

# HEROINES OF RELIEF SOCIETY

## Noble Band of Nurses Who Are Doing a Great Work for Charity.

### AMID ILLNESS AND POVERTY.

#### Some Stories of Heartbreaking Cases of Destitution Brought To Notice of Workers.

##### Interview With Superintendent Reveals Quiet and Systematic Effort To Relieve Suffering in Salt Lake.

Up on the corner of South Temple and Second East is a house where a telephone rings with serious insistence many times during the 24 hours of every day. The messages are mostly like this:

"Hello! Superintendent Charity Nurse—Yes? Want to report a serious case of sickness. Family in destitute circumstances, father out of work, mother sick, three children down with contagious disease. Can you send charity nurse at once to give aid?"

"Only one of this many messages; but behind them all lie tales to harrow the heart of humanity.

"We don't like to advertise our work," said Mrs. Emma Empey, who has charge of the Relief Society nurse work. "We do all that we do quietly, without any desire for publicity; but I read in newspapers of this or that person in body of persons having subscribed some donation to a charity call, while for weeks before the Relief Society has been meeting the household, food, and medicine needs of the case, and keeping trained nurses there for the help more necessary than all.

### FACTS IN THE CASE.

"The fact is there are few cases indeed in the ward which do not come under the ward bishops' and Relief Society's notice, and the rule is rather to lend aid to the unworthy than to turn away the truly needy or afflicted. We meet many conditions in our work; especially in the houses of the sick where everything in the way of poverty and uncleanliness is met. Within a call not 100 yards from a great mansion, all three children were ill. A charity nurse was at once sent and later I went to the place myself for an inspection. I found a very large and comfortable house and was informed by a neighbor that the people I looked for 'was no good at all; just poor white trash from the south, that even the negroes wouldn't associate with.' Going to the door, I entered a room holding the first relay of three families which inhabited as many rooms, all directly or indirectly related.

"From the first room there had recently been 16 cases of measles. In the third 'apartment' I found the family to whom I had sent my nurse. The room was very large and in it lay two beds, the three children being down with pneumonia. The mother, a listless young woman of about 23 years, stood helplessly watching the nurses, and when I told her of my sympathy, but not a word of response.

"What have you been doing for the children?" I asked. She waited and then told me her mother had given her a bottle of brown liquid which I later knew was tobacco juice. 'I ain't done nothing for 'em,' she replied.

### POVERTY AND SQUALOR.

"Not used to nursing?" I asked. "No—I ain't ever nursed nobody." I looked around. Poverty and uncleanliness everywhere. A large pack of boxes stood by the door. On the floor were the family utensils pans, kettles and such—and in a wall cupboard were a few dishes. No clothes closet—only a few pairs of shoes hanging on the wall. The father came in—a rough, unkempt man—as close-mouthed as his face was large and in it were two beads, the three children being down with pneumonia. The mother, a listless young woman of about 23 years, stood helplessly watching the nurses, and when I told her of my sympathy, but not a word of response.

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### PITIFUL CASE.

Another pneumonia case was more pitiful. The family were Germans and could speak little English—the father alone having a small command of the tongue. He had a severe case of pneumonia, and for the first time in his life he had been taking treatment that had used up most of his means. A curious phase was that only when he raised his hands above his head could he speak intelligibly, so that conversation with him was always attended by this tableau.

### EXPERIENCE OF NURSE.

A nurse had been dispatched at the first call and her relief nurse, sent later, was met with the news that the doctor had said that neither child could live. "I'm so glad you're dying, the mother cannot speak English and is subject to fits," said the nurse. "I dread to be here alone." No child's play this experience for the young nurses meeting the dread foes—disease, poverty and death, in unassisted form.

The nurse looked about. On a bed in one corner lay the older child—ill with pneumonia. In another stood a baby carriage and in it a little child sinking in convulsions. Just then the father came in—and the mother told

him what the doctor had said of the children—that there was no hope. His face was pitiful; but he had no time to indulge his own grief—the strain had been too much for him—the mother, and she sank on the floor in a swoon.

