

encourage other groups of students in war time to ask for this kind of treatment."

This sensational announcement was only one of several sensations that marked an extraordinary afternoon. When Dudley Field Malone came forward to make his address and stood waiting for silence he did not know that the agitation in the back of the theatre was caused by the determined effort of five hundred people outside to get into an auditorium already overcrowded. Those five hundred people were somewhat mollified when one of the most brilliant of the speakers among the picketers went out to make a speech in the frosty air and to have the satisfaction of seeing President Wilson dash past the crowd in a motor.

Malone made a very eloquent speech. He said many clever and interesting things. He was most effective when he pointed out that picketing as a method of agitation had helped immensely the victory for Suffrage in New York by appealing to the sympathies of the workers who so long and so desperately had clung to picketing in their own fights. Incidentally he made a reference to the controversy involving Sam Gompers over the organizing of postal employees. "I have even the tolerance to concede Post Master Burlington the right to be wrong, which he usually is."

Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont read her paper reciting the sufferings of the picketers in jail and prison so dramatically that it seemed like a reading than an impassioned spontaneous speech.

The most dramatic scene of the afternoon came when the picketers who had been in prison, about eighty, marched slowly down the aisles with their banners, young women and old women, short women and tall women all with fine serious faces, the most interesting being Mrs. Nolan, seventy-three years old, who had come up from Florida to work for the cause.

Miss Lucy Burns, the red-haired young agitator from New York, who had been manacled to the bars of her cell on "the night of terror" in Occoquan prison, and Miss Alice Paul, the recognized leader, the inspiration of the picketing, who had recently come back from jail after a five weeks hunger strike, with about three weeks of forcible feeding, a delicate, shy little creature, with big black eyes.

Those who like plenty of action in their drama would have been delighted with the scenes managed by Mrs. M. Hepburn, of Hartford, Connecticut, who presided in a way that might have been envied by that gang among presiding officers, Champ Clark. She explained the need that the organization had of money to carry on its work to the success that seemed imminent, a great deal of money too, and she called for pledges. Soon they were coming so fast that two or three speakers would be heard at the same time, eager to make their offerings. Five thousand dollars, three thousand dollars, five hundred dollars, fifteen thousand dollars, five dollars, the amounts would keep varying and with them there would be brief speeches, offering the pledges in behalf of this state or this person in honor of some friend of suffrage or of freedom, living or dead. Mrs. Howard Gould, just returned from a long motor trip thru the south with Miss Maude Younger, to let the people know what the picketers had been enduring in jail, rose in her box and said she wanted to pledge five thousand dollars in honor of Dudley Field Malone whom she celebrated as a politician because he was so different from other politicians. He will be a remarkable character if he is not spoiled for the rest of his life by that incident.

So many people were eager to give money that Mrs. Hepburn, a evening approached, was obliged, with reluctance only too evident, to stop the proffers.

At this time the audience was packed. But Miss Maude Younger performed the feat of interest by her story of the encounter and the obstacles overcome by those who were so different from other politicians. Paul's

visitor in the jail. It was this story that formed the chief topic of comment as the audience passed out. Would the Administration really support the Federal Amendment?

HARDSHIPS OF THE "SOUL DOUGH" BOYS

(Continued From Another Page.)
News:
turn back, and if on the back trail severe blizzards should stop them, sickness or accident should delay, then the white death wins out again.

So a gold hunter in Alaska is very much like a submarine, he can only get so far from his supply base and live. Many a prospector starts out for a certain locality and he has to beat it back the minute he gets there—or starve.

Terrible blizzards often overtake mushers on these trips, storms that neither man nor dog can face, and then one must get in and stay in until it is over, or die.

The thermometer during mid-winter will often go 80 degrees and more below zero, and Alaskan thermometers are made the reverse of state recorders, the zero mark being more than half way up the glass so the mercury will have room enough to run down. In an ordinary thermometer the mercury will run down into the bulb and freeze solid.

In a temperature of 80 degrees below zero no living thing can long endure in the open. Even the hardy bears and wolves hunt holes and remain until the weather moderates. Men long exposed to the awful cold may survive for a time, only to die with lung disease later on. The intense cold breathed in the open freezes or chills the lung lining, and later on the victim will contract bronchitis, pneumonia or quick consumption.

One prospector told me he was caught in a blizzard and remained for five days in an abandoned cabin. He said evidently a white woman or squaw had once resided there, for the interior had been clothed and papered with newspapers. And he spent the most of his time reading those walls. He would read up as far as he could see, then stand on the table and read up to the roof, read newspapers that were printed ten years before. He told me that one morning he opened the slide window and threw the dishwasher out and when it struck the ground it was ice. This is a whopper for a man who has never experienced a winter up around the arctic circle, but I will believe any story told in Alaska, when told the first time.

