STATEN ISLAND

TIMELY TOPICS DISCUSSED IN SCHOOL LECTURE COURSE

Echoes of the War and Other Pertinent Subjects to be on Program for Next Week

By Special Correspondent.

TOTTENVILLE, Dec. 6:—The future of Alsace-Lorraine will be settled by the coming peace conference, so that a timely lecture will be one on that subject by John G. Neumarker on Monday night at Public School No. 1, Academy place, Tottenville. Mr. Neumarker formerly lived in Switzerland and can speak with authority on this topic.

At Public School 26, Richmond Turnpike, Linoleumville, on Tuesday night Dr. A. Eugene Bartlett will lecture on "Venice and Her Defenders." Edward Bromberg's lecture, "Russian Folk and Peasant Songs," at Curtis high school, St. Mark's place and Hamilton avenue, New Brighton, on Thursday night will be illustrated by the singing of the most characteristic and quaint folk songs.

"The American Engineer in 'No Man's Land,'" is the title of a lecture to be delivered by Walter S. McGrane on Tuesday night at Public School 18, Broadway, West New Brighton. He will tell of the important role the American engineer played in the European war; give a brief sketch of his duties and work with the mobile army.

At Public School 13, Pennsylvania avenue, Rosebank, on Thursday night, John C. Faries, Ph.D., will lecture on "Mending Broken Men—The Problem of the Cripple in the Industrial World." He will tell how the war and the reeducation of the crippled soldier has forced upon public attention a neglected social problem—the care of the industrial crippie and what has been accomplished.

Mrs. Anna V. Capek will speak on "The Czecho-Slovaks, Our Newest Allies," on Friday night next at Public School 20, Heberton avenue, Port Richmond. She will tell what result the war will have upon these people.

OFFICERS NOMINATED

Aquehonga Athletic Club "Looks Them Over."

By Special Correspondent.

TOTTENVILLE, Dec. 6—Nomination of officers for the Aquehonga Athletic Club took place last night at the club house.

James A. Simonson was again chosen president; Allison Androvette, vice president; Abram M. Sprague, financial secretary; Joseph Morrell, financial secretary; D. Agew Joline, treasurer, and Theodore Woglom, Dr. H. V. McCormick, Reginald Crooks and Robert Corson, board of governors.

There are three governors to be chosen at the annual election which is to be held at the club house in two weeks. One new member, William Olsen, was elected at this time.

JR. O. U. A. M. ELECT

Full Staff of United Council Chosen at Last Meeting.

TOTTENVILLE, Dec. 6.—The annual election of officers of United Council No. 17, Jr. O. U. A. M., took place Wednesday night at a meeting of the council at Knights of Pythias hall, with the following result: Councilor, Martin A. Palmer; junior past councilor, Martin L. Fisher; vice councilor, C. N. Kaufman; recording secretary, Walter Wood; assistant recording secretary, James B. Firth; financial secretary, Henry Woodruff; treasurer, Harold Hamblet; conductor, Percy Hall; warden, Charles Hilker; inside sentinel, John Sterling; outside sentinel, Theodore Sleight; chaplain, David E. Ryder; delegate to the funeral benefit association, Henry Woodruff, and alternate, M. L. Fisher.

The installation will take place on Friday, January 3, at Knights of Pythias hall. At that time the officers of U. S. Grant Council, of Pleasant Plains, and Balthazer Council, of Kreischerville, will be installed with the local council, a special dispensation having been granted by the state council.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Richmond County Realty Affairs During the Week.

TOTTENVILLE, Dec. 6.—The following real estate transfers were filed in the county clerk's office at Richmond for the fifth ward of the borough of Richmond during the past week:

Abram Worchester and wife to Ignatz Rosenberg, plot west side of Bay view avenue, Prince Bay.

Helen Pirnie and another to William G. Daniels and wife; William J. Wix and wife to Clifford J. Bawer and wife, lot west side of Gifford lane.

PLEASANT PLAINS

Corporal Philip Moog has returned to Washington after being home on a furlough.

Miss Helen Robertson of Manhattan, visited in Little Farms this week.

Bert Neil is home from a camp in Texas, where he has been stationed some time.

Patrolman Twillman of Annadale, who was injured in Manhattan last week and taken to the Volunteer hospital, is recovering.

Mrs. George Nollier of New Brunswick, has been visiting in Eltingville.

COMING RED CROSS ROLL CALL IN TOTTENVILLE

Mrs. Quimby at Head of the Drive—Captains and Workers Appointed

By Special Correspondent.

TOTTENVILLE, Dec. 6:—The Fifth Ward Branch of the Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross has arranged for the Christmas Roll Call of the Red Cross that is to start December 16 and continue until December 23. Mrs. M. C. Quimby has been placed at the head of the committee here in charge of the work and she has selected her captains for the district.

