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Coliseum Show is Attracting Crowds. All Sorts of the Most Fascinating Features Shown

Have you been to Ringling Brothers' Circus?

This is the question on many lips since the "world's greatest show" opened its season of 1917 at the Coliseum in Chicago last week.

No feature act has ever received the reception that is daily tendered Miss May Wirth. Miss Wirth is called the "world's greatest bareback rider" and she certainly merits the title. She outclimaxes all climaxes by turning no end of backward and forward somersaults from one galloping horse to the back of another. And then, just when you begin to think she has reached the limit of daring, this dainty miss who is still in her teens, ties market baskets to her feet and goes through stunts more hazardous than before. For those who prefer to have their thrills from the dome of the Coliseum, there is Hillary Long, who straps skates to his head and performs breath-taking acts in mid-air. "Ink Drop," the somersaulting Soudanese midget is another favorite in his mad mishaps a-horse-back; the MacPherson clan of equestrians and Romoffsky's Siberian marvels are still other acts new to America and there are no end of novelties mostly of foreign importation.

The glittering fairyland spectacle, "Cinderella," which opens the program is particularly pleasing to the little folks. The whole story of the fairy-favored heroine is told in six massive scenes which enlist a cast of 1250 characters and a mammoth ballet. There are clowns, of course—60 of 'em—and in the Coliseum annex the visitor finds the great Ringling menagerie and no end of queer people in the freak department. Performances will be given twice daily throughout the Chicago engagement including Sundays.

PLAN TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION

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called into service. This dreary waste of time has in the past been a positive detriment to the boy. He will now be able to put in as much of this extra time as he will upon his garden plot, which will be marked off with his name and thus become a source of pride as well as of profit if he works it well.

A committee of three consisting of Mr. Butler, Mr. Anson Morgan, and Mr. Frank Gardner were appointed to choose a larger committee that will bring to bear all the forces of the community in the patriotic endeavor to add to the food supply. It is especially desired that every garden plot shall be increased in area and utilized to the full. The plans of this larger committee will be outlined later in the Highland Park Press.

It was found that over three-fourths of the High school boys and girls have made definite plans to plant, till, and harvest garden crops. It is estimated that the amount of ground to be cropped is about double that ordinarily used, amounting in the aggregate to about ten acres.

The girls are also forming canning clubs to take care of the surplus. It is found that 95 girls have had experience in canning. These are forming clubs in accordance with plans outlined by the University of Illinois, at Highland Park, Lake Forest and Deerfield.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. James G. K. McClure will have charge of the morning services of the church for the next few weeks.

The recently reorganized Men's Bible Class lead by Dr. Fuller of Garrett Biblical Institute will meet in the Bible School room at 10 a. m.

All departments of the school through permission of the Board of Health, have been re-opened.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, 8 p. m.

Rev. Archibald McClure lead the prayer meeting giving a most instructive and helpful message on his work among the foreign people who come to America. Interesting teachers and speakers will conduct the

LINCOLN SCHOOL

The pupils of the Lincoln and Ridge schools will enjoy their spring vacation next week.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION

LAST SATURDAY

Very little interest was manifested at the high school election held on Saturday. There was no opposition and Mr. Cornelius Trowbridge of Lake Forest was elected new member of the board.

SERMON BY REV. P. C. WOLCOTT

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to be in the balance." "It has not been an easy decision to make," says a recent editorial writer, "and it is not made easily or gaily or restlessly. It has come after a careful deliberation as human judgment could go through. It is a conclusion reached by the most peaceful of American presidents. We have become the enemies of the German government only after every device of patience, and every ingenuity for peace has been exhausted.

Only a statesman who will be called great could have made America's intervention mean so much to the generous forces of the world, could have lifted the inevitable horror of war into a deed so full of meaning.

Other men have led nations to war to increase their glory, their wealth, their prestige, no other statesman has ever so clearly identified the glory of his country with the peace and liberty of the world.

The cause of the allies is now unmistakably the cause of liberalism and the hope of an enduring peace.

Democracy is infectious, the entrance of Russian and American democracies is sure to be a stimulus to democrats everywhere, and it is now as certain as anything human can be, that the war which started as a clash of empires in the Balkans will resolve into democratic revolution the world over. A diplomatic tangle over backward territories has unloosed the people at home.

For having seen this, and said it, for having selected the moment when the issue was so clear, for having done so much to make the issue clear, our debt and the world's debt to our President is immeasurable.

He has created an opportunity which is without parallel. He can mean more to the happiness of mankind than any statesman who ever addressed the world.

Through force of circumstances, and through his own genius he has made it a practical possibility that he is to be the first great statesman to begin the better organization of the world. It is a task to which he can give himself without stint or scruple, to which he can subordinate everything else.

These are brave words and true words. The consequences of the decision which we have made is of enormous consequence to the future of civilization. It has sounded the knell of the old wicked order, it has rung in the twilight of kings, it heralds a new day in which the right of nations and of individuals to live their lives in peace and tranquility will be respected and protected, in which a liberated and educated public opinion sustained by the police powers of the world's democracies will forever make impossible such a savage and senseless calamity, as that which Europe is now enduring. We shall help to win a peace which under God, shall be a sure and lasting peace. We cannot be in doubt about this.

I believe with all my heart that God lives and rules and that He will bring good out of evil, "The fierceness of man shall turn to His praise," I believe that all history is but the tracing of His iron rod and His shepherd's staff.

Through the agony of this conflict His purposes for mankind are working out. I believe that He will use us as His instrument for effecting His great plans for humanity and for hastening the day when war shall be no more.

But we must not make the mistake of thinking that for us it is going to be an easy victory. Nothing that is worth winning is won easily. If we are going to win the reward we must be ready to pay the price, as the Master did when He set His face to go up to Jerusalem, knowing well what was to befall him there.

I believe that this nation is to be saved as by fire, that all that is noble and unselfish will be preserved and strengthened and all that is base and ignoble will be destroyed. That we are going to realize as we have never before realized that the things of the spirit are the things that really matter, "that the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal." That honor and faith and integrity are more to be desired than wealth and power, that nothing can compensate a man or a nation for the surrender of truth or justify an alliance with unrighteousness.

And if we are to play our parts nobly in this great endeavor, we must lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us. We must simplify our lives, divest them of unnecessary incumbrances.

It is no time for self-indulgence and luxury, no time for extravagance and waste, if we are good Christians and good citizens we shall see to that. The thought of the starving, suffering millions beyond the sea who so sorely need our help will make self-indulgence impossible for every honest, right thinking man and woman, we must give as we never gave before, with "charity toward all, with malice toward none." And we must



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Only in union with God can we win through to peace, His peace that passeth understanding. It is only on our knees that we can win the victory.