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OPPORTUNITIES FOR HISTORY TEACHERS.

How the lessons of the great war may be taught in the school room is told in Teachers' Leaflet No. 1, on "Opportunity for History Teachers," just issued by the United States Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior, for distribution to teachers of history throughout the United States.

That the American teacher of history is this year planning his work under conditions at once perplexing and inspiring, is the bureau's statement in announcing the new work. In its appeal to teachers the bureau says:

"The Nation has finally been drawn into a great war, a war which demands for its successful prosecution not only efficient and courageous service in the Army and Navy, but also the loyal co-operation of millions of men and women who are not enrolled in the fighting forces nor directly responsible for the civil administration on which those forces depend.

"First of all comes the duty of keeping, for teacher and pupil, the habit of at least trying to see things as they really were and are. This is not easy at any time. It is peculiarly difficult at such a time as this, when too many people believe a slight distortion of facts may be a patriotic duty. In the long run loyalty to the country as well as loyalty to history are best served by looking facts squarely in the face.

"The training of young people and of the parents through the pupils to take an intelligent part in the decision of public questions is important enough at any time, but it is peculiarly so in this war whose meaning for the individual citizen is not so easily brought home. In 1823 and 1827, when the Monroe Doctrine was under discussion, Daniel Webster referred to the people who thought that Americans had no interest in the European system of mutual insurance for hereditary rulers against popular movements. What, they said, have we to do with Europe? The thunder, it may be said, rolls at a distance. The wide Atlantic rolls between us and danger; and, however others may suffer, we shall remain safe. Webster's answer to this question was strikingly similar to some of the utterances of President Wilson: 'I think it is a sufficient answer to this to say, that we are one of the nations of the earth.'

"We have as clear an interest in international law as individuals have in the laws of society.' That was said long before the steamship, the submarine, and the wireless had broken down still further our 'splendid isolation.' Today we are fighting for our own rights, but over and above

those special rights of our own we are fighting for international law itself, without which no nation can be safe, least of all those democratic governments which are less effectively organized for war than for peace."

THE TEST FOR PEACE.

The test, therefore, of every plan of peace is this: Is it based upon the faith of all the peoples involved or merely upon the word of an ambitious and intriguing government, on the one hand, and a group of free peoples, on the other? This is a test which goes to the root of the matter; and it is the test which must be applied.—From President Wilson's Reply to the Pope.

Miss Elsie Baker and Company of Artists Give Fine Concert

A small but appreciative audience had the pleasure of hearing three fine artists at the Arcade Theatre last night when Miss Elsie Baker and company gave their concert. The attraction was under the management of the Redpath Bureau and it was in every way worthy of the large cities like Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, which Miss Baker is visiting on her western tour and where she will receive a big reception.

Miss Baker is not only a great artist but a very charming woman with a gracious personality. She has a fine stage presence, and a smile that is worth going miles to see. Her contralto is sweet and pleasing, her lower tones rich and full and her high ones clear and beautiful. Miss Baker sings apparently with little effort, easily and gracefully, her tones are birdlike, and she sings as though she enjoys every moment of it. Her program was an elaborate and varied, introducing laughter, gaiety, sorrow and pathos, and to the mood of the song her flexible voice responded. Her numbers were Meyerbeer's aria, "Liete Signor"; Rogers, "The Star"; Manning, "Home Song"; Carpenter's "Don't Care"; Kursteiner's "Invocation to Eros"; Krieger's Pierott; George Nevin's "When the Kye Come Home"; Carpenter's "The Day is No More"; Brewer, "The Fairy Pipers"; Gilchrist's "Sweet is True Love"; Long

Long Ago; Brago's "Angel's Serenade."

Miss Baker was enthusiastically received after each number and she was very generous with encores, giving the following during the program:

"Daisies," (Hanley); "Four Leaf Clover," (Coombs); "Cradle Song," (Vannah); "Holy Night," (Gruber); "I Love You Truly," (Bond); "A Perfect Day," (Bond); "If No One Ever Marries Me," (Lahman).

Miss Baker was accompanied on the piano, a rich-toned Knabe, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Church, by Axel Gjerner, an artist in every sense of the word and his playing contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the audience. William Durieux, cellist and a real artist, contributed some wonderful numbers, full of poetry and expression and well adapted for his fine instrument. Grasse's "Song Without Words"; Kreisler's "Libsiedel"; a Danish song, arranged by Herman Sandby; Hadley's Gavotte; "Memories," one of Durieux' own very fine compositions; "Reigen," (Popper).

The climax of the enjoyable evening came when the three artists united in presenting Brago's "Angel's Serenade," with cello obligato, truly a number that satisfied all present. Then came "A Perfect Day," as an encore, which closed the concert, another number over which the audience went into raptures.

Soldiers' Families Are To Have Step-Parents

By GEORGE MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Oct. 2.—The American Red Cross has begun training an army of step-fathers and mothers for the families of the country's fighting men at the front, it was learned today.

The idea was recently announced. The plan is now in progress of execution. Thousands of men and women are being recruited to take up the six weeks' course which will fit them to man the domestic listening posts in every city and town in the country.