The nurse went quietly to the child and under her deft ministrations the convulsions ceased. Two hours—and no sign of the mother's waking. On the floor in that mother's face. There was a chance for the baby's life, then? But no; the little body was too frail to lend resistance and a few hours later it was gone. Presently the undertaker came.

"So soon?" the nurse asked. "I have not been able to dress the baby yet."

"The doctor left word with me to get it away quickly as possible," he replied, "for the good of the other child."

### FATHER ABSENT.

"But the father is not home now, nor the brothers or sisters—and the mother can understand nothing. It seems cruel to take it away before."

"Where is the baby?" he asked, and the nurse laid back the sheet from the little form. Tears started in his eyes. "A beautiful child," he said under his breath. But he could not wait; and with signs the nurse made the mother understand her need. She had only one dress for her baby, a little muslin gown—too much soiled to be worn.

"Can you furnish anything better than that?" the nurse asked the man. "Nothing nearly so good," said the undertaker; and then a bargain was made that the nurse might come up the next day and bring the little dress freshly laundered—for a shroud. Together they made the mother understand that her baby was to be taken away. She nodded, her head—and made no further sign, walking about in a dazed way till the father came—then she pointed to the empty corner where the little carriage had stood, gave one scream and sank to the floor. From one swoon to another she passed, the husband vainly trying to comfort her—then the superintendent was telephoned.

### BISHOP TAKES A HAND.

She gave instructions to notify the bishop of the ward, and in ten minutes he was there, with his counselors. "Baby back!" he instructed, when he had heard the pitiful tale, "and we will bear all expenses."

There were delays and delays; but finally the little body came back to the mother's arms, and the comfort of her last caress.

A new nurse came to relieve, and the former went on with her work in other places of need. A few weeks later a man stopped her on the street and offered his hand; and only when his arms were thrown above his head did she recognize the father of the "beautiful dead child."

"How is the other little boy that was ill?" she asked.

"He is better," said the father, joyfully. "We think he will live."

So read the unassuming records of angelic aid done by the effort of unselfish hands.

### FOR FIFTY-NINE DAYS.

"Some of our nurses keep a long vigil," said the superintendent, looking over her shoulder. "There are cases of 59 days—a long stretch without relief—and absolutely without remuneration. We had once in our care an old lady, bed-ridden—but she was a soldier's widow. The most of this, disolute and selfish sons wheeled out of her, so that her only comfort was the help of a nurse. She sent her nurse to stay with her in those last lonely months, when her own hands were helpless and her kindred heedless of her condition. Many a lonely soul has cheered by the ministrations of a nurse, and want is kept from their poor roofs.

### HOMELESS BABES.

"Sometimes our nurses are called to care for young babes left motherless; and I could tell you of some who have taken these little ones in and kept them for years for charity's sake. One of these motherless babes has been living now for four years in a nurse's home, the idol of her two or three big brothers who like nothing so well as to buy 'kiss-macks' for the kid."

"Not so long ago, we sent one of our girls to a family where death claimed the mother—her life given for her newly born babe. The father was poor, there were other children, but poor as they were, they were content to take charge of the 'littlest one.' The nurse took it to her own home and there it still remains—the father making what little remittances he can for its help. For help for the other children; so they had to make the best of things—play in the streets and take care of themselves, somehow, till the father came home at night from his work."

### GRATITUDE AT A DISCOUNT.

"Some whom we help are hardly grateful. One case we had—another of the 'poor white trash' kind—conditions terrible and almost unbearable to people of the culture like the best of our nurses. She went among them taking the first wholesome breath of cleanliness they had known in years; nursing a contagious disease, most trying to handle. Not one word of gratitude rewarded her weeks of devotion. She was under no claim to do this work—save her own desire to be of use to the suffering and distressed. The doctor's attendance came in for his share of the general indifference. Toys, fruit and other gifts sent by him were received and used in ignorant silence. But it does not keep any of us away from the next call. Give freely—expecting nothing in return."

"This is the great sin of the true charity—and one which in our way we are trying to live."

