

# PLACES AND PERSONS FIGURING IN NEWS ARE PICTURED

Florida Gets Winter Tourists Who Usually Go Abroad—Ruin of War Is Seen Over Vast Territory in Europe.



Police Rookies Eat Test Diet. — Underwood



Small Bit of Devastated Europe. — Underwood



Ocean Viaduct 2 Miles Long, Florida Keys. — Bain News

Kaiser Reviews Troops at Verdun. — Underwood

WINTER excursionists cut off from Switzerland, Egypt, Algeria and Spain are flocking to Florida this year. One of the wonders which Florida boasts is the concrete railroad built over the coral reefs which form the Florida Keys and lead to Key West on the way to Havana.

The ruin of war is seen on the western front where a road is flanked by ghastly stumps and shattered remains of what were once trees. The fields on all sides are covered with heaps and mounds of wrecked houses, torn fences, and debris of all sorts.

Twelve husky young police rookies are undergoing a series of diet tests to determine a way for reducing the cost of living. The men are probationary members of the New York police department. The test is being made in an effort to find a way in which the average family may make a dollar go further than it does at the present time. The men have pledged themselves not to eat between meals. The first month for the 12 men, roughly estimated, cost \$1.20.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has bought the Billings estate and adjoining property to the extent of 57 acres in all and it is reported that he will present the whole to the city of New York for a public park. The Billings house was built by the millionaire horseman, C. K. G. Billings, on the highest point of land in New York City, Fort Washington Heights, overlooking the Hudson River. The approach was built from Riverside Drive only two years ago at a cost of \$250,000. Mr. Rockefeller is said to have paid \$5,000,000 for this and the adjoining property. If not presented to the city, it is said it may be made a restricted residence section.

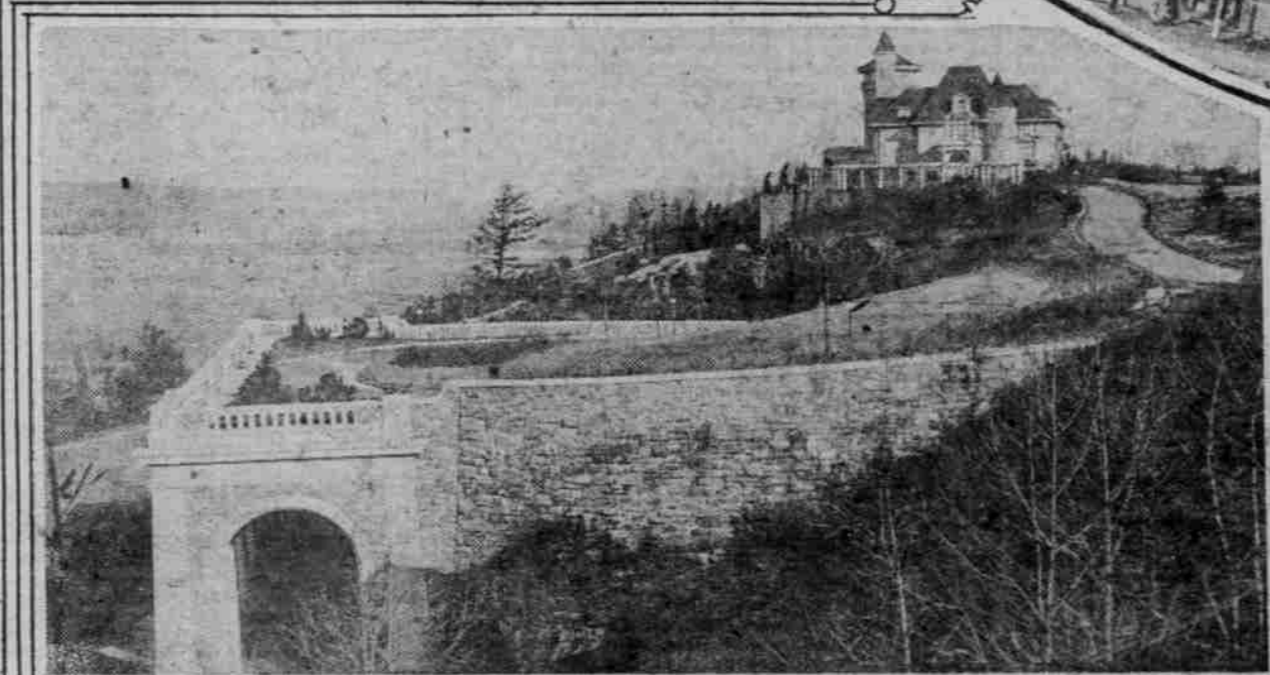
It is reported that the Lloyd George administration proposes to have British merchant ships make Halifax, instead of New York their western port, because of the shorter route and the greater ease in guarding the ships in transit. Halifax is the chief city of Nova Scotia and has one of the finest harbors on the Atlantic.

