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Kafka's, Fat 10th

Boy Evangelist Charms Ninth Street Shoppers

Four-year-old Howard Is Miniature Billy Sunday Among Children Working for Bruen Home Babies.

A four-year-old boy conducted services in the rose decorated window at 512 Ninth street yesterday afternoon. Also, to show that he was a real little patriot, he saluted every soldier and sailor who passed by.

His name is Howard and he hopes to be a second "Kodey." And he knows the Billy Sunday hymns. He can sing "Brighten Up the Corner Where You Are," as victoriously as any grown up. Of course, as he is a very little boy he says "twinklers" instead of "brightens," and a few things like that.

Public Response. Howard is one of the twenty children of the Bruen Home whose songs and smiles halted hundreds of people on Ninth street yesterday afternoon. Over their heads was displayed a big sign reading "Help American Babies." The public responded liberally to the request.

The children ranged in age from blue-eyed Baby Helen, just 18 months old, who sucked her thumb gladly all day long, to a circle of little girls of eight and ten who sang all the latest war songs much to the delight of the passing public. The tiny tots joined in, too, to that the window fairly resounded with "Joan of Arc," "Over There," "When Yankee Doodle Learns to Parlez Vous Français" and the like.

Children Behave. The children were remarkably good all day long. One dark-eyed little Isabel grew extremely indignant about something and stamped her small feet, but for the rest the day was very serene.

Two-year-old Helen, who looks like a large, golden-headed doll, sat on the floor of the window and played with blocks for hours, quite oblivious of the hundreds of people who admired her. Curly-headed Della and demure little Jessie occupied themselves with toys all day long, only stopping for lunch.

NOTICE TO CATHOLIC STRANGERS

Mammoth Housing and Entertainment Program for Catholic Men

A meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus Hall, 606 E Street northwest, at 11:30 a. m. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) to complete arrangements for entertaining and housing the large Catholic population which has recently come to Washington.

NO ADMISSION! NO COLLECTION! WE WANT TO HELP!

ALL CATHOLIC MEN INVITED

DR. J. ROZIER BIGGS, President Columbus Country Club, Inc.



TEAMS REACH \$37,000 TOTAL FOR HOSPITAL

Emergency Campaigners for \$50,000 Urge Contributions from Those Unsolicited.

"In our homes and in our places of business we take the Emergency Hospital for granted. When an accident occurs we turn unconsciously to the hospital, and call upon its ambulance." This was the statement of Isaac Gans, speaking before the team workers of the Emergency Hospital campaign for a maintenance fund of \$50,000.

"Now is the time for us to turn to the help of the Emergency Hospital. In this time of the hospital's need I have no doubt every citizen of Washington will be willing to answer the call to service."

Teams Report. Team reports at the luncheon showed that the efforts for the preceding twenty-four hours had netted \$7,592.50. This makes a grand total of \$37,896.25 for the campaign so far.

William E. Fowler, chairman of the executive committee, last evening made a plea in behalf of the campaign workers, that all persons who have not been interviewed by the workers leave or send their contributions to headquarters, 1222 F street.

"If our workers have not seen you, please see us," was his request. Working at top speed the workers will not have time for the rest of the week to see all the persons who desire to give to the institution. Small contributions are solicited.

The officers of the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company will take up a collection among their workers; and similar collections will be made in the office of the director of the mint and at the Government Printing Office.

Two \$500 contributions were reported yesterday by the team of Mrs. Thompson. One was from Mrs. Charles M. Hinkle and the other from Mrs. Robert R. Hitt.

Mrs. Gaff's team procured the largest total, reporting \$2,425, and Dr. Kaufman's workers obtained \$1,609.

Official Standing. The team records, aside from these were: Mrs. Richard Harlow, \$461; Mrs. A. McClintock, \$378; Rear Admiral C. Grayson, \$320; Mrs. Walter R. Tuckerman, \$485; Dr. W. P. Carr, \$300; W. Brown Carr, \$301; Arthur T. Eric, \$155; Otto J. Demoll, \$100; Walter Brownley, \$37.50; Mrs. Mrs. H. Howry, \$32; Roy L. Neuchausser, \$60; Newnan Little, \$25.

The four cups to be offered for prizes to team captains and other workers obtaining the largest amounts and the largest numbers of individual subscribers now are on display in the windows of the headquarters office.

USE PAPER BANDAGES FOR SAVING OF GAUZE

Government Orders Crepe Paper for Use in War.

