Military and Naval Meet

A GRAND military and naval meet, to be held at Madison Square Garden on afternoons and evenings of March 15 and 16, for the benefit of the Women's Oversea Hospitals, U. S. A., is announced by Mrs. Elizabeth Ryle Strange, chairman of arrangements. Mrs. Strange also announces the names of distinguished patrons and committee members.

The honorary patrons are:

M. Gaston Liebert, Consul General of France; Sir Frederick W. Black, K. C. B., Vice-Chairman of the British War Mission; Brig.-Gen. Evan M. Johnson, U. S. Army, and Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, U. S. Navy.

The following are members of the Acting Committee: Miss Charlotte Delafield, Mrs. Elbert H. Gary, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim, Mrs. William H. Hays, Mrs. Warner Leeds, Miss Luisita Leland, Mrs. V. Everit Macy, Mrs. Victor Morawetz, Mrs. Ogden Reid, Mrs. F. Louis Slade, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, Mrs. Frank A. Vanderlip and chairmen of all working committees.

Mrs. Ogden Reid is also a member of the Central Committee of the Women's Oversea, Hospitals U. S. A., of which Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany is chairman and Mrs. E. R. Strange, financial chairman.

Associated with Mrs. Strange as executive chairman of the Military and Naval Meet Committee is Mrs. Howard W. Beal, vice-chairman, with whom cooperate twelve working committees.

The committees are as follows:

Allied Organizations—Chairman, Mrs. Augustus Thomas.

Boxes—Chairman, Mrs. Francis C. Bishop.

Children's Entertainment—Chairman, Mrs. George D. Pratt; vice-chairman, Mrs. Herbert K. Raynes.

Canteen—Chairman, Mrs. Donn Barber; vice-chairman, Miss Margaret Middleton.

Decoration—A committee from the Architectural League. Chairman, Mr. Alexander B. Trowbridge.

Emergency—Chairman, Mrs. Elon Huntington Hooker.

Music—Chairman, Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter.

Police — Chairman, Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins.

Programme—Chairman, Mrs. G. Vernon Rogers; vice-chairman, Mrs. Cortlandt Nicoll.

Publicity—Chairman, Miss Rose Young.

Tickets—Chairman, Mrs. Charles Noel Edge; vice-chairman, Mrs. Augustus C. Hone.

Ushers—Chairman, Miss Julie Lentilhon; Mrs. Andrian van der Bakhuyzen and Mrs. Lewis Gouverneur Morris.

Willard V. King, president of the Columbia Trust Company, has consented to be treasurer.

The working headquarters of the Military and Naval Meet Committee are at War Service Office, 2008, 303 Fifth Avenue, where Mrs. Strange and her committees expect to be occupied for many strenuous weeks.

"Our goal," says Mrs. Strange, "is the sum of $60,000 needed for the maintenance of our first all-women's hospital unit.

"The French Government, through its high mission, eagerly accepted the opportunity for the service offered to it by the public-spirited and patriotic women who have organized the first hospital unit of the Women's Oversea Hospitals.

"THE American Red Cross gives the hospital its complete equipment, costing $35,000, as a gift to our ally France.

"The military and naval meet has nothing whatever to do with the suffrage party. It is being run by patriotic women as their bit towards raising the money for the unit which has been adopted by the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

"Preliminary plans for the grand military and naval meet cover splendid programs for both U. S. Army and Navy, about which many announcements will be made during the month.

"All the proceeds will go to maintain the hospital and we shall be very glad to welcome the cooperation of all allied war-work organizations. Many generous gifts of money have already reached us. May this spirit of generosity inspire others to do the same until the desired end is attained."

Helping the Suffragists

A MAN may be opposed to suffrage and yet approve of the work of the suffragists. Texas suffragists have found a recent example of this in Judge Barry Miller. The women of Dallas are raising a fund for the Women's Oversea Hospital Unit, now departing to France, and one of the contributions to their fund came from this prominent Dallas lawyer, who as a member of the Texas Legislature, voted against suffrage. Dallas suffragists take this as a hopeful sign, and hope that Judge Miller may yet be counted among the friends of equal suffrage.

Oversea Hospitals, U. S. A.

SERVING IN THE HOSPITAL UNIT
From left to right:
Dr. Mary Lee Edward, Dr. Alice Gregory, Dr. Anna van Sholly, Dr. Olga Polisky

MRS. HELEN ISABEL GRIFFITH, PLUMBER PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE UNIT.

What It Means to Be a Star in a Suffrage Service Flag

THE HOSPITAL UNIT, sponsored by the suffragists, has sailed for France. Some idea of what it is sailing into may be gained from a letter received by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, from Miss Heloise Meyer, former auditor of the National, now on canteen assignment in France.