The team captains are Miss Emma Herrel, Mrs. Blanche Cole, Miss Inez Corcelius, Mrs. Francis Dolan, Miss Katherine Messiner and Miss Reischeur. The latter two will take care of Richmond Valley and Kreischerville that are included in the Tottenville district. These captains are each selecting eight team workers to assist them in the house to house canvass that is to be held during the week of December 16.

Last year the local branch enrolled 900 members and it is the plan of the committee this year to secure 2,000 members. The committee is expecting that every male member of a family will enroll as a member this year. The button this year will answer as a receipt and all who pay the dollar membership fee will receive one from the team worker or captain who takes the renewal or new subscription.

The Fifth Ward Branch has played an important part in the world war work during the past year and has turned out much work for the Richmond Chapter of which it is a branch. All boys leaving here for camp were provided with knitted goods and other articles used by them in the camps and in France. Much Belgium relief work has been done and is still being continued, all of which deserves the support of the people of this section of the island in the enrollment of new members for Christmas.

O. E. S. ENTERTAIN

Grand Deputies Received by Huguenot Chapter

By Special Correspondent.

TOTTENVILLE, Dec. 6:—District Deputy Grand Matron Mrs. Mary Shake and Assistant Grand Lecturer Joseph Simonson, of the Fifth Eastern Star District, were socially received by Huguenot Chapter No. 88, Order of the Eastern Star, at the Masonic temple Wednesday night during the floral ceremony of the seventeen candidates of the chapter. Worthy Matron Mrs. John Deitrick presided and received the visitors. Mrs. Shake was introduced by Past District Deputy Mrs. Catherine Streeter and Mr. Simpson was presented by Worthy Patron Henry P. LaForge.

The floral ceremony was performed by the officers of the chapter under the direction of Mrs. Deitrick, the matron. Many past matrons and district deputies were received in the east.

Following the reception a musical program arranged under the direction of Miss Viola LaForge was given. It included vocal and instrumental selections and a reading by Mrs. Van Allen. Each one of the candidates was presented with a bouquet. At the close a collation was served in the banquet hall.

At the next meeting of the chapter the annual election will take place.

STATEN ISLAND OVER

Report Shows Fine Record Made in War Work Drive.

By Special Correspondent.

TOTTENVILLE, Dec. 6—In the recent war work campaign Staten Island raised $172,053.07, according to the figures just made public by William G. Willcox, chairman of the campaign in Richmond.

Staten Island's quota was $160,000, and the amount raised is away over the top. The amounts were divided up as follows: Men's teams, $42,796.98; women's teams house to house canvess, $19,656.85; victory boys and girls, $28,062.82; industrial division, $74,549.49 theatrical division, $5,727.83; special, $258.50.

The women's division of Tottenville of which Mrs. M. C. Quimby and Miss Anna McDonald were at the head, collected the sum of $1,500 in the house to house canvass. Some of the industrial amounts collected here were S. S. White, Dental Company, $3,865.86; Tottenville Shipyard, $189.50; Harry Cossey shipyard, $206.80; Atlantic Terra Cotta, $321.50; Hilliard Manufacturing Company, $800; A. C. Brown and Son, $300; Tottenville National bank, $50; Otto Heinzman machine shop, $40.

TOTTENVILLE

W. Frank Pepper of the central officers' training camp at Camp Gordon, Ga., who received his discharge from the army last week, is home again with his parents.

Miss Anna Devinson visited in Manhattan, Wednesday.

Victor Peterson, of the U. S. Vermont, is home from Philadelphia for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. William Roberds of Charlestown, visited here last night.

Ted DeBoer of the navy, is home with his parents for a visit.

Eugene Fountain of Hopping avenue, who enlisted in the navy when this country entered the war, has received his commission as ensign.

Three new members, Mrs. Edmund Cuny, Mrs. George Hoehn and Mrs. John R. Rowlands, were elected by the Philemon Literary Society at its meeting Wednesday.

The weekly tea of the Bethel Ladies Aid at the home of Mrs. John M. Sleight yesterday afternoon was well attended by the members.

The first degree was conferred on five candidates by Huguenot Lodge No. 381 F. & A. M., last night.

While Mrs. Julia Sulatanis of Summit street, was away from home on Monday, some one entered the house and stole $230 from a bureau drawer. She reported the matter to the police, who are working on the case.

CITY IN DARKNESS

High Voltage Wire Breaks Last Night

At about 10:30 last night this city was shrouded in darkness for about a quarter of an hour and many anxious inquiries were made as to the cause of it. The darkness was due to a short circuit caused by the falling of a grounded high coltage wire in the northern part of the city.

