The first Christmas parcel coupons from overseas were received in this city yesterday. These coupons have been issued to the men by their commanding officers, each man receiving but one coupon. The Christmas cartons to be used in packing Christmas gifts for soldiers overseas have not been received from the Atlantic division of the Red Cross, but are expected within a few days. Upon their arrival the place of distribution will be announced.

The limiting of each man to one carton has been made a ruling by the war department in order to control the flood of gifts that otherwise might result. The Christmas cartons are three inches by four inches and the contents shall not contain articles exceeding three pounds in weight. Christmas cartons must bear the name and address of the sender and be addressed in a clear and comprehensible manner.

All persons have been instructed that as soon as the cartons have been filled, they must be returned to the Red Cross receiving station at the capitol post office, where the members of the inspection committee, headed by Mrs. James F. Tracey, chairman, will carefully examine each parcel and supervise the wrapping, the affixing of the Christmas label and the necessary postage stamps, to be furnished by the sender of the parcel. When the parcels have thus been packed and wrapped, representatives appointed by the local Red Cross will affix to each parcel a certificate in the form of a seal showing that the parcel has been inspected and contains no printed or uninallable matter. These certificates affixed by the Red Cross will be accepted by the postal service and army authorities as evidence that the parcels conform to the conditions prescribed, thus obviating the necessity of subsequent examination.

SUPPER POSTPONED.

The war supper which was to have taken place in school 10, given by the West Albany Red Cross unit, has been indefinitely postponed.

ALBANY WAR KITCHEN.

Miss Jean Hungerford and Miss Mona Wood served as volunteers this noon at the War Kitchen. Many women attending the third judicial district meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs had their luncheon today at the kitchen.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

A beginners' millinery class will be formed to-morrow evening at the Young Domen's Christian association, meeting from 8 until 9:30 o'clock under the direction of Miss Lillian Haviland.

ORGAN RECITALS.

The first of a series of public organ recitals will be given to-morrow afternoon at 5:10 o'clock in the Emmanuel Baptist church under the direction of Miss Lydia Stevens, organist.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. Edward A. Stapleton, recently commissioned a captain in the United States army, left to-day for Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

The new scoutmaster for Fort Orange council of Boy Scouts has arrived in place of Charles E. Rauhauser, who resigned recently. He is R. Wesley Corley of Long Island.

Clarence Brainard of Second avenue is spending the week in Washington.

Philip Kalkbrenner of Delaware avenue is spend the week in Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Edith Sheridan of Pittsfield is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brainard of Second avenue.

Oscar Perrin, manager of the Empire theater, is recuperating after a week's illness and is expected to be back to the theater within a few days.

George A. White, cashier of the New York State National bank, is convalescing from an attack of influenza.

Miss Janet McEwan is ill.

Edwin Chamberlain and Miss Leila Chamberlain will spend the winter in California and Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. McEwan of Loudonville announce the birth of a daughter Monday. Mrs. McEwan was formerly Miss Francis of Troy.

Frederick W. Cameron, 2d, is ill at his home, 419 Hudson avenue.

Mrs. James Q. Barcus, who has been ill at her home in Loudonville, has recovered.

Judge William C. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson of New York are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Bennit of North Allen street.

Mrs. Henry Davis and Mrs. Peter Fluster are in New York visiting their sister, Mrs. R. Wasserman, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Glickman and son, Jerome, of Madison avenue, have returned home after spending two weeks as the house guests of Mr. Glickman's mother, Mrs. Sara Glickman, of Troy.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gould of Broadway have received word from their son, Corporal Samuel Gould, of Chemical plant 4, Saltville, Va., that he has received his commission.

Samuel Dreon has returned to his home on Morris street after traveling through the western states for about a month. He spent a few days in Detroit, Mich., with relatives.

Misses Beatrice and Mollie Sage, Marshall street, will spend the winter in Tifton with their brothers, Benjamin Harry Sagal.

my Side and Back, caused by strains and heavy lifting.