### TWO SALES OF ART WORKS.

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### TIP THAT DID NO GOOD.

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### TWO MEN UNDER ARREST FOR MYSTERIOUS CRIMES.

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# HARDWARE FIRM IN DIFFICULTIES

## Monarch Company Suspends and Goes Into Hands of a Receiver.

### NO BIG LOCAL CREDITORS.

#### A. E. Kimball Has Been Placed in Charge—President J. G. Campbell Leaves for Spokane.

The strain of hard times has brought a large store in Salt Lake to the end of its career today, and the announcement consequently comes from creditors of the Monarch Hardware Co., on west Third South street, that it has suspended, and gone into the hands of a receiver appointed by the creditors.

A. E. Kimball, who has been placed in charge, will sell out the stock as fast as possible, turn over the proceeds to the creditors, and then the concern will cease to exist. J. G. Campbell, president of the company, and manager, left Salt Lake for Spokane as soon as the investigation of the creditors commenced. An examination showed the company to be in very bad condition, and while its business for 1907 had totaled \$27,000, there were accumulated bills amounting to \$38,000, which was due to big eastern dealers from whom stock had been secured. Why a business of \$27,000 should turn in less than enough profits to pay for the stock handled is a mystery that none of those connected with the assignment will discuss.

### ASSETS PLACED AT \$38,000.

The Monarch Hardware Co. was next to Z. C. M. L. and the Salt Lake Hardware Co., the biggest dealer in the line of goods in the city. It has now on hand a stock valued at \$38,000. Mr. Kimball calls a very low invoice of \$30,000, and other property, which raises its total assets to \$38,000.

"According to our book values," said Mr. Kimball this morning when asked for a statement, "we have about \$38,000 in property, and liabilities of nearly the same amount. We should realize at least about 75 per cent of the creditors, when the business finally wound up."

"Who are these creditors?" was asked.

"Eastern firms largely who gave credit on stock purchases. There are no local creditors for any large amounts."

### PRESSURE RESPONSIBLE.

From general appearances the assignment is a case of eastern firms demanding money on notes given for stock, and the company being unable to meet these notes, or to secure extensions. To avoid the costs of court procedure and legal talent the creditors pooled their interests and named a man to take over the business, who was satisfactory to all.

### IS A YOUNG FIRM.

The company started in 1904 as the Brubaker-Campbell Hardware company, at 12 west Third South. Afterward it moved across the street to the present location. In 1905 C. E. Brubaker, one of the partners, sold his interest to the company, and retired, after a dispute with Mr. Campbell as to the methods pursued in conducting the business. After this the firm continued the same name until February, 1906, when the name of "The Monarch Hardware company" was adopted. On Jan. 2, Kimball, now in charge, went into the store to make an investigation, which resulted, on his report, on his being placed in charge to close the business.

The stock consists of all kinds of builder's materials, stoves, guns, fishing tackle, and a general hardware assortment.

# MISS THEODORA SHONTS IS NOW A REAL DUCHESS.

New York, Feb. 15.—Miss Theodora Shonts, daughter of Theodore P. Shonts, formerly chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, was married today at noon to Manuel Theodor Bernad D'Arbo, de Guyenne, Duc de Guignes de Paris. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's father, at 123 East Fifth, the ceremony being performed by Monsignor M. J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral. Although considerable interest has been aroused because of his international phase, it was planned to be an unostentatious home wedding without unusual display or exception gathering of guests. The Duc de Guignes is 29 years old and a member of one of the most aristocratic families of the French nobility. He has a house in Paris and an hereditary castle in one of the French provinces.

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# RAGING TORRENTS IN OHIO VALLEY

## Spring Floods Have Already Done Great Damage to Property.

### TO ADD TO MELTING OF SNOW AND ICE HEAVY RAINS ARE FALLING.

#### West Virginia Is Expecting High Water—Stores and Homes Are Already Inundated.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15.—With a stage of 19 feet at 9 o'clock this morning and rapidly rising at the rate of a foot an hour, the Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio, Youghiogheny and Klamminet rivers were slowly spreading over the lowlands of Pittsburg and western Pennsylvania points today.