Sidney D. Farrar, father of Geraldine Farrar, was once first baseman on the Philadelphia Nationals. Sidney Farrar

followed a variety of occupations before he became widely known as the parent of America's most famous opera singer. He was for ten years a member of the old Philadelphia Nationals and could pull down fives and pick up cannonball grounders as quickly as any man on the diamond.

Canadian women war workers are adopting the practical overall costume, following the lead of their American cousins. Women in Canada are more and more taking the place of men in many of the munition factories where it is found difficult to keep anywhere near the full staff owing to the number of men who join the army and are sent overseas.

The Kaiser received his troops at Verdun while peace overtures were made by Germany. Little has been heard of the Kaiser's activities during the past few months, but he is still visiting the different fronts, instilling new vigor and courage in the troops.



C. K. G. Billings Estate. — Bain News

## TWO NEW YORK AUTOMOBILE SHOWS CENTER OF INTEREST

(Continued from First Page.) Leon Hall, has been appearing in a playlet called "A House of Cards" at the Palace Vaudeville this past week.

The first step toward establishing community drama centers was taken at the beginning of the new year, when two of the five planned in the five boroughs of Manhattan were initiated. There are four courses, dramatic, folk dancing, morris dancing and classic dancing.

Two of the society leaders of the metropolis gave large dances on the same night of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt gave a dinner, followed by dancing, at their home, No. 67 Fifth avenue, for their daughter and son, which was the last of a series of reunions the younger set have had, during their midwinter vacation. The dinner was for 80 sub-debutantes and young men, not yet out of college, and these were joined later by an equal number for the dancing and late supper.

The other dance was that which Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor gave for Miss Alice Huntington, the debutante sister of the hostess. This was the first large affair given in the Astor home, at No. 140 Fifth avenue, in over 10 years. The original 60 of New York society must have increased with the passing years, for there were 1000 invitations to this latest dance. In addition to the dancing there was bridge playing for those who preferred that diversion and the midnight supper was served at small tables.

An engagement recently announced in this city which will be of local interest is that of Miss Margaret Nichols, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. William Ford Nichols, of San Francisco. Miss Nichols made her debut three

years ago in the Bay City. Her fiancé is Edward Clark, Jr., whose father is president of the C. K. G. Billings Company and active in the management of the Haggin estate. A number of prominent Californians sojourning in New York were present at the dinner when the announcement was made, among them J. Le Roy Nickel, Jr., the Misses Kate and Marion Crocker, Emily Pope and Henry J. Crocker, Jr.

Among the Oregonians at the Sunday reception given by Miss Emille Frances Baugher were Mrs. E. Z. Mitchell, Miss Constance Piper, Miss Myrtle Gram, Mr. and Mrs. Max Fleisher, Mrs. Henry Metzger, Mrs. Kate Lawlor, Mrs. Edna Irvine, Mrs. Henry Haussman, Miss Margery Haussman, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schwab, Mrs. Delphine Marx, Dr. Gustav Baar.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Colgate, the latter a sister of Sherman Hall, entertained for the Halls with a theater party on Friday night of the past week.

Miss Mary E. Squire, of Portland, Or., and Charles L. Tolford, of Portland, Me., were married at Old Trinity

Church on New Year's day. Rev. Father Hill was the officiating clergyman.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Friswell were members of a family group assembled at Newport over the New Year festivities. Others in the party were Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, Captain and Mrs. Rufus Zogbaum and Miss Louise Burrell.

J. D. Sherwood, of Vancouver, joined Mrs. Sherwood at the Vanderbilt Hotel during the early days of the month. Later the Sherwoods will go South for a few weeks.

Mrs. I. Fleishman, of San Francisco, who is passing the winter at the Hotel Gotham, entertained Thursday, with a matinee and tea at the Ritz-Carlton, for a number of girls from the West, who are in the metropolis. Miss Jeanette Brandenstein, of San Francisco; Miss Margery Haussman, of Portland, and Miss Beatrice Wanger were among the guests.