When I had given up hope of ever being well again, a friend recommended 'Fruit-a-tives' or Fruit Liver Tablets) to me and after using the first box I felt so much better that I continued to take them; and now I am enjoying the best of health."

W. M. LAMPSON.

50c a box, 6 for $2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or sent on receipt of price, by FRUIT-A-TIVES Limited, OGDENSBURG, N. Y.—Advertisement.

RED CROSS TO HELP CARE FOR VICTIMS OF INFLUENZA

With the cooperation of the Red Cross, through field representatives, Mark Adler and Miss Jane Hoey, Dr. Sautter, health officer, is planning to organize an emergency committee to help in the work of caring for influenza victims. Dr. Sautter and his two deputies, Drs. F. N. Guyer and Charles K. Winne, conferred with Mr. Adler and Miss Hoey at the Ten Eyck yesterday afternoon.

The Red Cross representatives congratulated Dr. Sautter on the way the epidemic had been handled in Albany. One of the duties of the committee to be organized with the aid of the Red Cross is to see to it that the fight against the disease continued until it has been entirely wiped out. This committee will be a permanent one and will be available at all times.

Although 3,219 new cases were reported to the state health department yesterday the officials feel that the epidemic is fast subsiding. There also has been a big decrease in the daily death rate from the epidemic throughout the state in the last few days.

Since the epidemic started the state has had supervision of 114 nurses and 88 physicians engaged in fighting the disease throughout the state. The services of 84 of the nurses and four of the physicians were obtained under the special appropriation of $50,000 put through by Governor Whitman for emergency medical and nursing service.

MAJ. CLUETT FOR PEACE TALK AFTER SURRENDER

Arsenal Housing Director Favors Leaving Terms to Marshal Foch and His Men—Compares Germany to Murderer.

Major F. Harold Cluett of Troy, housing director of the Watervliet arsenal, told the Albany Society of Civil Engineers last night that the allies should not think of talking peace until after the unconditional surrender of Germany. Continuing, he said:

"We are all agreed upon that. Leave the terms to Foch and the men who have been fighting the battles for the last four and one-half years.

"If Wilson would ask my advice, I would say: 'Refer it to Foch.' It would be a pretty poor gift to those men to end the war by diplomacy; to end it by a note just as those men who have been working, slaving, giving up everything are nearing the end of a job well done.

"We ought not to let the Germans get back into Germany without laying down their arms; then we should go in and destroy their munition factories, lock them in their borders and keep them there until we are certain they never again can molest the peace of the world.

"Let us have unconditional surrender; then, if we must have talk, let us have it then. Germany cannot sit around the peace table and dicker for terms any more than a murderer can dictate his sentence to the judge.

"The force which Wilson spoke of in his message, 'force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit,' that is the force we ought to use until Germany bows in unconditional surrender.

"Don't give up because you read peace news; 'carry on' and pray God to give us the victory in his own due time."

Major Cluett said something of the manufacture of big guns at the Watervliet arsenal. He also gave an interesting account of the conditions prevailing in France after four years of war as he found them. Major Cluett recently returned from France, where he had gone on a special mission to investigate conditions for Dr. John R. Mott, director of the United War Work campaign.

ROCHESTER GIVES A BIG VOTE FOR WHITMAN

Rochester, Oct. 30.—Rochester, banner Republican city and the stronghold of the Monroe county Republican organization headed by George W. Aldridge, remains strong for Governor Whitman if straw votes taken in connection with the "Herald's" canvass furnish an indication. The governor led in three polls among men at which an aggregate of 506 votes were cast. Of these Governor Whitman received 162 votes, Alfred E. Smith, Democratic nominee for governor, 95, and Charles W. Ewin, Socialist, 11.

The governor led Mr. Smith by 70 to 42 in a poll in the stores on Main

No public meetings this week.