The danger mark of 22 feet will be reached by noon and the local United States weather bureau predicts a stage of 30 feet by nightfall. Rain continues to fall today.

The damage to river craft and property located near the rivers is already heavy. Large ice gorges in the Allegheny and Youghiogheny rivers above this city are momentarily expected to break, wrecking and demolishing craft in its path. Some alarm also is felt for a number of bridges.

At Wheeling, W. Va., and Steubenville, Ohio, a serious flood is expected to occur, but not before Sunday night. Word from Steubenville today says that a stage of 40 feet will be reached there by Monday morning or sooner.

### BUILDINGS ARE FLOODED.

At points here the high water has risen to the ground floors of business houses and dwellings.

Through the night, hundreds of people were actively engaged removing their household goods to places of safety.

Before evening several railroads and street car lines will be forced to abandon service in this city on account of the water covering the tracks. All the small streams in towns surrounding Pittsburg are beyond repair banks and the water is rapidly rising. Thousands of families at Sharpsburg, Aetna, Aspinwall, Charleroi, Oakdale and numerous other places have been compelled to remove their household goods to the upper stories. In some of the towns skiffs are being used as a means of transportation to many homes.

The town of Leetonia, Ohio, which was wrecked last night at Cosopolis is entirely submerged today and will be a total loss.

Other water stages are reported from all points above here. At Franklin, Pa., the water is several feet above the danger mark this morning and rising. A similar situation prevails at Johnstown, Freeport, Warren, Greensboro and other places.

### HOPE FOR FROSTS.

The rainfall is especially heavy at Leetonia, Ohio, and a large gong, several miles long is slowly approaching the city from Parker, Pa., on the Allegheny river and another from West Newton, Pa., on the Youghiogheny river.

### LANDSLIDES FREQUENT.

Several heavy landslides happened along the Pittsburg, Virginia, and Charleston railroad from the rain, delaying trains and making the run dangerous. The H. & O. tracks, freight station and station have been abandoned.

A number of pavements along Penn avenue have collapsed and cellars are rapidly filling with water.

### COAL MINES FLOODED.

Many coal mines along the river banks are flooded and thousands of coal miners compelled to abandon their work.

Allegheny a picked squad of patrolmen are guarding the inundated districts. Many plants are partially submerged and hundreds of men are out of work. At Beaver, Pa., the Ohio river, rising 11 feet in 10 hours, and indications point to a flood stage of dangerous proportions.

### WATER IN BUFFALO STREETS.

Cellars Flooded and Much Property Damaged by Overflow.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The waters of Buffalo and Tonawanda creeks in

# SHAH STILL ALIVE.

## Rumors of His Assassination Are Discredited in London Circles.

Vienna, Feb. 14.—A report is in circulation here that the shah of Persia has been assassinated. No confirmation of the report is obtainable here.

London, Feb. 15.—No credence whatever is attached here to the reports from Vienna that the shah of Persia has been assassinated. A telegram received here from Paris says the Persian minister to France received several telegrams from Tehran last night on ordinary business, and that no mention was made of any incident that could have occasioned the rumor.

### LEAF RIVER OVERFLOWS.

Mississippi Residents Prepare to Leave Lowlands in Face of Floods.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Feb. 15.—Leaf river is over its banks at this city. Residents in the lowlands are making preparations to move. The railroad and telegraph wires are down in every direction.

### SPRINGFIELD UNDER WATER.

One Hundred and Ten Homes Submerged and Trains Stopped.

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Buck Creek is higher than since 1885, and fully 119 houses in this city are flooded. Boats were kept busy all night carrying people out of their submerged homes. All suburban traction lines entering the city are out of commission.

# RALEIGH ENTERS A GENERAL DENIAL

## Just When Investigation Is About To Close Up Bobs Jonathan Westernman.

### WHY EMPLOYEES WERE FIRED.

#### Certain Men Left the City's Employ For the Good of the Service, Says Accused.

The Raleigh investigation was not concluded before the city council last night, but the finale will probably come Monday evening to which date the hearing was postponed. The latest proceeding was no less interesting than were its predecessors, and a crowd of people witnessed the show and seemed to enjoy it quite as much as on the two former occasions.