Another miner told me that the extreme cold had forced him and his partner to abandon their thawing fires and wait for warmer weather. One morning he thought to fix a dog sled that was standing just outside the cabin. He reached out to get it and his hand came in contact with the sled shoe. It was frozen to the metal in an instant. The sled was brought inside and his hand released by warming the metal, but he said he had a dangerous sore from the burn.

When the thermometer is far below zero and there is no wind it is astonishing how far sound will carry. The howl of a dog can be heard further than the eye can see, and men can converse more than a mile apart.

Sometimes there is game to be had in the prospecting camps, and sometimes a man might hunt for a month and never see a sign of a bear, caribou or any other animal. Like gold, game is where you find it in Alaska, and it is fully as uncertain as gold.

Every year a large number of crazy men are brought out of Alaska and taken to Portland, Oregon. There is not a town on the Yukon that has not sent out one or many "bugs." Two things are given as the causes for the brain storms, brooding and solitude. And it is rather remarkable that about 90 per cent of these men recover in from six months to two years' treatment in the "bug" sanitarium in Portland.

Many men buy Indian women and marry them, to prevent insanity. "We play cards to hold our brains together until we hate the sight of each other, then we dance many a store keeper, with the customary winter stock on hand, finds there are very few

Let two men work together and live together day after day, or rather night after night of the long dayless winter, and after a time they become sullen, morose, quarrelsome. They will go for days without hardly a spoken word. The darkness, solitude and cold have a peculiar influence on men. The firmest of friends will quarrel over a trifle and get silent for days. One will get mad if his partner talks too much and will fly into a passion if he is fussy and does not talk. They will quarrel over the most unimportant details and often separate over a trifling argument. Anywhere else but in this solitude these men would fight to the last for each other.

And ice and snow everywhere—the miners of Alaska really suffer for want of water. The only water they have during the winter is snow water, thawed, and this is too often too much trouble for men who work from 15 to 18 hours per day. It is too often too much trouble for men who sit idly in their cabins day after day. Hence it is a fact men do not drink enough water to be healthy during the long winters, and as for having enough to keep their bodies and their dishes in healthy condition—forget it. There are men in Alaska who haven't had a bath in years.

When a pair first starts on a prospecting hole their one topic of conversation, day and night, is what they will strike and what they will do when they strike it. After a time neither will dare speak the word "gold" or mention his hopes. It is peculiar how the hard grind and the monotony go to one's head.

Let a cabin run out of tobacco and the men are more concerned than over a shortage of food. As the supply runs low the partners will declare it is a good time to quit. When it becomes exhausted they will pick up disgorged euds around the cabin, dry them and smoke them, and when it is all gone, one or perhaps both will risk their lives thru long trips over the mountains to the nearest town.

Seattle prices double when the product reaches the river stores, and double again when they are packed in to the mining camps back from the river, so it can be readily seen why war prices are driving men out of Alaska by hundreds. When bacon reaches a dollar a pound no prospector can afford it, and but few of the richest of the working claims can.

Some of these days when the war is over and there is an over-supply of dirigibles and aeroplanes, Alaska is going to have a thoro searching out in the remote places where white men dare not go now. These fliers during the summer season will go down the streams of unknown places, and over the mountains to unexplored valleys, and they will be able to carry in enough provisions and supplies to warrant thoro prospecting of these far-back localities—places that absolutely cannot be prospected now for the reason that the outfits cannot carry supplies enough over the trailless and roughest of all countries to keep the prospectors eating for a long enough time. The rear of starvation holds many a man back from exploration. He dares not go further for fear that he may not be able to come back, that unforeseen difficulties may delay and he may starve and freeze and starvation is the one nightmare of the Alaskan prospector.

With fliers it will be possible during the summer months to explore the great white wastes on the Alaskan map, to go up beyond the Arctic circle to the Arctic ocean, and to prospect every valley and stream. There is no doubt but what there are many strikes as rich as the Klondike waiting for someone to find them; and with air machines making this possible, Alaska will no doubt be thoro explored.

War time prices have played the devil with the Yukon river merchants. In these interior towns wants must be anticipated, or guessed at, months ahead and the goods for the coming winter must be ordered months ahead. This year the excessive prices in the mining camps have forced many of the small concerns, with low-grade dirt, to quit, to simply shut down and go outside until the war ends and prices lower.

Niagara county farmers are reported to have done an almost unprecedented amount of fall plowing. They are preparing for record-breaking crops next year.

to buy his goods and the bills are coming due. And a result will be that many a dealer with small capital and credit will go broke.

