

15,000 NEW MEMBERS IN BIG RED CROSS DRIVE

Workers Expect to Reach Goal by Christmas Eve at Latest.

MUST RAISE PRESENT AVERAGE

1,000 Names Daily Is Not Sufficient to Attain Object—School Children of City Will Be Enlisted in the Campaign.

Fifteen thousand new members by Christmas Eve.

That is the ambition of the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross. Although the results of the first two days of the campaign were regarded last night by Campaign Director Boykin as encouraging, much remains to be done if the goal is reached. New memberships, the director said, are coming in at the rate of about 1,000 daily. This average, of course, will have to be raised considerably if 15,000 are enrolled before the end of the brief drive, Christmas Eve.

"Splendid service is being rendered by dozens of Red Cross workers," said Director Boykin, "but efforts to add to the local chapter's membership cannot be slowed down in any direction if we are to be successful. Everybody in Richmond should belong to the Red Cross. One to spread the word, one to Heart and a Dollar Are All You Need. There ought to be but only one answer to this appeal—an instant response from every person in this city who is not already enrolled."

ENLIST SCHOOL CHILDREN

Every school child in the city will become a publicity agent for the membership drive, if plans which were formulated yesterday are carried out successfully. The school children, after noon, in the administration building, all of the school-children in the city will be addressed by a member of the campaign speakers' bureau. The speaker will endeavor to impress upon the teachers the necessity of carrying the drive to an overwhelming success. Looking to the future, the teachers will be requested to address their pupils on the subject, emphasizing the need of joining the Red Cross without delay. The students, in turn, will be depended upon to spread the Red Cross message wherever they go between now and Christmas. It is expected that a surprisingly large amount of word-of-mouth advertising will be done in this way.

"Every piece of work turned out by the hands of Richmond women and the women throughout the country who belong to the Red Cross, whether it be dressings for the wounded, or warm garments for the soldiers in the trenches, makes other women's burdens easier to bear," Director Boykin said. "Hospital must be kept supplied in Europe, ambulances must be running, nurses must be kept at work, shelter and clothing must be found for the homeless, the sick and starving. Supplies must be found. Never again in this war must we allow a soldier's wounds to be stuffed with sawdust and plaster from the lack of sufficient supplies. That is why we want everybody in Richmond to enroll and help maintain this service."

TO SECURE MEMBERSHIPS

"Every time the Red Cross saves a starving baby in Belgium, or France, or Roumania during this war, it is helping to save a baby that helps to build up the world again after the war. And it is just as much of a tragedy for a baby to starve in France or Belgium as for a baby to starve at home in Richmond. I say to all Richmond-join the Red Cross today; don't delay. When memberships may be secured are now open. The booths are located as follows: Post-office, Cohen Company, Miller & Rhoads, Grant's drug store, F. H. Smith, Bank, Merchants' National Bank, Kerr & Schaeff's drug store, Nunnally's, Tragle's drug store and the Planters' Bank. The booths at the Post-office are in charge of the Ladies of Charity, and the booth at Grant's, Seventh and Broad Streets, are open all night.

Every day, when the Red Cross service flags in the windows of homes and business places. Small Red Cross emblems affixed to the flags denote the number of members who live or work where the flags are displayed. The short membership drive will conclude with a pretty ceremony connected with these flags at a Christmas Carol in the homes, lights will be placed on the flags and groups of singers passing through the residential districts will pause to sing a Christmas Carol in front of homes where the Red Cross flag shines. Mrs. S. C. Swann, whose telephone is Randolph 3333-3, is organizing the singing groups and desires to hear from additional volunteers.

SALVATION ARMY MEETS MANY CALLS FOR AID

Gives Out Groceries, Fuel and Clothing in Delivering Fuel to Needy Families.

The continued cold weather is causing the most intense suffering and the Salvation Army is burdened with the condition of the many poor who appeal to them on Saturday alone, thirty cases were filed at the army headquarters. In one-half of these there is sickness. Many are old folks who are at this time dependent upon their charity worker, and fifteen of these families have no wood. All are in need of groceries.