"Why certain men left the city's employ," was the story running through one of the chapters added by Supervisor Raleigh. The names of the men retired and the reasons therefor were given as follows:

Lawson—"Because he thought he knew more than I did."

Leonard—"Because I caught him lying under a tree."

George Jones—"I couldn't fire him, but I did."

Will Jones—"Was no good."

James Phillips—"Because he thought he was too big to take orders from me."

### WOOD EXPLAINS.

The feature of the evening was the questioning of Councilman Wood, the man at whose instance the investigation was brought and who has conducted the proceedings. Councilman Wood admitted last night that while drawing \$75 a month from the city, he had put in 15 days "campaigning" for his party just prior to the last election. In explanation, he pleaded that he had acted with Raleigh's consent.

The accused had an array of witnesses on hand to prove his competency and fitness for the position. Among them were ex-Mayor Richard P. Morris, ex-Councilman Martin E. Mulvey, ex-Councilman John B. Reid, George G. Smith, who was a candidate for the city council on the Democratic ticket last fall, and others.

### GENERAL DENIAL.

Raleigh went on the stand in his own behalf and made specific denials of the charges against him. The stone stand on his premises, and photographed by the Deseret News, was only stored there, he said, and was later taken to his home. He had kept but two horses at the city stables, and that by authority of the council; men were sent by him to prepare the course track, upon advice of the mayor, but were not paid by the city; men were sometimes given vacations, because they deserved them; knew nothing of "footing," or levying assessments upon the merchants.

Other witnesses of the evening were Al Pitts, Will George and Charles Harmon, the last named endeavoring to explain the north Main street squabbling and the other two denying the truth of Leonard's statements as to the "footing" process.

### WESTERMAN'S CHARGE.

Just as it seemed possible that the investigation would close last night, Jonathan Westernman stepped into the arena and declared that he and his partner, Jim Hardman, had been forced to pay out some \$20,000 for the removal of a convention to be held at the Raleigh & Co. secured the sand for nothing and sold it at a profit. The statement of Westernman caused the case to go over till Monday evening.

### FLOOD HEAVIEST IN YEARS.

Not Since 1888 Has Indiana Suffered As at Present.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 15.—While northern and central Indiana is swept by snow and ice, the state is suffering from floods. Rivers are out of banks and in several counties bridges have been carried away and buildings in the lowlands are under water.

The flood in the lowlands has perhaps the greatest since 1888. At Bedford bottom lands are overflowed. Rural mail routes were abandoned today.

### KENTUCKY RIVERS RISING.

Preparing for Rush of Logs—Fences Already Washed Away.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 15.—Streams throughout Eastern Kentucky are rising rapidly as a result of the four day's rain and great damage is feared by lumber concerns along the Kentucky, the Red, Cumberland, Licking and Big Sandy rivers. River men have extra forces of men at work strengthening log booms to hold the thousands of logs which will sweep down upon them. This rush has already begun. Several towns in the lowlands along the Licking river are reported as in danger of the water. Most of the bridges in the lowlands have already been carried away. Traffic on railroads and interurban lines running out of this city is delayed because of high water.

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# FLEET NOT GOING AS FAR AS JAPAN

## Official Order Received at Mare Island Sets Fears at Rest.

### MANY REPAIRS ARE NEEDED.

#### Several Ships Ordered to the Docks; Others to be Re-Armed.

##### Target Practice Plays an Important Part in Plans for Admiral Evans' Squadron of Fighting Ships.

Valajo, Cal., Feb. 15.—The following is the substance of an official order received at Mare Island from the navy department in Washington, regarding the destination and repairing of the ships of the Pacific fleet:

The Colorado and Pennsylvania will proceed to the Bremerton navy yard immediately for docking and extensive repairs, remaining there until May 1, when the first division of the fleet, including the Maryland and West Virginia will re-assemble in northern waters. New eight-inch guns will be installed aboard the Colorado at Bremerton. The Maryland and West Virginia will remain at Mare Island and will be docked before the reassembling of the fleet. The Washington and Tennessee will proceed north early in April for docking and minor repairs, remaining at the yard only a short time.