Mrs. Arthur Minott has arrived in New York and at the Hotel Belmont. Miss Dorothy Collins, who is a student at Wellesley College, has been visiting friends in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Charles Rosenfeld and Miss Delphine Rosenfeld expect to leave this city for their home in the West about the end of this month. Miss Rosenfeld has registered for Smith College, and will enter this coming fall.

A. D. Browne, of Portland, is at the Hotel Astor.

A little "buy-your-home-paper" stand at Forty-third street and Broadway is often the unexpected meeting place of out-of-town visitors from the same city. A few days ago, I heard someone asking for The Oregonian, and discovered it to be O. H. Fithian, who with his son "Bob," is passing a few weeks in New York.

Mrs. Otto Goldsmith is convalescing splendidly from a recent attack of typhoid fever, and has returned to her home, from the hospital in Stamford, Connecticut, where she was for several weeks.

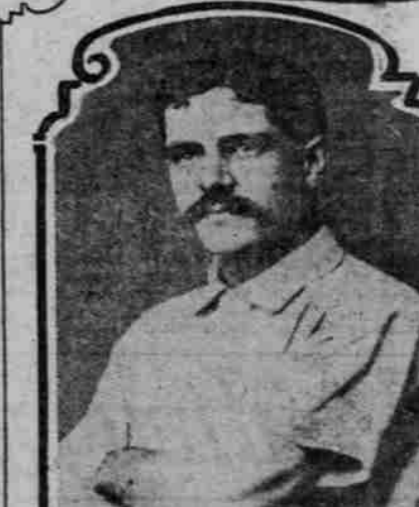
Henry F. Fairbanks, of Washington, D. C., was at the Hotel Belmont for several days this past week. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gilson, of Portland, are at the Manhattan Hotel, as are also John W. Hill and J. N. Parker. Mrs. Ison White and Miss Edith Nane were remain at the Hotel Belmont until about February 1, when they plan to go to Palm Beach for a short stay. Mrs. White will sail March 29 for an extensive tour of the Orient.

O. H. Fithian, who is at the Hotel McAlpin, entertained a number of Portlanders at dinner, then to see "Captain Kidd, Jr.," and afterwards at supper. Those participating of Mr. Fithian's hospitality were the Misses Myrtle Gram, Constance Piper, and the

Messrs. Bob Fithian and Jake Proebstel. Mrs. Fithian and her sister, who were here for a few days, have gone on a trip to Bermuda.

Miss Agnes Beach who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Graham Mitchell, at her home, 229 West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, left Monday for Portland.

Mrs. Maurice Blum (Josie Jacobs), who was born and raised in Portland, will give a luncheon Wednesday for a group of friends from her native state, who are in the metropolis at present. Miss Margaret Porter, who is East at school, passed the midwinter vacation at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, in this city.



Sidney D. Farrar

New York for the holidays, plans to leave shortly for the West.

Y. M. C. A. WORKING IN WAR Special Fund for British Work Has Reached Million Pounds.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Since the beginning of the war the Young Men's Christian Association has expended on an average of 1550 pounds sterling a day for the benefit of soldiers and war workers. Its special war fund has reached 1,000,000 pounds.

Mr. Yapp, the general secretary, has just returned to London after spending several weeks in France. "The Red Triangle," said Mr. Yapp, "now is to be seen along the whole line of the British armies at the front in France, and at each of the big bases there are from 25 to 30 huts. In the foremost positions we have opened but- tresses, some of them in the ruins of shell-wrecked houses.



Canadian Women's Working Uniforms. — Underwood



Halifax, N.S. — Bain News

stained soldiers fresh from the trenches I have seen the daughter of the Earl of Leicester waiting on the men. Our helpers have included Princess Victoria.

Cork Newspaper Suspends.

DUBLIN, Dec. 10.—Owing to the increase in cost of production the Cork Free Press, Cork, has suspended publication. It was the official organ of the All-for-Ireland League, in which William O'Brien, M. P.; Lord Dunraven and other prominent politicians were interested. It was established in 1910 and had a large circulation in the South of Ireland.

Norwegians to Build Auto Plant.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 20.—Plans are under way for the erection of an automobile plant here capable of turning out about 200 cars a year. This is about one-fifth of Norway's annual consumption.

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