American enterprise has again come to the aid of war stricken Europe. The government has just placed large orders for crepe paper surgical bandages for use on the European battlefield.

On account of the great quantities of gauze bandages being used in the war the world has been confronted with a serious shortage of gauze dressings.

A leading paper manufacturer has met the situation by developing a substitute, with the result that a crepe white paper of great tensile strength was developed, and is now being used by surgeons in large city hospitals.

It is said that the paper bandages can not be used entirely as a substitute for gauze, but a saving in gauze of from 50 to 75 per cent may be effected. The paper bandages are not used in direct contact with wounds nor do they replace wet bandages.

For almost all other hospital cases it is said they make a most acceptable substitute, and their chief value is for outside dressings. Sizes ordered by the government vary from two to four inches in width and are fifteen yards in length.

RED CROSS TO SERVE G. W. U. LAW DINNER

Proceeds of Annual Banquet Will Be Recompense.

The annual dinner of the George Washington University Law School will be served this year by members of a Red Cross Auxiliary, and proceeds will be devoted to Red Cross work, according to announcement by Prof. William C. Van Vleck, secretary of the law school.

The dinner will be held in the banquet hall of New Masonic Temple on Tuesday evening, April 1, beginning at 6:40 o'clock, the time the last of the late afternoon classes at the law school adjourn. An interesting musical program is being arranged by Arthur Dielbert. College songs will be a feature. Prominent speakers now are being secured. All students, faculty members, and graduates of the law school have been invited to attend. Married men wishing to attend are privileged to take their wives.

The Red Cross Auxiliary has announced the following menu: Oyster cocktail, turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, rice, potatoes, green peas, fruit salad, celery, olives, rolls, coffee, black ice cream and small cakes.

The committee on arrangements is composed of I. T. Alverson, chairman; Prof. Van Vleck, treasurer; Dean Ferson, William B. King, C. F. Stone, J. B. Schaaff, Bessie Newsom, Maxwell James and S. Shappiro.

NEW YORK HOTEL ARRIVALS.

New York, March 15.—The following Washingtonians are registered at local hotels:

W. Clark, Longacre; Wm. M. Cloud, Mrs. Wm. M. Cloud, Continental; J. C. Elliott, Mrs. S. R. Tupper, Wallack; E. G. Stanley, Marlboro.

Latest Price List for Wheat and Substitutes

The present price list shows the range of prices the retailer pays and the range of prices which the consumer should pay, the range depending upon the wholesaler's price and the kind and extent of service given by the retailer.

The prices of other commodities will be published from time to time.

Commodity	Retailer Pays	Consumer Should Pay
Cornmeal, white, standard, bulk, per lb.	.04 1/2 - .05	.05 - .06
Wheat flour—		
24 1/2-lb. bag (best grade)	\$1.40 - \$1.44	\$1.50 - \$1.55
Broken lots, less than 24 1/2-lb. bag, lb.		.07 - .07 1/2
Whole hominy, bulk, per lb.	.05 - .06 1/2	.06 - .07 1/2
Rolls oats, bulk, per lb.	.05 1/2 - .06	.06 1/2 - .07
Rice, fancy whole head	.10 - .10	.11 - .12
Sugar, granulated, bulk, per lb.	.07 1/2 - .08	.08 1/2 - .09

90-CENT GAS IS SANCTIONED FROM MAR. 20

Increased Cost of Raw Material Cause for Decision of Public Utilities.

Official orders for ninety cent gas in Washington were issued by the Utilities Commission late yesterday afternoon. The rate will apply to all gas furnished after March 20, 1918.

The raise was granted, following testimony submitted at public hearings before the Commission, wherein evidence submitted showed that the cost of coal at the mine during 1917 had increased from \$4.55 to \$5.35 per ton, and oil had risen from 41-4 cents per gallon to 8 cents.

Coal and Oil Higher. "It is self-evident," a statement of the commission accompanying the order for a raised rate says, "that when the cost of coal to the gas manufacturer increases 25 per cent, and the cost of oil 82 per cent, the cost of the manufactured gas will increase in approximately a similar proportion."

"In view of all these considerations, the commission feels that it would be unwise to grant such measure of relief under the present conditions, but only show to be proper, but thoroughly justified."

Since an appeal is now pending from a commission's former valuation of the properties of the Washington and Georgetown Gas Company, an agreement was required from the company whereby the company "states its willingness to accept that valuation" used by the company as the basis for the 90 cent rate under the pending application.