In the past week the Salvation Army aided in groceries and fuel nearly 200 families and gave out 1,000 garments to the most distressed cases. All of the cases coming in on Saturday and Monday will be here again on the following Monday. The treasurer of the Salvation Army has informed Commandant Elmer E. Johnson that an amount of \$1,200 will still be needed to carry forward this relief work to the poor who depend upon the army for help.

The Salvation Army headquarters are open all times for contributions of supplies most needed, such as flour, meal, potatoes, wood, coal and clothing. All donations of money can be addressed to P. J. W. Gooden, treasurer, 120 North Seventh Street.

Shot By Policeman. The McKeellar, colored, charged with threatening to kill his wife and having in his possession a .38-caliber revolver, was shot in the lower part of the leg by Patrolman J. L. Wyatt of the First Precinct Police Station, yesterday morning. The negro was being arrested by the officer in a crowd and ran. A call to halt was made and when he went on the officer fired. McKeellar was taken to the Virginia Hospital.

Need Volunteers to Aid in Draft

Local Boards Can Utilize Services of Lawyers and Clerks.

Richmond's registrants are flocking to the five exemption boards of the city with their questionnaires in order to get legal advice is filing them out. Lawyers always can be found at any of the boards and will gladly confer with the registrants and offer them all the assistance possible.

The exemption boards still are in need of clerks and lawyers to assist legal advisory boards, and any patriotic citizen desiring to render such assistance may call at the board at the following numbers: Board No. 1, Randolph 4922; Board No. 2, Randolph 2310; Board No. 3, Randolph 3776; Board No. 4, Randolph 1479; Board No. 5, Randolph 1947; and Henrico Board, Madison 4495.

Questionnaires will be mailed out today to the following registrants according to their order of being drafted: No. 1-661 to 826, inclusive; No. 2-510 to 675, inclusive; No. 3-522 to 684, inclusive; No. 4-457 to 617, inclusive; No. 5-625 to 782, inclusive. Henrico Board—226 to 300, inclusive. The schedule for the Henrico board for each day until all the questionnaires are mailed follows: December 20, 201 to 375; December 21, 376 to 450; December 22, 451 to 520; December 23, 521 to 590; December 24, 591 to 660; December 25, 661 to 730; December 26, 731 to 800; December 27, 801 to 870; December 28, 871 to 940; January 2, 941 to 1010; January 3, 1011 to 1080; January 4, 1081 to 1150; January 5, 1151 to 1220; January 7, 1221 to 1290; January 8, 1291 to 1360; and January 9, 1361 to 1430.

IN BEHALF OF WORK

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MRS. HAYES LEADS WOMEN IN WAR SAVINGS DRIVE

Accepts Chairmanship of Committee to Aid Litchford in Big Campaign.

Mrs. John Hayes yesterday accepted the appointment as chairman of the women's committee which will assist Henry C. Litchford, director, in the great war savings campaign, and within a few days she will announce her committee appointments. Mrs. Hayes has been active in patriotic work, and it is expected that her efforts will be of material benefit in the nation-wide movement in enlisting the co-operation and support of Richmond women.

Director Litchford will not begin vigorous work in this city until he has details for all features complete. With the aid of his assistant directors and executive committee he is now engaged in mapping out a program which promises to keep Richmond in the forefront of the city, which are standing squarely behind the United States government.

STUART GRANTS PARDONS

Nine Convicts in Virginia Penitentiary Are Given Freedom by Governor's Action.

Governor Stuart issued the following pardons yesterday: Thomas Lewis, convicted in November, 1915, in Portsmouth and sentenced to three years in prison for malicious cutting. Henry Smith, convicted in May, 1914, in Franklin County for murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for eighteen years. Clement Strother and Percy Bundy, convicted in Richmond in July, 1914, of robbery. Ed Martin, convicted in Henry County in October, 1914, for murder and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary. Charles Fisher, who was convicted in Winchester in June, 1913, of murder.

AT THE ART CLUB

Mrs. James Scott Presents Musical Program—Miss Fletcher Exhibits Sketches.