To-morrow, 3 to 6 p. m. Republican At Home. Out of town speakers. Music. Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, the honor guest, with the wives of the state, district and county nominees.

TO-MORROW NIGHT'S PARADE

All Republican women of Albany county are invited to march in the women's division of the escort parade for Governor Whitman and the speakers at the mass meeting Thursday night. Women are urged to meet at Republican headquarters, 108-110 State street, at 7:15 p. m., Thursday to form in line.

Last night's Republican rally at Universal hall, Delmar, proved a most interesting evening and a gala night for all loyal G. O. P. workers in that section. An attractively decorated hall, with flags artistically arranged and many palms and ferns; good music and spirited addresses by Representative Sanford and Senator Sage made the occasion one long to be remembered, especially by the new voters who next Tuesday will cast their first ballot at a general election.

Mrs. Whitman, who is well known in Delmar, was given a most cordial reception, a committee of women having been named by Dr. E. J. Bedell, the presiding officer, to receive the wife of the chief executive of the state. After the meeting Mrs. Whitman, Representative Sanford and Senator Sage held an informal reception as did Mrs. Harold J. Hinman and Mrs. John G. Malone, wives of Republican nominees.

A large party of women who have been active in work at Republican headquarters here, motored out for the meeting. Mrs. J. William McClelland marshalling the group, which included: Mrs. Frederick D. Bidwell, Mrs. W. H. H. Rogers, Mrs. Lucius B. Hoyt, Mrs. Edna Mae C. Selmser, Miss Lydia H. Gale, Miss Annie Wood Stratton, Mrs. Stanley Aiken, Mrs. Robert W. Hunter, Mrs. W. M. Chatham, Mrs. Valentine Komfort, Mrs. Halter, mother of Judge Halter; Mrs. Harold J. Hinman and Mrs. John G. Malone.

The music was a feature much appreciated by all present. Marie Minier North whose soprano voice is of wide range and great sweetness, sang two songs appealingly: Novello's "Laddie in Khaki," and "The Robin Song" by White. Miss Regina L. Held played the violin obligatos and Mrs. Edgar I. Minier was the able accompanist. Miss Held gave as a violin solo Bohm's appealing "Cavatina," well interpreted, Miss Florence Page being at the piano, thus adding to the pleasure of the listeners. C. Bertrand Race, baritone, whose rich, full voice is always a delight, gave a duet with Mrs. North, their selection being an excerpt from Cowen's tuneful cantata, "The Rose Maiden." Mrs. Minier was at the piano and Miss Held played the obligato. So insistent was the applause that Mrs. North and Mr. Race repeated a portion of the number.

Miss Page was at the piano during the singing of popular and patriotic songs, which were given with a will by the audience, led by the soloists and by Miss Grace Held and Miss Elizabeth J. Hoffman, sopranos. The numbers included "The Star Spangled Banner," "Keep the Home Fires Burning," "There's a Long, Long Trail" and "America."

To-morrow afternoon is a gala occasion at headquarters, 108-110 State street. From 3 to 6 there will be a special meeting for the Republican women of Albany county, many of whom plan to remain throughout the afternoon and to march in the parade to the Hall at night. Seats will be reserved at the Hall for all women paraders, who will be provided with a special insignia. The women's division will head the parade, Colonel Charles E. Walsh acting as marshal and Captain Jonathan W. Stott as adjutant.

Mrs. Whitman and the wives of the Republican nominees are expected tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Whitman will be accompanied by Miss Helen Varick Boswell of New York, who is to speak both afternoon and evening. Representative Rollin B. Sanford is also to be a speaker.

The music program, with Mrs. E. H. Belcher, soprano; Mrs. Frederick W. Kerner, contralto, Miss Regina L. Held, violinist, as soloists, will be a feature. Mrs. George D. Elwell and Miss Esther D. Keneston will be the accompanists, Miss Myretta Chatham, the well known dramatic reader, will give selections.