"The gas company further agrees," the article states, "that if it shall appear from the final decision in the valuation appeal case now pending in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, or otherwise, the existing rate which it is permitted to charge to consumers of gas could or should not legally have been increased, the company will refund to the consumer any difference between the existing rate and the increased rate which the commission shall find to be proper."

"The commission believes," it is stated, "that by this agreement the public is protected by every safeguard within the power of the commission to require."

"It being the opinion of the commission that the circumstances justify an increase in the rate to be charged for gas, it is, therefore ordered that the rate to be charged for gas furnished by any public utility to any private consumer in the District of Columbia for lighting, heating, power or for any other purpose, shall not exceed 90 cents per cubic foot."

"That this rate shall apply uniformly to all private consumers in the said District of Columbia, whether supplied with gas by the Washington Gas Light Company or the Georgetown Gas Light Company."

Ten Cents for Late Payment. "Ten cents for late payment" of gas shall now be a monthly penalty within ten days after the same shall have been presented, the gas company applying gas to such consumer shall be charged and collect from said consumer an amount of ten cents additional for each 1,000 cubic feet of gas represented by said bill as now required by law.

"That the quality and pressure of gas furnished by the said Washington Gas Light Company and by the said Georgetown Gas Light Company shall at all times comply with the standards now prescribed therefor by this commission."

"That this rate shall apply to all gas furnished after March 21, 1918, and shall continue in force until changed by the Commission."

\$300,000 Hall Burned.

Waterbury, Conn., March 14.—Buckingham Music Hall, designed by late Stanford White, was destroyed by fire today. The hall, which cost \$300,000, was a gift to the city.

James J. Corbett will edit the Sporting Pages of The Washington Herald tomorrow.

Have You Tried It?

Old Dutch Special Santos Coffee

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GOMPERS BARS MEETING WITH 'ENEMY' LABOR

Says U.S. Labor Cannot Join Conference with Those Fighting Democracy.

Declaring that American organized labor will not meet with the representatives of enemy labor movements so long as the latter continue to support the fight against "democracy and world freedom," Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has dispatched the following cablegram to Albert Thomas, the spokesman for labor in France, and Arthur Henderson, the British labor leader.

"Your letter January 16 inviting delegation American Federation of Labor to participate in London conference February 20, reached me February 3. Authority to represent delegates of American labor movement vested in convention American Federation of Labor or in executive council during interim."

"Executive council in session February 11 with regret found it impossible to send representatives because insufficient time reach London. We cabled Phillips to inter-allyed labor greeting to inter-allyed labor conference and assurance that American people are united in struggle for world justice and freedom. American Federation of Labor responsible only for cable sent you by its representatives, visit England and France to encourage, confer and co-operate in furtherance of the cause of labor and world democracy."

"American labor glad to meet with representatives labor movement of allied countries, but refuses to meet with representatives of labor movements of enemy countries while they are fighting against democracy and world freedom. In the gigantic task to destroy autocracy there must be hearty cooperation among workers, and we hope nothing will interfere with complete understanding and good will between workers of America and allied countries. A delegation representing American labor will shortly visit England and France to encourage, confer and co-operate in furtherance of the cause of labor and world democracy."

QUESTIONS LEGALITY OF SHEPPARD BILL

Liquor Dealer Asks Court to Define Selling Rights.

"He is aggrieved by a certain act of Congress—to wit the Sheppard Prohibition Law," Penno M. Selbold of the District of Columbia, asking for a permanent injunction to prevent the District Commissioner from interfering with his "inalienable" right to sell liquor.

Mr. Selbold says that this particular law prohibits him from selling or keeping or handling in any manner any alcoholic or prohibited liquors.

On June 10, 1902, states Mr. Selbold he was granted a liquor license by the Excise Board. While the license—on the face of it—permitted him to engage in that business for one year only—Mr. Selbold contends that such a license vested him with the right to sell liquor all the time.

TUESDAY MEAT BAN TO REMAIN INDEFINITELY

Weekly Porkless and Beefless Day Still Necessary, Says Hoover.

There is no prospect of a further letting down of the food conservation ban erected by the Food Administration. Beefless and porkless Tuesdays will remain indefinitely, it was learned last night.