Miss Meyer writes: "We are certainly feeling some of the privations of war, living in a room as cold and damp as a tomb; always possessed by a cough that never leaves one; no light at night, a candle or so, and often no water; satisfying our hunger with chocolate and sweets we brought from home. Our hours are from 9.30 to 9.30 and often later.

"ON our feet all that time except a few minutes for our meals, such as they are. But it is intensely interesting, and we are learning a great deal. We are allowed to tell nothing and we learn little from the newspapers over here. I have to write how and when I can, often taking days to finish one letter. Please remember me to all the Board that I know and all inquiring friends."

NURSES AND NURSES' AIDS *Photographs by Gertrude Brugman*

From left to right: Miss Isabel Stevens, head nurse; Miss Lea Blanche Lanz, Mrs. Helen S. Armstrong, Miss McCaffrey, Miss Louise Griffith, Miss Thorpe, Miss Ethel Ketcham, Miss Shirley Eastham, Miss Jennie Merle McKee, Miss Anna Wilber.

High-hearted Girls

JUST before the Federal Suffrage Amendment went to vote in the House last month Hon. Medill McCormick delivered a speech in the House that was said by some suffragists who heard it to have made more points for woman suffrage than half a dozen suffrage speeches put together might have done. It was a speech on the Problems of Victory—the needs of the armies at the front, the expedients for meeting those needs. From beginning to end the speech held and thrilled the House and the galleries. An extract or two from it will illustrate the skill with which Representative McCormick made the case for women as part and parcel of the case for the world fight for democracy:

"General Pershing told me of a French lady, a nurse, torn by a shell. As he stood by her bed while the commander-in-chief of the French Army pinned upon her breast the Croix de Guerre—the soldiers' war cross, with palms—she whispered to him: 'General Pershing, I am glad that I have been struck, so that you may tell your countrymen that the daughters as well as the sons of France are ready to suffer and, if need be, to die—die for her and for liberty.'

"GIRLS and young women have taken up the tools which the men have laid down. You see them everywhere, those high-hearted girls; in the stables and the shops, as conductors of omnibuses, running elevators, at work on railway trains, as messengers, as porters, as drivers of motor trucks. In France and England 2,000,000 of them are engaged in work for the war, while in England alone this year 200,000 women and girls, volunteers, went out from the cities upon the farms to garner the harvest. Crofters' lassies, daughters of old houses, girls from shops and from sheltered homes, like their brothers in the trenches, are knit together in the new democracy of toil."

The Spirit of E Cavell

AN Edith Cavell Memorial Nurse te *Journal of Nursing* what activ means. Through the conservative stat one too used to a hard and distressin sion to make much of it, you get gli how near many thousands of the non-c sex come to the worst hardships of wa you prepared," she asks nurses in tra the field, "to face damp and cold so int persistent that some days you will doubt if undressing will be possible? A this difficulty has been overcome and tucked yourself under as many cover can stand, you begin to wonder if you be able to get up and dress when the comes! Your hot water bag becomes very short time, your tent walls and be soon are covered with frost, and you a if your discomfort is not made worse blains which are 'punishing' you dread having covered them up and tried to ma warm. The cold is just as bad in the also in many of the billets, but fortuna do not have to worry about the pati their tents and huts are heated by co and are usually most comfortable.

"By day also, the cold may be so inte your hands are blue and numb, but the to be done and sometimes you will have tears of real suffering and do your duty

This is one detail of the physical strai she says cheerfully is "limited by the day though hours of sleep are often few mental strain "cannot be measured by it is always with you. When thou wounds so horrible that it hardly seems for a human being to survive; of far terrible anxiety "are with you most waking hours and many of your sleepi you begin to wonder how you can face day of it."

Joy in France

MISS MARY DEWSON, formerly lative Chairman of the Massa Woman Suffrage Association, is now in "doing her bit." She was one of six chosen out of the whole United State particular piece of important service. In to Mrs. Grace A. Johnson, written fron where in France, she says:

"We heard of the New York vict the train up from where we landed, a little car, jammed with American social and the advanced generally, nearly blew track with joy."

If the U. S. Senate votes to subm amendment for nationwide woman suff the States, the news will bring joy to th majority of the brave women who a trying to lessen human suffering in A.

In the Unit's Wake

DIRECT connection between the W Oversea Hospitals and the *Woman zen* will be maintained by means of cablegrams and reports sent back to th tral Committee located at 171 Madiso nue, New York City. From time to tim dents of the work of the unit will be pu in these columns so that home frien know of its welfare.