Mrs. James Scott played yesterday afternoon on the piano at the Art Club amid the environment of Miss Fletcher's sketches of California, and music, which is so closely akin art, seemed but the translation of color into another form when one turned from the beautiful melodies of Chopin, Schumann, Mendelssohn and Schiller to the wonderful radiating color of a California landscape. Mrs. Scott played with great intensity the preludes of Chopin and "Romance" of Schumann. Her interpretation of the modern composer is charming. Many of her selections were repeated at the request of her listeners. Miss Fletcher's exhibition was a variety of sketches made in California, among them pictures of the exhibition, the old missions, with glimpses of the brilliant flowers, also many portraits. Her work is glowing in color and full of charm. After the exhibition, tea was served.

Help Make This a Red Cross Christmas.

All That You Need is a Heart and a Dollar. Join Now for 1918.

MRS. JOHNSON'S DEATH IS DUE TO POISONING

Coroner Whitfield Finds Cyanide of Potassium in Her Stomach.

NOT KNOWN WHERE SHE GOT IT

No Cyanide Kept at Medical College, Where Mrs. Johnson Was Employed as Stenographer—Capsule Left in Box Contained Blue Mass.

Cyanide of potassium, Coroner Whitfield announced yesterday, caused the death of Mrs. Alice Johnson, 1512 North Twenty-second Street, on Saturday night. The quantity of the deadly poison in the stomach, which Dr. Whitfield analyzed, contained he was unable to state. Neither has anything been definitely learned as to where the poison which caused the death of the young woman was procured. The investigation, however, did warrant the assertion that poisoning by cyanide of potassium in a quantity sufficient to cause death was found in the examination.

It was further stated by Dr. Whitfield that he had learned that there was no cyanide of potassium at the Medical College of Virginia, in the dental or chemical laboratory, nor in the dispensary, and that four months ago was the last time that there was any of this chemical at the college. It was not known who filled the prescription by which the drug came into the possession of Mrs. Johnson. The single capsule which was left in a box at the home of Mrs. Johnson, and which Detective Finley, who was called over to Dr. Whitfield after the death, was also analyzed, and found to be blue mass.

SUICIDE THEORY IS DISMISSED BY FRIENDS

Mrs. Johnson was at dinner with friends Saturday night, when she asked to be excused, stating that she wished to take a quinine capsule. Ten minutes after taking the capsule she became unconscious, and died in forty minutes. The theory that Mrs. Johnson, a bride of three months, and the wife of Dr. L. J. Johnson, of Middlesex, N. C., committed suicide has no basis whatever. She was at the office in the Medical College, where she was employed as stenographer, as usual during the afternoon, and appeared bright and pleasant while at the home of Mrs. E. F. Stutz, 522 North Twenty-second Street, where the fatal mistake was made. Dr. Johnson, who is practicing dentistry at Middlesex, was preparing to take his bride north to their new home after Christmas.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Finance Committee Sets January 2, 3 and 4 for Presentation of Needs.

Budget hearings were set for January 2, 3 and 4 last night by the Council Committee on Finance, and members expressed the determination to let an unnecessary delay prevent the early completion of this work when it is started. City Auditor Crenshaw was instructed to advise department heads to have their estimates ready at that time, and he will assign the nights for the consideration of the various departments. Practically every department under the supervision of the Administrative Board has completed its estimates of wants for the coming year, and these have been filed with the board. Consideration of the estimates will get ready been started by the board, and will be completed in the next few days. Other departments have practically completed their detail work for the budget, and Mr. Crenshaw expects no lengthy delay.

SAILORS IN ECLIPSE

Richmond Bluejacket Reciters Complaint Because Spotlight Shines on Soldiers.

In a letter, just received by the father of a Richmond boy, who is doing dangerous work in France, thanks for two packages of tobacco takes precedence over the following interesting bit of comment: "We are doing our little bit over here, but in all the time we have seen something about the soldiers. Always soldiers, never is any mention made of our sailors. I think we are over here have done and are doing a very brave thing as the brave soldier boys, and we might be just a little bit by the American people. It would certainly help cheer and lighten the fellows over here if they would say something in the papers that we have a sailor or two over there who is doing his bit, too."

