

RED CROSS IS GIVEN PRAISE

WOUNDED SOLDIER IN PORTLAND PAYS COMPLIMENT

Says This Is the Organization Which Gives Soldiers What They Want.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—The Red Cross is on the job, night and day doing wonderful work," states Lieutenant Norman L. McLeod, 83rd Company, 6th Regiment, Marine Corps, who wears the gold wound and service stripes, decorated by French and American governments. Lieutenant McLeod, at present visiting in Portland on sick leave, pays the highest compliments to the service the Red Cross has given the American soldiers in the war zone.

Before and after he received two machine gun bullets in the stomach, July 23, at Soissons, the lieutenant had first hand experience with the Red Cross, which is conducting a drive for membership from December 14 to 23.

"There is a Red Cross unit over there," says Lieutenant McLeod, "which is working independent of army authority. There is no red tape nor awaiting orders. Whenever there is a battle this unit goes to the spot, opens a field hospital of tents, with nurses and doctors, and takes care of the wounded until the regular army nurses come up. The Red Cross outfit packs up and moves away and heads for the next scene of trouble. It is a real flying squadron."

"It was this Red Cross unit that gave me attention when I was wounded."

"The Red Cross is the only organization over there which gives you the things you need without charge. When I found myself without tooth brush, tooth paste, brush and similar little necessities, the Red Cross supplied me free. These are little things which do not seem much here at home, but over in the war zone they assume a great importance, and there is no place where they can be purchased."

"It is not uncommon to see the Red Cross move right up to the battle line and place their flag and open an establishment in a dugout. What they have is handed out to the soldiers and no cent is charged. There is no mistake about it, the Red Cross has endeared itself to the American soldier, and to the French and British, too. The Red Cross did not draw any line of distinction, for they performed the same service for the soldiers of the allies as they did for the Americans. It was a splendid report of achievement."

"Even in the army hospitals the Red Cross follows the wounded men. There are workers who go among the wounded writing letters for them or supplying writing material, and giving delicacies. This care and attention is such as only the wounded can fully appreciate."

"I give this testimonial to the good work of the Red Cross from personal experience and I wish to inform the people of Oregon that they are assisting in the carrying on of something really worth while when they become members of the Red Cross."

Lieutenant McLeod cannot make a tour of the state during the Red Cross membership drive, much as he desires to do so, because of his wounded condition. It is necessary for him to report daily to his physician and the making of even short talks is more of a strain than his doctor will permit him to undertake.

Nero's Golden Palace

The golden house was the palace of Nero in ancient Rome, which occupied the valley between the Palatine and Esquiline, and connected the palaces of the Caesars with the gardens of Maecenas. It was built after the great fire of 64 A. D., and was so large that it contained portions 2,800 feet long and included a lake where the colossal now stands. The foremost contained a colossus of Nero 120 feet high.

Athleticism in the East

The general athletic awakening is perhaps the most important event that our occupation of the Philippines has had upon the far East. Just as the old Olympic games, begun by one village, grew to be the great recurring event at which all the Hellenic peoples could meet in peaceful competition, so this modern athletic movement starting from Manila has spread to other far eastern peoples, and has given them not only a ground for friendly meeting, but also a basis for genuine sympathy and mutual understanding.

Payment for the Party

As an inducement to Cecil, aged five, to attend Sunday school for the first time, she was allowed to carry the money to be put into the collection envelope. When the class meeting came around the teacher and the rest of the class were very much amused to hear her say in her most dignified tones: "Here, girls, I will pay the fare."

Observer advertising was being results.

QUEEN OF BELGIUM



Latest photograph of Elizabeth, queen of Belgium, whose bravery has been equal to that of her soldier husband, the king. She has spent much of her time nursing and cheering her gallant wounded soldiers, and not very long ago went to England and back in an airplane.

MEXICANS HANGED

Summary Punishment Follows Acts of Murder and Robbery.