Patrolman Gunkel discovered the wire which was spitting fire and alarming the people in the immediate neighborhood. He sent word to the Public Service station, men were dispatched at once and the trouble was settled in about twenty minutes.

The Board of Aldermen have been looking into the matter of these high voltage wires and were to have them placed in a position that would be less dangerous to the people of the community and action will probably be taken at their next meeting in regard to this matter.

Return of Picture Hat

The picture hat with its soft, becoming roll of broad brim as a frame for charming faces is one direct result of the patriotic vogue for black velvet. This handsome Redfern model is an excellent example of the picture hat at its best, depending for beauty on simplicity and purity of line and appropriate ornament. The single black wing held close to the high crown of this model adds charm without destroying the hat's outlines.

Theatre News

STRAND.

In his youngster days Wallace Reid's dream was to be a soldier of fortune. His chief mental food in those days was furnished by the excellent romances of Richard Harding Davis and other writers dealing with adventurers in mythical Central American republics.

But, alas, he entered picture work instead, and not until recently has he had a chance to portray his favorite type of hero. In "Less Than Kin," which will be shown at the Strand theatre today and tomorrow, he has a chance to revel in Central American atmosphere and intrigue. The part of Lewis Vickers in his latest Paramount starring vehicle, affords him a splendid chance to enact the dare-devil type of hero he admired in his kid days.

DR. HARTMAN RETURNS

Received Commission as First Lieutenant in Medical Corps.

KEYPORT, Dec. 6—Dr. Harvey W. Hartman, who enlisted in the medical corps in the spring, and who received a commission as first lieutenant, has received his honorable discharge from the service and returned to his home on Broad street from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., a few days ago. Dr. Hartman has resumed his practice. When he enlisted in the spring he was sent to Camp Greenleaf at Fort Oglethorpe, S. C., from where he was transferred to East Potomac Park, where he remained for some time. While he was stationed there Mrs. Hartman and their two sons joined him. He was later transferred to Camp Sevier. Dr. Hartman was willing to go overseas and for some time thought he would be sent. He states that although he has worked extremely hard while in the service he enjoyed the work thoroughly.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETS

Engages in Plans for a Community Christmas

SEWAREN, Dec. 6:—The Civic Association met on Tuesday afternoon. Plans were made for the Christmas entertainment, also for lighting the Community Christmas tree.

One of the county three-minute speakers addressed the meeting on continued conservation along certain lines for the reconstruction period, particularly in butter and fats.

A full report of the Service League was given. It was decided to give an entertainment to raise funds for an entertainment to welcome the boys when they come home. It was also decided to continue raising funds for the Colonia Hospital milk fund.

Misses Virginia Adams and Anna Pryor gave several delightful recitations.

New Traffic Officers on Duty.

Chief Burke has a new traffic squad at work on the principal street corners doing duty today in place of the policemen who were found guilty by the Board of Aldermen on charges of being absent from duty.

The men formerly on traffic duty and now on night duty are Patrolmen Charles Quinn, Chris Hanson and Nels Lybeck.

The new traffic men are Michael Muska at Washington and State streets, John Larson at Smith and Prospect streets and Hugo Steed at Fayette and State streets.

Local Draft Board Clerks Will Soon be Discharged

Privates Charles Seaman and Philip Costello, clerks of local draft board received word from the military authorities to appear at Camp Dix on Monday morning, where they will be discharged from the military service of the United States government.

They are at work today trying to finish up their work. Considerable remains to be done, but they expect to complete their task before they are mustered out.

The thing that is bothering the local draft board more than anything at this time is the order received from Washington to the effect that after they have completed the records of the draft they are to store them in a fire-proof room where they will be safe until wanted.

There is no fire-proof room at city hall except in the safes of the different offices and these are filled to capacity at this time.

The board will have to try and secure such a place. In the meantime they are piled high in the office of the draft board in the council chamber at city hall.

TO REDUCE NAVY

Discharge of Twenty Percent Authorized Says Daniels

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—Discharge of twenty percent of the navy wartime personnel of about 1,000,000 men has been authorized. Secretary Daniels said yesterday the men would be released as quickly as possible with due regard to the convenience of the service.

Private yachts, motorboats and other crafts taken over by the navy for the war already are being turned back to their owners.

Mr. Daniels said by February 700 crafts will have been stricken from the navy list.

The release of enlisted men is authorized not because the navy is overmanned, but to permit the return to civil pursuit of youths who joined for the war and who do not intend to follow the sea.

Members of naval units in schools and colleges will complete their training and then stand discharged. In the cases of special student bodies, such as the paymaster's school at Princeton and the ensign school at Annapolis, students in the present classes upon graduation will be commissioned in the reserves.