FOR TOBACCO FUND

Contributions for Boys in France Continue to Reach The Times-Dispatch.

The following contributions were received yesterday by The Times-Dispatch for "Our Boys in France Tobacco Fund": Miss M. M. Starritt, 105 East Grace Street, city, \$1.00; Mrs. B. O. James, city, \$1.00; Mrs. W. E. Chisholm, Crofton, Va., \$1.00; John A. Coke, Jr., city, \$1.00; John S. Coke, Jr., city, \$1.00. Received yesterday \$10.00. Previously acknowledged \$2,539.46. Total received \$2,549.46.

WILD LIFE SUFFERS

Game Department Takes Steps to Protect Birds During Cold Weather.

Every effort is being exerted by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to provide for the preservation of all species of game and bird life which is severely menaced by the continuance of the cold weather. The department is calling for the exercise of the best efforts of all citizens in all communities of the State in order that they may be fully awakened to the importance of providing food for game at such times and protecting them so far as it is possible to do so.

Poses as Army Captain.

Posing as a captain in the United States Army, a handsome young fellow in uniform, on December 17, passed a worthless check at the Globe Clothing Company, drawn on a bank in Hampton, where he said he was stationed. The check for \$22 was given in payment for a suit of clothes which the man said was for his brother. The matter was reported to Captain Wright yesterday when the check was returned.

MEATLESS DAY PROGRAM IS ADVOCATED FOR ALL

Three Hotels and Nine Restaurants in City Fought to Join the Movement.

EXPECTED TO DO THEIR PART

Plan So Far Has Not Only Been Patriotic Service, but Has Been Means of Effecting Financial Economy, Say Bonifaces.

Food conservation has become a problem altogether too large for any one man to handle, and despite the efforts of Mr. Hoover to educate the people to the point of conserving the food products and waste less, many people have failed to realize the seriousness of the problem, and for that reason various organizations have been organized for the purpose of co-operating with the food administration. Probably the most effective step yet taken for the accomplishment of that end is the organization of the large hotels and restaurants of the country which have adopted the Hoover plan for the conservation of food, and the meatless day in its widest scope.

Nowhere in the country has there been a more patriotic response to the call of the food administration than in Virginia, and particularly in Richmond. The largest hotels of this city have signed the pledge cards, and so far as is known have abided by the pledge. And to their surprise they find the scheme a beneficial one from a financial point of view, not considering the patriotism connected with it.

THREE HOTELS DENY AID

Regardless of the desire of the largest hotels and cafes to bring all the eating places into the ring of saving, there are in Richmond three hotels and nine restaurants which have not as yet signed the pledge card, and until they do, they fail to show their willingness to co-operate with the government in the conservation of food, a vital demand of the great war. James J. Disney, manager of Murphy's Hotel, and president of the Virginia Hotel Association, and Cecil Weisger, manager of the Jefferson Hotel, are using their efforts to have the remaining hotels and restaurants fall in line with the great conservation movement. Acting in this regard, they are the managers of the Richmond, Rueger's and Stumpf's. Through the activity of the hotels the people can more easily be educated to the point of realizing the necessity of denying themselves of some of the food products that they ordinarily are accustomed to.

"The man who fails to conserve food and who, regardless of the urgent demand of the food administration, continues to do things that he can easily do without but which cost soldiers in the field must have," said Mr. Disney, "is just as much a slacker as the man who attempts to escape the selective draft. One is trying to cheat the government of his services, while the other is attempting to deprive the soldiers in the field of the products that are necessary for them if he is to fight efficiently."

"And this principle," said Mr. Disney, "is just as applicable to the hotels and restaurants of the city as it is to the individual. Failure to sign the pledge cards and abide by the pledge taken brands the individual and the hotel as unworthy and unpatriotic citizens of the country."

It is the opinion of those in charge of the food conservation in hotels that the remainder of the hotels and the restaurants of the city will soon do their part in the great movement. Hotel men have found the new program of meatless Tuesdays and wheatless Wednesdays not only a patriotic endeavor to win the war, but find that it is of immense practical value for all times. In that it means financial saving, the hotels and restaurants are endeavoring to win the war, but find that it is of immense practical value for all times. In that it means financial saving, the hotels and restaurants are endeavoring to win the war, but find that it is of immense practical value for all times.