### FOR TARGET PRACTISE.

The Albany, on duty in Central America since September 1, will proceed to Magdalena bay, and upon completion of target practise will go to a suitable port to give the crew shore liberty. The Albany will not visit the navy yard until May 1, unless repairs are urgently needed. The torpedo boat destroyers Perry and Preble will come here in the spring, the former to be given repairs and be docked, the Preble to be placed out of commission, as her boilers need retubing. Her place will be taken by the Paul Jones, now being overhauled here. The Charleston, a battleship, will be docked at the yard for target practise between Feb. 15 and March 14.

### FOR JEFFERSON DAY.

#### Women's Democratic Club Preparing For Event on April 8.

Jefferson Day is to be celebrated by the Democrats of this state April 8. At least such was the announcement made by J. Letcher this morning who also says committees are being appointed to make all arrangements for a big banquet, to be held most likely at the Commercial club. An effort will be made to get some famous westerner like Gov. Toole of Montana who steps out March 1 because of poor health. It is the idea to get some prominent man, prominent in the west, to come to this city and Gov. Toole has been mentioned as a desirable. The movement is largely in the hands of the Women's Democratic club but the women have called a large number of energetic workers to their aid in preparing for the Democrats' big day.

The Women's Democratic club met at Mrs. Lapham's home, 381 Fourth avenue, Wednesday evening, Feb. 12. There was a good attendance present. The old board of officers was re-elected except in two instances where vacancies occurred, in the Second and Third precincts. Mrs. M. F. Cunningham was elected executive officer for the Second and Third precincts. Mrs. E. J. Jones was elected to assist Mrs. Kenner in the south part of the First precinct; Mrs. M. Jacobson to assist Mrs. Ringwood in the Fourth; Mrs. Brandt to assist Mrs. Toole in the Fifth precinct and Mrs. E. B. Groschel for the Fifth.

### LOOK OUT FOR P. O. ORDERS.

Business men, merchants and everybody throughout the United States are warned to watch for postoffice money orders 18,816 to 19,000, inclusive. They were stolen from a money order stamp in Chicago, during December. Names used in the orders of this series passed by a man and woman in St. Joe, were George A. Miller, remitter, and James Miller, payee. Different names will be used in most likelihood. Anyone who comes across an order of this series should at once have the police hold the person passing it, until the affair can be explained.

### FUNERAL OF H. C. BREWSTER.

The funeral of Heber C. Brewster will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Twenty-seventh ward chapel. Burial will be made in the city cemetery. Friends may view the body between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock at the family residence, 350 Sixth avenue. Mr. Brewster died at midnight Tuesday night at the age of 28 years. He received a widow and two children. Mr. Brewster was a member of the Woodmen of the World, which organization will attend the funeral, in a body.

# Three Year Old Boy Scalded By Fiend Now Lodged in Jail

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### DISAGREEMENT WITH MRS. DEVENICK.

disagreement with Mrs. Devenick, a 30 angry did the man become that a quarrel, it is charged, he picked up the little boy held him between his knees, almost choking him, and then took him to the kitchen and poured boiling water over the child's head and down its back.

Mrs. Devenick, it is thought, left the room after quarrelling with Dewala. Later the little fellow wandered into the room in search of his mother and at the sight of the child Dewala became so enraged that he seized the little lad and brought about his death.

# Three Mississippi Towns Destroyed By Tornadoes

Meridian, Miss., Feb. 15.—Three small Mississippi towns were practically demolished by a tornado today. Reports of the number killed range from six to 10. Mossville, Service and Soso are the towns destroyed. The tornado struck them about noon and in most instances is reported to have carried the buildings in its path completely off the lots on which they stood. Nearby fields were covered with wreckage and the branches of trees were littered with small household articles.

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