Miss Mary E. Dreier, a member of the state commission which, investigated manufacturing conditions in the state in 1914, advocates the re-election of Governor Whitman because of his record on labor legislation affecting the employment of women. She says:

"Little has been said as yet of the services rendered by Governor Whitman in protecting the working women of the state. At a time when many states suspended the labor laws affecting women and children, this legislature passed bills which ought to give free opportunity to the exploitation of the most helpless of the great industrial army. The Governor stood by the women.

"It was a courageous thing to do, for at the time the industrial interests were clamouring by the cry of patriot-

COURT DECIDED IN FAVOR OF WEST END CHURCH

Judge Hirschfeld Holds C. T. Maher, Jr., Liable for Pledge to Building Fund.

City Court Judge Henry Hirschfeld has handed down a decision in the case of the trustees of the West End Presbyterian church against Courtland T. Maher, jr., in which the latter is held liable for the payment of a pledge made by him to the building fund of the church. Maher is directed to pay $36.25 damages with costs to be taxed and an extra allowance of 10 per cent of the damages allowed. Judge William B. Woollard, who appeared for Maher, stated that the decision would be appealed from. Earl Barkhuff was attorney for the church trustees.

The case was argued before Judge Hirschfeld several weeks ago. The action grew out of a controversy between certain members of the church and the trustees over the installation of pool tables and bowling alleys in the basement of the church. Those opposed claimed that such installation changed the character of the church as a church. They left the church and refused to pay their pledges. The trustees decided to make a test case and sued Maher for the money still unpaid. There are about a score of other cases, all of which joined with Maher in fighting the suit.

As a result of the controversy the Rev. Louis F. Mayle, pastor of the church, resigned, but at a recent meeting of the congregation he received such an overwhelming vote of confidence that he reconsidered his resignation.

In his opinion Judge Hirschfeld says:

"In my judgment the church corporation was obligated to erect and dedicate a building which was structurally and architecturally suitable for religious worship in accordance with the faith, usage and doctrines of the Presbyterian church, and under the control of recognized Presbyterians. The only criticism which could be directed against the form of the church edifice is the fact that bowling alleys were installed in the basement, and the question naturally arises as to whether the construction of the extension for these alleys was a violation of Presbyterian faith.

"It seems to me that this is not a problem for a civil court to solve in view of the fact that this church is recognized by the Presbytery of Albany; that the said Presbytery, through its committee, investigated the affairs of the church and deemed action unnecessary or unwise, and that a regularly ordained Presbyterian minister occupies the pulpit; and in addition that the Presbytery has received the representatives of the plaintiff and permitted them to participate in the deliberations of that body.

"This recognition by the proper ecclesiastical body established the character of the church organization and its place of worship, which is binding and conclusive upon a civil court. For this court to make a determination as to whether or not this is a Presbyterian church would necessarily call upon it to investigate a subject foreign to judicial knowledge, and besides, the judicial power is always reluctant to interfere in matters of religious or ecclesiastical arrangement. I do not believe the defendant can resist payment because amusements are permitted in the gymnasium of the church edifice.

"If the trustees of the plaintiff are permitting the church edifice to be used in violation of the faith, discipline and laws of the Presbyterian church, relief can be had either through complaint to the judiciary bodies governing the Presbyterian faith or, if the abuse is flagrant, it may be that a court of equity would lend its aid. But such alleged violation is no defense in this action to compel payment of the pledge, where it has been established that the building has been constructed and properly dedicated and recognized by the proper church authorities.

"It is unfortunate that this unhappy controversy has separated persons wont for many years to worship at a common altar; but the court indulges the hope that it may still be possible for them to reconcile their differences and become united in the service of God."

FIFTH WARD RESIDENTS HONOR MEN IN SERVICE

Demonstration and Speeches Mark the Unfurling of Flag with 412 in Star Numerals.

