

WHEN ANATION SWEARS OFF Wonderful Change Among Russians After Quitting Vodka—Abstinence Came About Through War.

CHRISTINA MERRIMAN (Exclusive Service The Survey Press Bureau.)

A miracle has happened in Russia—a miracle that has put bread in the cupboards of the poor, dried on the streets, returned the wife-beater, lifted a people from sullenness and despair to happiness and self-respect.

BUSINESS MAN SAW Henry W. Hiller, who for the last thirty-one years has spent half of each year in Russia, managing silver shops for Tiffany & Co., told me of the wonderful change that has come about.

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Amusements

POLI'S THEATER

Manager Poli, the first three days of the week, puts a fitting finishing touch to a successful year at Poli's theater by the presentation of one of the biggest and best vaudeville shows ever seen at popular prices.

Homer Lind, former baritone of the Harry W. Savage "Parafin" company, comes back to Bridgeport after an absence of some seasons in his own new musical playlet called "The Singing Teacher."

Another big attraction is the reappearance here of Madden and Fitzpatrick, two Connecticut boys, who have climbed the ladder of success in vaudeville.

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AMUSEMENTS

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WOUNDED GHURKA RIDES ON CAPTIVE London, Dec. 23.—The story of how a wounded Ghurka obtained a comfortable ride to camp without losing the prisoner he had captured is related by an officer just returned from the front.

"One night," said the officer, who commands a company in a Ghurka regiment, "when our men rushed a German trench, one of the Ghurkas captured a German. There is a reward for bringing in prisoners alive, so the Ghurka started back to our trenches with his prisoner.

"He was hit in the leg while crossing the field so he forced the German to take him on his back to our lines. He came riding in on his captive, secured his reward, and then let himself be removed on a stretcher to the hospital."

THE ROAD OF YESTERDAY. A new waltz song that is sure to become a popular success has been written by Geo. E. Haves, the well known corset manufacturer of this city, who composed the lyrics and Mrs. Clarence Mills, the sweet soprano singer, also of this city, who composed the music, will be first offered to the public on New Year's day.

Gore, Gg., P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleaned my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular." Hindle's Drug Stores.—Adv.

Tarrytown, N. Y., went dry when the automatic check valve at the reservoir froze. The Belgian Relief Fund being collected in New York has reached the total of \$737,853.

A fifty pound catfish was captured at Lochart, Texas.

--and the Worst Is Yet to Come



DEMAND FOR SHIPS REPORTED SMALLER

London, Dec. 23.—There seems to be no falling off in the demand for new ships. Further orders have been placed this week for new steamers in the Clyde and Northeast coast yards.

Steel makers are reaping a rich harvest through the present abnormal demand for shipbuilding material especially those with works in close proximity to the yards where government contracts are being carried through with great despatch.

WAR NOW PART OF "DAILY ROUTINE"

London, Dec. 23.—"The war has become merely a part of the daily routine of our lives here," writes Jan English school teacher from Dresden, Germany. She has been a resident of Dresden many years, and has had no trouble either with the populace of the authorities.

"There is no feeling of alarm," she writes, "such as we hear is prevalent in London and Paris. The feeling of optimism is as strong as ever, and no native of Saxony has any fears of an invasion of Dresden by the Russians."

"We see many soldiers, going and coming. They are very fine and very warlike. The women of Dresden shower them with gifts of cigars, chocolate, and warm articles of clothing. The troops are always singing some of the old German songs. They have a few new songs which are good. One of them, written by a private soldier, has caught on all Germany. The words are a bit grotesque, but fit excellently into the rickicking music. They go thus: For every Briton a kick, For every Russian a shot, For every Frenchman a knock— For God, for King, and Fatherland."

EMPIRE THEATRE

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MILLARD F. DOBSON, JR. vs. IDA DOBSON. STATE OF CONNECTICUT, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, ss. SUPERIOR COURT.

Brigadeport, Dec. 22, A. D. 1914. Upon the complaint of the said Millard F. Dobson, Jr., praying, for reasons therein set forth, for a divorce, returnable to the Superior Court, in and for Fairfield County, on the first Tuesday of January, 1915.

It appearing to and being found by the subscribing authority that Ida F. Dobson the said defendant is absent from this State and gone to parts unknown—but whose last known residence was in Bridgeport, Conn.

Therefore Ordered, that notice of the pendency of said complaint be given by publishing this order in the Bridgeport Evening Farmer, a newspaper printed in said Bridgeport, three times successively, commencing on or before the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1914.

FRED W. TRACEY, Clerk of the Superior Court for Fairfield County. T 23

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