Next week I will write about some—a mining camp that sprung up like a mushroom in the night; a camp that was only equalled by Dawson as the greatest gold producing spot on earth, and a gold city that has "gone bust."

NEW YORK NEWS

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Paragraphs of Interest to Readers of Empire State

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points in the State and So Reduced in Size That it Will Appeal to All Classes of Readers.

Victor business men are forming a board of trade.

Macedon is talking of buying an electric light plant.

Albion will launch a no-license campaign next spring.

Over in Phelps last week potatoes dropped to 84 cents a bushel.

The city of Buffalo is selling sugar for babies at 10 cents a pound.

Rochester's section of the Erie canal is about to close for ever.

Lancaster has a new industry, the Natura Mills, capitalized at \$35,000.

The Avoca Wheel company is expecting a large government contract.

The Corning foundry was incorporated in Albany with \$100,000 capital.

Full returns will show a record crop of garages in Rochester this year.

Dr. Ralph Gregorius, Steuben county bacteriologist, has resigned his position.

Rochester has formed a tuberculosis committee with Isaac Adler as chairman.

Lockport oversubscribed its \$15,000 Y. M. C. A. quota, the total being \$18,838.98.

Niagara Falls has started a campaign to raise \$10,000 for its Memorial hospital.

Master horseshoers of the Tonawandas will increase their rates 60 cents a horse.

Niagara Falls is going to buy more voting machines to prepare for the votes of women.

Fredonia's home defense, 80 men, expects to be fully armed and equipped before long.

Lockport city is to be redistricted and more voting machines are to be bought over there.

Knights of Columbus in Rochester have hung a service flag with more than 80 stars on it.

Rochester thinks it may get milk during December at a lower price than is now being paid.

The Seneca Falls chamber of commerce and the Citizens' club of that place have been merged.

Appraiser of the Henry M. Flagler estate reports that only \$380,299 is taxable in New York state.

Two parts of the supreme court are likely to be held in Lockport in January to avoid congestion.

Five rural carriers have resigned in Wyoming county because their routes have been lengthened.

Two impostors, who said they were federal agents have been stealing canned fruit near Fredonia.

Teachers' training classes will be discontinued in many Western New York high schools after this year.

Mechanics Institute in Rochester is about to open a course to teach engineers and firemen, how to save coal.

Total receipts at the Niagara county clerk's office were \$16,631.18 for the year, a gain of \$1,282.57 over last year.

Corning ministers have put the ban on Sunday funerals and have asked the undertakers to co-operate with them.

Appointment of a woman on each county home defense committee has been recommended by Governor Whitman.

White chocolate concern distributed 10,000 pounds of sugar in North Tonawanda last week, the city is again short.

Oreans county supervisors have petitioned the state conservation commission to permit the hunting of rabbits with ferrets.

The Bath Municipal Electric Light company is experiencing difficulties in maintaining its service, due to its inability to obtain coal.

Sign Here

If Jesus should be regarded by all except the children, the world would be still the Supreme in the World—and very soon.

Let every contribution to Him be snatched from Him—His coffin not be torn from the hearts of children.

The most lasting monument we may build is a life unfolded in reference to care and comfort and welfare of the children.

The only foundation which is permanent in this or any other world, here or hereafter is Love. God—is—Love.

He that loveth knoweth God. It is the distinguishing mark of permanent life. That which is not rooted in love is not worth the candle.

A good many people are deluded by the substitutes for life, think religion is everything it could not possibly be. But Life is Love.

And True Religion is a way to the life-worlds.

One may scoff at love and banker for harangues about the cheap fetiches bigoted religiousities have invented—but he who scoffs at love as a principle, as a governing motif, as a glorious consummation, as the central theme of a gospel, as the social relation—simply scoffs at God.

God invented love as a law of life.

Love is the fulfilling of the law. People take location by their contributions of happiness-making means.

It is the test of God who lavishes His gifts upon all souls.

Until we think God out of the universe we would be wise not

Southwest Oil and Refining Company

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Company owns leases on approximately 15,000 acres choice oil and gas lands in Oklahoma and Kansas.

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For the present the company's drilling operations will be confined to the shallow sands where production is practically certain and the expense of drilling only normal. The first should be completed within 60 days.

In order to drill 65 wells on this 230 acre lease the company has placed on the market an allotment of its treasury stock to be sold as the money is needed, at par-\$1.00 per share, and descriptions are solicited.

We believe this stock is an excellent speculative investment. For any portion of this allotment or additional information address W. C. Jenkins, 122 E. 25th St., New York.

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