DOUGLAS, Dec. 17.—Charged with complicity in the murder of Customs Collector Carlos Caturqui and two other Mexican customs officers, two weeks ago across the line from here, and the robbery of \$125,000 in customs funds, Dr. Huerta, Jose Cruz and two El Paso Mexicans named Leyva and Silva were hanged in the plaza at Agua Prieta, opposite here, at 4 o'clock Monday morning.

The executions were said to have followed the confession of Leyva to General Calles, involving the three others, although admitting he was the only one who participated in the actual killing.

Yeyva, who was said to have been a former Villa general, offered to go to Chihuahua and kill Francisco Villa if pardoned, but General Calles ordered him executed. Leyva also confessed to a plan of the same crowd to capture L. R. Hadrow, manager of the Tigre mine, and Francisco Elias, local cattleman and former Carranza consul-general in New York, and hold them in the mountains for ransom. A number of other Mexicans suspected of being involved in the plot are reported to be under guard of 150 Yaqui Indians twelve miles south of Agua Prieta.

Dr. Huerta was said to have been involved with Juan Cabral in the incipient revolution in Sonora last summer. His home was in Douglas. Cruz was a local chauffeur. Leyva was seized at his residence here four days ago and taken to Agua Prieta. Dr. Huerta was seized in his home here Saturday night and taken across the line in his night clothes after his wife had been bound and gagged. Mexican refugees here employed an attorney to take up the case with the state department.

WOMEN GREET WILSON

Enormous Crowds Assembled at Reception in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The reception on Monday at the city hall, while not attended by the huge crowds which welcomed President Wilson on Saturday, was impressive. The president was received by the municipal council at the main entrance and walked through the stonions corridors which were tastefully decorated. More than 5000 people were within the building, for the most part women; the male element was in great minority.

The women cheered the president in a manner which, while not as lustily as the president had been accustomed to hear on the college campus, must have sounded sweet in his ears, as he smiled and bowed repeatedly.

After the official ceremonies, the president inspected the various departments in the city hall, ending finally in a small room where a buffet had been installed and refreshments were served. Several officials were presented and many others showed eagerness to shake his hand. Shortly the president left, returning to the Murat residence.

Overcoming Obstacles

Dr. George Lott's golden rule for the attainment of one's aim: "I have aimed at health and happiness, and when confronted by a formidable obstacle I have not tried to knock it over; rather, I got around it; if not, then under it; and if all these maneuvers failed I have been content to be down in the great shade, leaving it as a beautiful resting in the sun."

Special Hippodrome road show, Arcade Wednesday.

Children's big road show, Arcade Friday.

AUSTRALIA'S CASE AT PEACE MEETING

(By D. W. Davies, American Editor, Australian Press Association.)

(Written for the United Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—America can hardly blame Australia if she adopts one of America's own principles—the Monroe doctrine. This is exactly what Australia has done—she has proclaimed the Monroe doctrine for the South Pacific.

There is no selfish aggression in the Australian attitude—it is simply a desire to work out her destiny free from undesirable influences from the East. The danger of imposing trouble which would forever hang over her shores if the Hun were allowed to return to the Pacific.

We do not know that America will desire to question Australia's claim to live in a good neighborhood. For that is what it amounts to. We do not like a murderer, a thief, much less a burglar, living at our back door.

The German claim to all these titles, and to more. He is a Hun. It matters little if we are told that the murderer has reformed. There is no evidence of reformation yet, save the fear to repeat the awful crimes that bespatter the years of Australia's military success. The German promise has been pronounced by the great leaders of the allies, including President Wilson, to be valueless.

What evidence have we that a pledge of good conduct, wrung grudgingly in the hour of abject defeat, will be anything but another scrap of paper? So Australia, happy at least to reach out again to peaceful prosperity, wants no sinister pickelhauben to mar her fair horizon.