Seventy-five thousand soldiers' families will have been aided in the conduct of their personal affairs by these Red Cross during the first year of the war, it was estimated today by Director General of Red Cross Civilian Relief W. Frank Persons.

The aid will run the gamut of family affairs, from the giving of legal or medical advice to keeping up the insurance and seeing that the mortgage is not neglected. The Red Cross experts will even assist financially in bridging some of the more ghastly chasms of unavoidable debt. This help will take the form of temporary loans.

"The problem of financing dependent families out-right, however," said the Red Cross, "is too big a problem.

It should be cared for by the Government. When the soldiers and sailors return from the war," said Director General Persons, "the families entrusted to the care of the Red Cross should be found to have maintained, as far as is humanly possible, the essential standards of home life.

"This work will demand more than a grant of money or a temporary reference to a doctor, a lawyer, or some other adviser. It will frequently require a long-continued acquaintance with the family, a systematic understanding and appreciation of its ideals, its ability to attain them, the obstacles in the way, and the application of a practical common sense psychology of stimulating and encouraging the family to surmount its difficulties and achieve success."

The Red Cross has established institutes in conjunction with twenty or thirty universities throughout the country where six weeks of intensive training will be given to these volunteer workers who wish to enlist in its service.

Assisting Director General Persons, at National Red Cross headquarters in Washington, are Dr. Thomas J. Riley, General Secretary of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, and Porter R. Lea, of the staff of the New York school of Philanthropy.

THE OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE.



Twice Told Tales

Abundant Home Supply.
"Is Biggins susceptible to flattery?"
"No. There's no chance of framing up a compliment that his own self-esteem will not have anticipated."—Washington Star.

Willie's Suggestion.
(Boston Transcript.)
"Mama, can't I give baby a bite of my apple?"

"He has no teeth to bite with yet, dear."

"Can't I get him yours, mamma? They're on the bureau."

Careless Hero.
(London Sketch.)
The Morning Caller—Vos you ze man vot safe mine little poy from drowning yesterday?

The Rescuer—Yes, I am.

The Morning Caller—Zen where's his cap?

Saving the Boys.
They tell a story of a man in a covered wagon driving through a western town who stopped and hailed a man on the street.

"Hey, any saloons in this town?" he asked.

"Yes, four," was the answer.

"Giddap," said the man, moving on. "I can't locate here; I've got three boys in this wagon."

"What's your business?" yelled the citizen.

"My business is to save these boys," came back the answer as he disappeared around the bend in the road.—Kansas City Times.

Justified Himself.
(Boston Transcript.)
He—(The love I have declared for you is a perfect love.

She—And will you swear that you have never loved another?

He—Oh, darling, you forget that it is practice that makes perfect.

Coach—What that squad needs is life.

Frosh—Aw, no, 30 days is enough.

—Widow.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Always Something



There's always something calls for brine, if one's inclined to mope and whine. The weather man provides a day that ought to please the carping jay; the sky is smooth, the breeze a peach that murmurs through the elm and beech. It is a day when normal men throw up their lids and whoop

again, a day on which they grow and thrive, and thank their gods that they're alive. But you will see the mournful hick who says weather makes him sick. He says the sweet and balmy breeze is spreading microbes and disease. "Unless we soon have snow and frost," he mutters, "we shall all be lost." It is so easy to be gay in this old planet where we stay, so easy to discover good in any earthly neighborhood, it is a marvel there are gents who still are sulking in their tents. I go forth in the Autumn dawn, and loaf around upon my lawn, and see a world so bright and fair, I can't believe it's stocked with care. And then my neighbor yells across, "This country is a total loss! They're jacking up the income tax until it's bound to break our backs."

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Is Your Money Supporting the Government?

At this critical period in our history our manufacturers are offering their mills, and our young men are offering their services to the United States Government.

Would you like to do your share and help by putting your money where it will support the new Federal Reserve Banking System, which the Government has established to stand back of our commerce, industry and agriculture?

You can do this by opening an account with us, as part of every dollar so deposited goes directly into the new system, where it will always be ready for you when wanted.

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Observations

If you don't do your best today the chances are that you won't get a chance to do better tomorrow.

Imagination is a magnifying glass through which some folks look at trouble.

Borrowing from Peter to pay Paul shows what a good fellow Peter is and how scared we are of Paul.

Folks think they are keeping up with their neighbors when they really are running behind.

Miss Buessang, a nurse at Hot Lake, was over yesterday on a visit.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe went to Cove this morning on business.

Mr. Tony Smith, mayor of Union, is in La Grande today on business.

Takes New Position—Joe Gilray of Portland took up his position this morning as watch inspector for the O.W.

Picked Up By The Stroller

Strolling alone isn't much fun.

Ted Letter told me that he was learning a new song at school and the first line was "do-re-me-fa-so."

The day of the pale and anaemic woman has gone. Now it is the style to have pretty red, rosy cheeks.

I wish some one would make me a present of a box of red, rosy apples.

I'd like to stroll in to the hospital boys' camp at Long Island or meet a bunch of them strolling along Broadway.

Mrs. F. Forster went to Hot Lake today for a week.

Mrs. William Ash went to Elgin today to visit with Mrs. Dan Sommers.

Mrs. J. E. Reynolds and daughter, Margery, have returned from the State Fair.