

FRENCH SCHOOL MA'AM DISLOYAL

Arrest Uncovers a Widespread Antimilitarist Plot.

PREACHES CLASS HATRED

Helene Brion Found Guilty of Spreading Antipatriotic, Alarmist Propaganda Which Had Its Origin in German Quarters in Switzerland—Masses of Seditious Literature Found in Her Possession.

The arrest at Pantin recently of Helene Brion, primary public school teacher, on the charge of spreading pacifist peace at any price, anarchist propaganda, has uncovered what seems to be a much ramified antimilitarist plot, writes Milton V. Snyder, Paris correspondent of the New York Sun.

Through this arrest and others now pending the authorities have discovered that despite the real patriotism of 99 per cent of the people of France a leaven of unrest has been working among, oddly enough, a small percentage of the class whose duty it is to preach loyalty to the government, the public school teachers.

On October 25, 1917, a. m., and Mme. Mayoux, both government instructors at Digne, were arrested and found guilty of spreading antipatriotic, alarmist propaganda. They were remanded for further hearing either before the Bordeaux court of appeals or before a military court-martial. The Mayoux were found to be in communication with Helene Brion, who had been under police surveillance. Her room was searched last August and because of the seditious literature found among her effects she was suspended from her duties as a teacher. Despite this circumstance she continued to draw her salary.

Urged Soldiers to Desert.
Other documents found were pamphlets urging soldiers to desert and a voluminous correspondence with the Mayoux that was really responsible for that couple's arrest. There also were detailed accounts and eulogistic comments on the Zimmerwald and Kienthal pacifist conferences, also various subscription lists for the propagation of the peace at any price idea in France.

At the same time that Helene Brion's quarters were ransacked a search was made at the home of two other suspects, both of whom have since been arrested: Mme. Dufour, a teacher at Joigny, and Gaston Moutard, twice wounded at the front and lately called to duty in a munitions factory. Seditious literature was found among their belongings, likewise a quantity of paper bulletins bearing anarchist, antimilitarist texts, preaching class hatred, resistance to military orders, peace at any price and the call for a general revolution.

All this printed matter came from Lausanne and Geneva, where it was published by a committee created for the reopening of international relations—a committee of which the Mayoux and Helene Brion were active members. From letters seized in the quarters of these pacifists it was shown that in 1915, acting together, they succeeded in getting their unwholesome literature into the hands of a great many soldiers at the front.

A Zealous Propagandist.
Helene Brion was a particularly zealous propagandist in pacifist circles. In all the suburbs north and northeast of Paris—at Saint Denis, Aubervilliers, Pre-Saint-Gervais—the "blacs"—she was known for the violence of her antipatriotic sentiments that she never missed a chance to express. The marvel has been that notwithstanding her ideas and her incessant activities she was free from police interference and permitted to continue her insidious campaign for months.

Her pet theories were Multinational, defeatist, antimilitarist and anarchist, and she was a member of several revolutionary groups, treasurer of a feminist association and to cap the climax, government public school teacher.

Helene Brion always dresses in men's clothes, which are partly concealed by a long white workman's blouse. She often goes about the streets carrying a bundle on her back, a purse in her hand and under her arm a bundle of posters—notes of labor union meetings—which she used to paste on blank walls. Last winter, during the coal distribution difficulties, she invited the workwomen of her quarter to revolution.

On August 1, 1914, she was heard to exclaim in the courtyard of her school:

"I'd like to set fire to the ministry of war!"
She spent the first Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of mobilization in Paris and came back to Pantin, declaring: "I wonder I wasn't arrested! I certainly didn't hesitate to shout in the streets what I thought of the government!"

Her antimilitarist speeches were legion. She knew Almerinda well, being in business relations with him, and the Bonnet Rouge office was her favorite stamping ground.

Attended Anarchist Rallies.
Known in labor circles, she often spoke at their meetings just as she often attended anarchist gatherings in Paris. In December, 1913, taking advantage of the four days Christmas holidays, she went to England, where at that time the suffragettes were in their heyday. Helene Brion could not resist this wonderful chance to preach destruction, and in company with Miss Pankhurst she smashed a few windows and destroyed a street lamp or two. Instead of four days holiday she took a fortnight and on her return showed a doctor's certificate as an excuse for her prolonged absence.

Sugarless Candy? Surely! Use Corn Syrup



Saying wheat to sugar doesn't mean wheat to candy. Not in Chicago, at any rate, and a few other places besides. For sugarless candy is all of the rage. Neither is there anything hideously and horribly wrong about sugarless candy, which, after all is a childish way of insinuating that such a composition would be a paradox.

Paris finds itself pretty well crowded by the refugees from the North, especially the repatriated French from Alsace-Lorraine. Living is high in Paris at best, and conditions would be intolerable from the quantities of these unfortunates who continue to flock into the city, if they were all as helpless and needy as one would expect them to be. But such is the fine spirit in France now that even those who have had to flee from home and belongings are setting about to help themselves and each other without depending on charity any more than absolutely necessary.