As I have said we do not know that America will dispute Australia's claim. We hope she will wholeheartedly support it. Australia says to one proven foe "Hands off the southern Pacific." She asks practically nothing else out of the war. There may be a disposition on the part of some to say that Australia is too small a place, in point of population and influence, to merit serious consideration. But this is essentially a war in which the rights of small nations have been vindicated, and although in this case Australia is not a nation, but a part of the great empire of Britain, in this matter she is almost in the position of a small nation making that her own personal rights shall be guarded. And the commonwealth, as one of the earliest participants in the war, has earned a right to consideration. She has not fought with any ideas of aggression or plunder. Most of her men—the very flower of Australia, free volunteers in the cause of right, fought in the hopeless campaign at Gallipoli. Of her 400,000 enlistments, more than 50,000 lie dead in alien lands. She had no territorial interest in fighting the Turk. It was but her willing, and glad contribution to the battle of right against wrong. And after tens of thousands had been slain at Gallipoli, no word of reproach was heard in Australia itself. I mention this campaign merely to show that Australia has a right to be heard.

This is her case:

1.—The islands in the Pacific are capable of great development in the right hands. They were never properly developed by Germany, but were mismanaged, and held as strategic points in case of conflict. So quickly did the Australians and New Zealand

ers descend on them, however, that they were wrested from Germany before she could use them as bases to destroy trade.

2.—The German administration of the islands in the Pacific reveals a record of cruelty to natives—a record of utter failure to colonize successfully.

3.—If these islands were to go back to Germany they would be used as a base of possible naval operations. It is impossible to keep under strict surveillance the operations of a power on such remote waters. Even while protesting the most peaceful intentions Germany might be sending submarines in parts to these quiet islands, there to start at a given signal a campaign of frightfulness against peaceful commerce such as we have witnessed during the past four years.

4.—One of these islands, the German portion of New Guinea, is within eighty miles of the mainland of Australia. The coastline of what was once German New Guinea is made up of a series of small bays and inlets which would be admirable as a base for U-boat operations.

5.—Australia, a large country, but sparsely populated, has but limited financial resources. With her population of only 5,000,000 souls, she cannot afford the tremendous financial outlay that a policy of coastal defense against such a potential danger would entail. Nor should she be asked to face such an expenditure. She, like other small communities, has won with her blood immunity from the spectre of war. Will this immunity be denied her?

6.—America, in common with Australia, has an interest in keeping the Pacific free from the German. The trade routes from America to the far east, from America to Australia, will be menaced if ever the German is allowed to go back into these waters. There is a stretch of many thousands of miles of ocean between the west coast of America and China and Japan—from San Francisco to Australia alone is 6000 miles. This great sheet of water shall be kept free for commerce. Shut out the Hun. The alternative is to keep up a tremendous

ly costly system of policing these waters. Is there any choice?

7.—Finally, Australia can be at once acquitted of any desire for territorial aggrandizement, because she does not necessarily ask that she herself shall occupy these islands. She simply contends that they shall not go back to Germany. If it can be shown that they should be taken by some other friendly power, Australia will not object. But Germany, she contends, must be loyered.

8.—In brief, is Australia's case against Germany's return to the Pacific.

MANY OFFICERS LOST

Severe Casualties in the Italian Army During the War.

ROME, Dec. 17.—During the war the Italian army lost 15,000 officers killed, the minister of war Gen. Zupelli, declared in the senate Saturday. More than 30,000 officers were wounded seriously.

But, the minister continued, had more men under arms, proportionate to population, than any other nation and the cost to her was 54,000,000,000 lire (approximately \$10,800,000,000). The public debt at the end of October was 64,000,000,000 lire (approximately \$12,800,000,000).

Premier Orlando told the senate that Italy was not in a position to demobilize a single man and that all war material should be kept intact. The immediate difficulties to be surmounted, he said, had not diminished, but had increased.

He added that reparation for damages was a question outside discussion. President Wilson's principles, he continued, excluded an indemnity in the traditional sense of the word but doubtless Italy would adopt the same policy regarding reparations as the other allies. A commission had been appointed to establish Italy's damage.

No Time for That

Kathrya came running to her mother, crying as though her heart would break. Between sobs she said that a log had frightened her. Her mother, trying to divert her attention, said, "What kind of a tall did the dog have?" Kathrya sobbed, "Do you 'pose I stopped to look at his tail?"

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