Representatives of the Live Stock Producers' Association, who ended their conference with Food Administration officials Thursday, have received no assurances that their request for the elimination of meatless Tuesdays will be granted. On the contrary, Mr. Hoover is understood to take the position that any further lifting of the ban for meat conservation would be unwarranted in view of the fact that the improvement in the shipping situation through the acquisition of the Dutch tonnage will enable the United States to send to our allies all the meat they need.

It was pointed out that the chief object in going away with the meatless meal each day, the porkless Saturday, and permitting the use of mutton and lamb on Tuesdays until April 15, was that inability to ship to Europe created an overabundance here that glutted the market. With recent additions in tonnage available, it is said by Food Administration officials that necessary shipments abroad of meat will tend to stabilize the meat industry here.

It is considered imperative to continue meat conservation by means of the beefless and porkless Tuesdays at least until August 1 if we are to send all the meat required by France and Great Britain, that we are now enabled to send. The food conservation program is understood to be set for the next three or four months, and although Mr. Hoover's idea has been to make it more or less elastic to meet changing conditions, there is little likelihood that any further bans will be lifted before August.

Y. W. C. A. DRIVE BRINGS MANY NEW MEMBERS

Army and Navy Teams Compete for First Honor.

Hundreds of new members are being gained daily by the Young Women's Christian Association as a result of their "Ten Thousand New Members in Ten Days" membership campaign.

The Army and Navy membership teams are competing with vim for the honor of being the most members for the association. At present, the navy team is ahead, with the army gaining rapidly on them.

"It's up to us to get ahead of those sailor girls," said Mrs. Letty Phillips, of the Agricultural Department, as she turned in fifty-two memberships to their credit of the army team yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Phillips is one of the hundreds of young women throughout the departments who are interested in the membership campaign.

Next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, a big "Reporting of Progress" meeting will be held at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War, will sing several numbers and make a brief address to the girls. Mrs. Baker is head of the army team.

Dr. N. E. Wayson, of the Public Health Service, will give a talk on health. There will also be chorus singing by the Y. W. C. A. girls.

Between 5:30 and 6:30 a ten-cent supper will be served to girls at the church.

Submits Maryland Dry Plea.

Governor Harrington, of Maryland, yesterday formally transmitted to the Senate the aid of the local boy scouts in the hunt for books for soldiers and sailors.

Hundreds of books are needed by war service libraries, for men at cantonments, training camps, posts, field and naval stations, on vessels and overseas.

The books wanted are those of adventure by the best authors.

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CABLE NEWS BRIEFS

An average of 3,500,000 letters are sent daily to the French soldiers at the front from the interior.

Saloniki and the surrounding districts are experiencing a return of winter. The hills overlooking the town are covered with snow.

Orders for the confiscation of all food supplies, except in stated quantities for personal consumption, have been issued in Petrograd.

The more stringent state of martial law which was proclaimed in Berlin and its environs during the strike will be raised on Saturday.

It is reported from Hongkong that the city of Swatow has been almost destroyed by an earthquake. The casualties are said to number 2,000.

During his stay at Saloniki King Alexander visited the Serbian prince regent on Serbian territory and afterwards gave a dinner in honor of the prince.

Gen. Cadorna, having at Versailles handed over his duties to his successor on the allied council, Gen. Gaetano Giardino, has now left Versailles.

Count Huyn, governor of Galicia, is to be replaced by Maj. Gen. Bardoli, who has been acting hitherto as chief of staff to Field Marshal Bohm-Ermolli.

A Copenhagen message says that a German guardship stationed in the Baltic, near Langeland Island, struck a German mine. About twenty men are supposed to have been killed.

According to the Vorwärts, German negotiations with Rumania are to be opened tomorrow. Herr von Kuehlmann is leaving for Focsani in order to direct the negotiations.

A Presidential election by direct suffrage is to be held in Portugal shortly. At the same time deputies and senators are to be elected with special powers to revise the constitution.

Qui, a new Paris newspaper, appeared yesterday. Its policy will be to promote a good understanding between the classes after the conclusion of a just peace. The journal expresses confidence in the Clemenceau government.

WAR SAVINGS CLUBS BOOST STAMP SALES

Organizations Pledged to Spend Limit Prove Effective Agents.

The organization of "Limit Societies" in connection with the War Savings Campaign has aroused wide interest. In the District, the War Savings Societies have proved, already, to be one of the best channels for the steady increase of sales.

The National Geographic Society \$100 Society has more than \$100,000 pledged and the District W. S. S. Committee \$100 Society has \$22,000 or more to its credit. Besides these societies, practically every room in the public schools has a War Savings Society. Every school will be chartered in the near future as a War Savings Society.