SPIRAL PUTTEES IS LATEST FAD OF WOMEN



Envious it seems of the trim soldier boys who wear the spiral puttees, the girls who always keep several laps ahead of fashion are now wearing them too. The fad was started by Miss Helen Maxwell, who recently appeared in a New York hotel with legs incased in spiral puttees. They caused quite a stir in the hotel corridors and undoubtedly many will soon be following her lead.

REFUGEES IN PARIS SHOW FINE SPIRIT

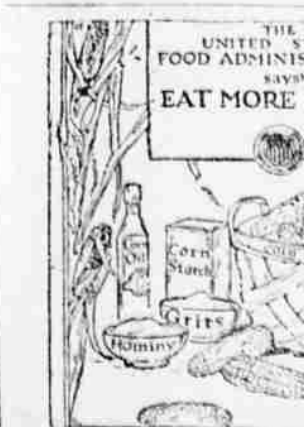
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Charity to Any Degree.

The foreign news service of the woman's committee reports the existence of several co-operative kitchens in Paris, run entirely by refugees, where living expenses are reduced to a minimum by co-operative buying, management, etc. These kitchens are so run that one may either eat there, at the restaurant, or take the cooked food home.

At one of these kitchens, at 27 Rue d'Hauteville, a meeting of French and Belgians was held recently to consider the subject of lodgings, which is a very serious one. The majority of the refugees are women, and they give the most practical and meticulous care to these problems, and are very systematic about providing for themselves so that they will not be a burden upon the city to which they have fled.

ENLIGHTENED GERMANY

Soldiers Think They Are Fighting Against Napoleon.
Declaring that the ordinary Prussian soldier is educationally unfit for democratic government, Prof. Ulrich Kahrstedt contributes to the Amsterdam Kreuz Zeitung an article on his studies of the mentality of Teuton troops at the front.



HONOR FORBIDS

By ROBERT ADGER BOWEN,
of The Vigilantes.
Honor forbids that we may longer be the friends of those who uphold Germany.

Our country calls. And answering her decree Youth bright with promise puts its life in fee. Nor may there any longer be between Our souls and German arrogance sea. The combats of a manly sympathy, Honor forbids!

ALL OF FAMILY SERVE

Father, Two Sons and Daughter Are Over Seas.
The family of William Piggett of Nottoway, Mich., probably can boast of being the only entire family in the United States in the service of the nation.

In the cities and fashion centers of the warring nations it is not good form for women to appear in elaborate evening costumes—and from that fact there has resulted the vogue for the demi-toilette, the semi-formal gown adapted for both evening and late afternoon wear and for appearance at restaurant and theater. This beautifully draped gown, a "Fashion Art" model, is constructed of deep purple crepe satin and has an apron effect of brocaded chiffon. Chiffon also lines the cuffs and the flying sash-ends and furnishes the only touch of contrasting color and ornamentation.

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MRS. HENRY DOWNS DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Henry Downs died in Lostine Saturday morning, January 19, after an illness of many months. During the time Mrs. Downs was ill she had two operations performed without avail. Mrs. Downs was buried at the Lostine cemetery Monday afternoon, and Rev. Atkins conducted the services.

Mrs. Downs was born in Putnam county, Missouri, March 14, 1886, and removed from there two years later to Lostine where she has resided since that time. She was united in marriage to Henry Downs May 9, 1909, and to this union three children were born, of which two survive. Had Mrs. Downs lived until this coming March, she would have been 32 years old.

Besides her husband and children, Mrs. Downs leaves to mourn her loss, three brothers, one sister and her mother; Carl Ward of Pollock, Mo.; Let Ward of Unionville, Mo.; Ober Ward of Marr Flat; Mrs. Arthur Hulce of Lostine, and her mother, Mrs. Ward, of Lostine.—Enterprise Record Chieftain.

CHARLES E. LEWIS DIES

Charles E. Lewis, the oldest man in Enterprise and one of the pioneers of Wallowa county, died Sunday morning, January 20, at his home. He had not been strong for many months, but remained active and in the best of spirits until taken with his last illness.

Thursday evening he was feeling unusually well. During that night he was taken with spasms and became unconscious, never making any recovery.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the home and was conducted by Rev. F. R. Sibley of the Methodist church. Burial was in the Enterprise cemetery. Stores and business houses closed during the funeral out of respect for Mr. Lewis.—Enterprise Record Chieftain.

SEEKING MEN WHO CLAIMED LOYALTY TO ANOTHER FLAG



State after state has taken up the search for "alien slackers" by public declarations of their defense councils. Illinois, Indiana and Michigan were the first, but as opportunity offers, other states including Wyoming, have taken up the matter, and labor unions and employers are prodding or encouraging men to volunteer for fighting under the flag they claimed as reason for exemption from Uncle Sam's draft.

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