Damage Suit on Trial

The suit of Miss Pearl Ridgeway against the Polk Miller Drug Company, in the Hustings Court, Part II, was continued from yesterday, and hearing of the evidence will be resumed this morning at 10 o'clock. The plaintiff is seeking to recover damages to the extent of \$10,000, which she alleges she suffered when some shelves fell upon her when she was employed as stenographer by the defendant.

Burns Cause Woman's Death.

Burns sustained by Dora Jackson, a twenty-one-year-old colored girl, when her clothes caught fire near an open grate at her home at Twenty-second and Main Streets, resulted in death at the Virginia Hospital yesterday morning. The accident happened last Saturday night.

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Here are a man and woman bent over some handsome Cameo Brooches—some people come along to choose their own gifts! Over there a young girl is choosing a gold penknife for some one—we can guess who! An old gentleman lovingly fingers the Gold Thimbles—there is a delicate finger tip very dear to him somewhere.

"She will go crazy about this," says a man to his friend, as he selects an exquisite Gold Wrist Watch for his wife. And can't you almost see the look of happiness of the girl for whom that exquisite Silver Toilet Set is being chosen?

Ah! it is this human interest, this JOY that is being created in this Store of the Precious Gift just now, that makes it such a magnetic and wonderful place.

IT IS AS IF PEOPLE KNEW EXACTLY WHERE TO GO TO GET EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANT

And so it goes all around this department, for the sections adjoining it have now caught up the spirit—it's contagious. Men's and Women's Gold and Silver Watches, Rings, LaVallieres, Brooches, Bracelets, Hat Pins, Bar Pins, Lingerie Clasps, Cuff Links, Scarf Pins, Bead Clasps, Earrings, Necklaces, Silver, Gold or Ivory Articles for toilet tables, Perfumes and Toilet Waters—well, will you please come and see, and ask us for anything a big, famous, well-supplied Jewelry Section like this ought to have. We think we have it, and at a quite moderate price.

And of everything there is plenty—except the days left between now and Christmas. MILLER & RHOADS.

ITALIAN BALL NETS \$830.19

Entertainment Given by Italian Colony for Benefit of Local Red Cross.

The Richmond Chapter, American Red Cross, yesterday received from the Italian colony of this city, \$830.19, the proceeds of a ball given by the colony a few weeks ago for the benefit of the Richmond chapter. Not only is the chapter much gratified at the splendid results of the entertainment given, but it also is pleased to learn that the Italian colony almost to a person has joined the American Red Cross. The show how universally the work of the Red Cross is appealing to the people of this country.

War-time Economy at City Hall

War-time economy was felt at the City Hall yesterday when the customary coolers of ice water failed to be seen in their usual places. All of the municipal offices will have to do without ice water this year by virtue of an order of the Administrative Board some time ago. It was the first time in fifteen years that the ice man failed to deliver at Richmond's largest municipal building. Nevertheless there was plenty of ice around the City Hall, thanks to King Winter, who has deposited enough there to last for several days.

Sickel Case Continued.

When the case of Charles Sickel charged with unlawfully storing ardent spirits, was called in Police Court yesterday, it was continued until Friday at the request of his attorney, Gilbert K. Pollock. D. W. Bowles, Jr., furnished \$300 bail.

Collects \$482,228.74 in One Day.

State Auditor Moore on Monday made the largest collection from county and city treasurers that has ever been made in one day. The amount collected was \$482,228.74.

LIQUOR IS RETURNED

Police Justice Restores to Dugliano His Stock Acquired Before State Went Dry.

Acquitted of the charge of storing ardent spirits for the purpose of sale, Joseph Dugliano, 1520 West Broad Street, will have the eight barrels of wine and whiskey and a quantity of other kinds of drink returned to the place from which it was taken by the police. This was the order of Judge Crutfield after hearing the case. The evidence showed that Dugliano purchased the liquor for his personal use prior to the time prohibition went into effect. Attorney Dunford, of the Probation Commission, recommended the dismissal of the case.

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