Starting March 18, there will be a special drive in the District for the establishment of these societies. Ex-President Taft has accepted the Presidency of the Connecticut War Savings Limit Society, each member of which is pledged to own \$1,000 in stamps.

Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, has accepted the presidency of the War Savings Limit Investment Society, of the City of New York, organized along similar lines and Philadelphia and Kansas City also have "limit" clubs.

At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, a limit club was proposed and of the fifty men in attendance thirty-two pledged themselves to save \$100 each during 1918 by refraining from the purchase of nonessentials.

BOY SCOUTS AIDING CAMPAIGN FOR BOOKS

Boy scouts are again on the scout path. This time they're scouting after books.

Open Daily at 9 A. M., Close at 5:45 P. M.

IT PAYS TO DEAL AT Goldenberg's

BOTH SIDES OF 7TH AT 11 ST. THE DEPENDABLE STORE

Chamoisette Gloves, 65c

Women's Chamoisette Gloves, the washable kind; white with elastic stitching; all sizes from 5 1/2 to 8 1/2.

Wrist Watches, \$1.48

Bracelet Watches, gold-filled ten-year cases, disk shapes; gold or silver dial; gold-filled extension bracelets; reliable Swiss movement. \$6.98

Men's or Boy's Wrist Watches, leather strap; good American movement. \$4.48

BOYS' SPRING SUITS

In a Saturday Sale Remarkable for Value-giving

\$4.98

They're the kind of clothes that will stand the hard knocks a healthy, live boy will give them. Twelve neat patterns, in gray and tan mixtures, of woven fabrics (not printed); in new, nobby Pinch-back, Patch-pocket and Vertical-pocket Trench mod. Knickerbocker pants. Sizes 7 to 18 lbs.; with large, roomy, full-lined yokes.

Boys' "Dubbeldill" Suits, the suit sold with a six months' wear guarantee-proof kind. Norfolk models; all dark patterns, Cravenetted with Knickerbocker pants. These suits have twenty wonderful features which are not to be found in other suits. Sizes 6 to 18 years. \$3.75

Boys' Suits, of fine-mixed Casimere, Trench and slash pocket Norfolk suits, with extra full pockets and full-lined Knickerbocker pants. Coat lined with alpaca, silexia-lined pants. Coats with belt and buckle and matching lapels; sizes 8 to 9.98

Boys' Spring Weight Reefers, of pure worsted navy blue serge; military button, large lapels and full belted models; nicely made and finished; sizes 3 to 8. \$4.98

Boys' Norfolk Suits, of all-wool navy blue serge, with full-lined Knickerbocker pants; patch pocket Norfolk suits, large lapels, made with taped seams to prevent ripping; sizes 7 to 17 years. \$6.95

Girls' White Dresses, Coats and Other Easter Apparel

New arrivals of White Dresses, Coats and Juvenile Furnishings are ready for today—a showing of such magnitude and charm that every mother will find just what her daughter needs for spring and Easter wear.

Girls' White Dresses Special at \$5.98

Girls' White Dresses, of beautiful voile and batiste, some with imported dresden waists, others trimmed with val lace; skirts with tucks, lace and insertions. Finished with satin ribbon sashes; sizes to 14 years.

Girls' White Batiste Dresses, high-waisted models, trimmed with lace and insertions; made with full flaring skirts and finished with wide sashes. Large assortment of styles. From \$7.98 to \$13.98

Girls' White Dresses, of batiste skirts and waists trimmed with tucks, lace and insertions; satin ribbon sashes; sizes 6 to 14 years. \$3.98

Children's Spring Coats, in checks, broken plaids and plain colors in all the most fashionable shades; made with silk or white wash collars, new belts and pockets. Sizes 2 to 8 years. From \$4.98 to \$14.98

Little Girls' White Dresses, of lawn, in high-waisted models, jauntily trimmed with lace, embroidery insertions and tucks; finished with satin ribbon sashes. Large assortment of styles. Sizes 2 to 6 years. \$1.98

Infants' Long or Short Dresses, of fine quality nainsook, with embroidered designs on yokes; also trimmed with val lace and edgings; skirts with tucks and laces. \$2.49

Little Girls' Straw Hats, in rose, Copenhagen, tan, navy blue, black, green and white. Stylish tailored models trimmed with ribbon and velvet bands. Specially priced at \$1.98 and \$2.98

Goldenberg's—Third Floor.