the tremendous duty that is ahead of it. The great work of the day is to win this war."

Sublime Identified Twice.

In the matter of identification the body of a man who shot and killed himself last Friday night in a taxicab while en route to St. Vincent's Hospital promises to make a new record. Sunday the body was identified as that of William Salerito, a cashier, of 154-156 West Fifth street. Yesterday Scipione R. Megio of 152 Fulton street, Long Island City, identified the body as that of his cousin, Guglielmo A. Riccio, a cashier, of 154-156 West Fifth street. Both agreed as to the address and the occupation of the deceased, but the police say that the new identification is correct.

Shanklin Going to France.

WILLIAM SHANKLIN, president of Wesleyan University, has accepted the invitation of the war work council of the International Y. M. C. A. to become one of the directors of the work with the allied armies in Europe. He will sail for France in a few days, accompanied by his daughter, Mary Arnold Shanklin, who will aid the Young Women's Christian Association in France.

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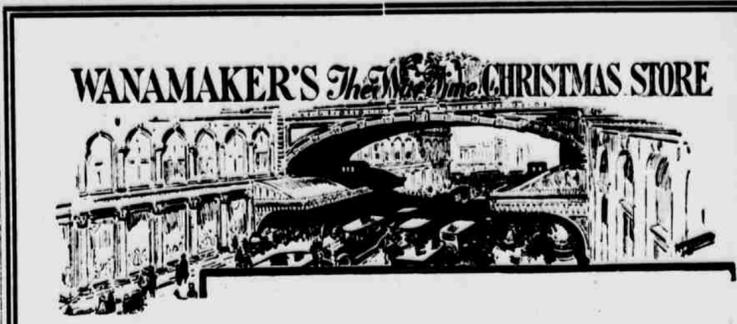
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We had not looked on Christmas in THAT light. Very softly, like falling snow, memories of Christmas-tide come back to us. It doesn't seem, in the glow of those memories, as tho' any year would be complete without Christmas. Why, as soon as the tree and the tinsel and the ornaments and the candles had been put away in the attic, WE BEGAN TO COUNT THE DAYS to the time when SANTA CLAUS should come again.

And how we lived over the joys and surprises of each Christmas-time! They were the most REAL moments and feelings of our lives. We would as soon have believed that the sun would cease to shine as that Santa Claus would EVER fail to appear on time.

NO CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Can anyone ever grow SO FAR AWAY from childhood as to be reconciled to a Christmas WITHOUT the expression of good-will—to go to bed on Christmas Eve WITHOUT putting up and dressing the tree—WITHOUT hanging the children's stockings—without kissing wakeful, watchful eyes to sleep with a "Sh! Santa Claus might hear you!"—to get up on Christmas morning WITHOUT giving dad, and mother, and brother, and sister a token of the love that had lain dormant, but deep, in the heart all through the year—WITHOUT a glad wonder as to how SOMEONE would feel and act when the postman arrived with a beautiful card, or a messenger knocked at the door and handed in a package tied with a fascinating green ribbon with red holly on it?

CHRISTMAS MORNING LIKE ANY OTHER MORNING!

OH! NO! IT COULD NOT BE!—and the world go on! The long, long year is too filled with thoughtlessness, (not always intentional) to let this ONE TIME consecrated through centuries to the thought of others, pass unobserved. IT COULD NOT. Something in the heart would hurt.

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