Residents of the fifth ward and many from other sections of the city were present last night to see the number of 8,000 veterans of the Civil war enrolled in connection with the unfurling of a flag in honor of 412 men from the ward who are in the service of their country. The number 412 was on the flag in star numerals and in addition there were several stars for men from the ward who have lost their lives in the service of their country. The program was arranged through the principal speakers being by County Judge Cornelius Tillinghast, City Court Judge Henry Hirschfeld, the Rev. Cresswell Shearer, Mayor Anthony Scalia, Dr. Thomas E. Finnegan, Dr. Joseph Blunner, Dr. A. J. Brubacher, Dr. C. Edward Graves, Nathan W. Hatch.

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GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL IS ASSURED SUPPORT

Pledges for More Than $1,000 Made at Meeting—Nathan Hatch to Raise 10 Per Cent of Year's Budget.

Albany council of Girl Scouts was assured of hearty support in its work for the coming year at a meeting yesterday at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, when more than $1,000 was pledged to the organization. Mrs. William Bayard Van Rensselaer presided at the meeting.

Several members pledged themselves to raise from $25 to $100 for the support of the work. One hundred dollar pledges were received from Mrs. William Bayard Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Benjamin Walworth Arnold, Mrs. Edward Cogswell, Mrs. George Porter Hilton, Mrs. Edmund N. Huyck, Mrs. Frederic Pruyn and Mrs. William H. Sage.

Pledges amounting to $50 were received from Mrs. Henry J. Sporborg and Mrs. Albert Hessberg; $25, Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. George Stedman and Mrs. James Tracey.

Nathan Hatch volunteered to raise 10 per cent of the year's cost of financing the organization. Persons desirous of supporting the work may send their contributions to Mrs. Gardiner Perry, treasurer.

The speakers at the meeting were: Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. William Bayard Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Edmund N. Huyck, Mrs. George Stedman, Mrs. Joseph Gavit, Mrs. Ann Wynkoop, Miss Josephine Cameron, Mrs. Ledyard Cogswell, Miss Dorothy Treat Arnold and Nathan Hatch.

Mrs. Whitman complimented the members of the council upon the splendid work they have done and told how she thought the organization stood for service in every sense of the word. In closing she remarked she hoped two years hence that she would have a member of the organization in her own family.

In response to a question asked by Mrs. Van Rensselaer as to whether the Girl Scout organizations conflicted with other girls' organizations already established in Albany, Mrs. Edmund N. Huyck, the Young Women's Christian association representative on the state cabinet in the United War Work campaign, scheduled for the week of November 11-18, stated that the Girls' Patriotic league, Victory Army of Girls and the Camp Fire Girls were engaged in separate phases of work.

The council officers appointed include: Commissioner, Miss Dorothy Treat Arnold; treasurer, Mrs. Gardiner Perry; local field captain, Miss Marion McDonald, and local director, Miss Josephine Cameron.

It was announced that through the courtesy of the acting commissioner of education, Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, the office of the council will be in the state education building.

Mrs. Frederick W. Cameron explained the three grades through which a Girl Scout must pass.

The council is composed of the following: Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. William Bayard Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Frederick W. Cameron, 2d, Mrs. Benjamin Walworth Arnold, Mrs. James F. Tracey, Mrs. Henry Sporborg, Miss Helen Delehanty, Mrs. Charles McEwan, Mrs. Gardiner Perry, Mrs. Ann Wynkoop, Mrs. Ledyard Cogswell, Mrs. A. B. Merkel, Mrs. Martin H. Glynn, Mrs. Lynn J. Arnold, Dean Anne Pierce, Mrs. Albert Hessberg, Mrs. George Porter Hilton, Mrs. Edmund N. Huyck, Mrs. Frederic Pruyn, Mrs. George Stedman, Mrs. William H. Sage, Mrs. Frederick Townsend, Mrs. Ward Rawlins, Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, Father Joseph Blunner, Dr. A. J. Brubacher, Dr. C. Edward Graves, Nathan W. Hatch.

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