

DESPAIR OF BLIND CHANGED TO HOPE

Officials Seek Means to Instill Spirit of Optimism.

VOCATIONS FOR AFFLICTED.

New York Commission Adopts Japanese Idea of Making Masseurs of Them—Teaching of Salesmanship and Canvassing Also Deemed a Helpful Way of Making Sightless Content.

New York.—How to cure the blind of their despair, to endow them with a spirit of hope and finally place them on a self supporting basis is the problem that has had to be faced by those who are dedicating their efforts to alleviating the condition of the sightless.

The New York state commission for the blind, through systematic action, builded upon an altruistic policy, has succeeded in saving many of its wards from the humiliation of dependency on relatives or the public purse. This has been accomplished through the teaching of vocations by sightless professionals to their fellows, although the curriculum of education is necessarily limited. Few people realize in full that "being blind" is a very special business which can only be taught by those who are themselves without vision.

What is known as the Japanese idea has been adopted by the commission. This is specialization in massage instruction. Many of the sightless in Japan practice it. Within the last few years a considerable number of blind persons in America have been instructed in massage. Some of them are making a fair competence at the occupation. The commission, with the view of enlarging the scope of this class of labor, has taken up the matter of employing blind persons in this way by all of the general and special hospitals in New York city. One hospital employs two blind women in massage with good results. The Buffalo State hospital has one blind masseuse who gives excellent service. Many of the superintendents of the city hospitals have encouraged the commission and promised to give the suggestion cordial consideration.

Another source of income for the sightless is an educational course in salesmanship. The aim is to give aid through canvassing. Several progressive sightless men in the state make a fair living as magazine or book agents, and others by selling articles of domestic necessity. In all cases the goods are sold strictly on merit. If the buyer prefers the blind to the sighted salesman he is, in a small way, a philanthropist. But that is his own business, of course.

Where trained blind persons have been employed as telephone operators, typewriters or dictaphone operators, they have given satisfactory service. The commission believes that many of the sightless could pass the examination of the state civil service commission and should have the chance to enter the service of the state departments. It is the hope of the commission that this opportunity may be opened to the sightless who are specially educated in this work, to take the test of the state civil service.

The abilities of the blind who are trained in various branches of music have been recognized since the days of the Pharaohs. Their sensitiveness to sound have made thousands of them skilled, and while the number of true artists who are without sight are necessarily small, there are many capable performers who give pleasure and satisfaction to their rendition of vocal and instrumental selections. Sightless organists are employed in a number of churches in the state. A few engagements for musical events or social functions would help to place a blind man on his feet financially.

The commission for the blind sounds a warning note in behalf of that phase of its jurisdiction which partially charges it with effort to minimize or prevent accidents that cause blindness. Bursting water gauges on boilers are frequent causes of injury to the eyes. During the past month or so three persons in the state have had their eyesight wholly or partially destroyed in this manner. As there are several types of safety water gauges manufactured, accidents of this kind are considered deplorable and inexcusable.

C. O. D. PARCELS SENT BY MAIL

Postmasters Not to Be Permitted to Urge Persons to Accept Them.

Washington.—Postmasters will not be permitted to urge persons to accept C. O. D. and insured parcels addressed to them which they have not ordered. Neither will they be permitted to act as agents of the senders of such packages in further attempting to coerce the addressee to accept delivery or to effect a sale of the parcels' contents to other persons.

An order to this effect was issued by the postoffice department. The action was taken as the result of reports to the department which indicated, it is asserted, that parcels are being sent to persons who have not ordered goods, evidently to effect a sale or to make collections. The department explains that persons may accept or refuse such parcels as they choose.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Russian warships captured the German steamer Sabine Rickmers in Chinese waters.

Cholera is reported to have broken out among Austrian and Servian soldiers.

A Russian decree has been issued suspending gold payments and authorizing a large issue of paper money.

A Japanese war fleet sailed for the sea of Japan to watch Germany's oriental naval movements.

Arthur M. Huntington, president of American Geographical Society, and his wife were held as spies at Nuremberg.

The German cruiser Augsburg was reported sunk by Russian torpedo-boats in Baltic Sea, after bombarding Libau.

Austrian cavalry has occupied the towns of Oikusz and Wolbrum, in Russian Poland.

Many Czech soldiers in the Austrian army were shot for refusing to fight Slavs.

The Belgian government seized 34 German steamers and two sailing ships in port at Antwerp.

Austrian troops having been withdrawn from the Servian frontier, Servia began an invasion of Austria.

Hundreds of American school teachers were marooned abroad. It was predicted that the opening of a number of eastern schools would have to be postponed as a result.

Enough German reservists to form a large regiment were taken in custody by the police in provincial towns of the British Isles.

President Poincare, of France, telegraphed King Albert complimenting him on the bravery displayed by the Belgian troops in the battles with Germans at Liege.

Despite strong pressure by Germany and Austria, Italy remained neutral. It was believed Germany withheld a declaration of war only because it still hoped to win Italy over.

Norway and Sweden have exchanged obligatory assurances with the view of preventing hostile measures being taken by either against the other because of the war.

The secretary of agriculture introduced a bill into the house of commons giving the British government power to seize all foodstuffs. The bill passed through all its stages.

The German Minister, Baron von Griesinger, has left Servia after entrusting the affairs of the German legation to the American minister, Charles J. Vopicka.

The Creusot steel works has presented to the French Government 26 complete batteries of 105 millimeter guns of a new type, which had been ordered by a foreign government just before the war broke out.

German Charge d'Affaires tells Secretary Bryan reports emanating from London and Paris put Kaiser in wrong light; alleges Britain wanted to tie up Germany, and make her fleet useless and otherwise sought to humiliate the German emperor.

The German reservists here apparently have despaired of getting back to the Fatherland. There are 56,000 stranded in New York. They were notified to return to their homes until further notice. Similar instructions were given to 10,000 Austrians and several hundred Dutch reservists.

The German federal council decided not to proclaim a moratorium for the present. The courts were empowered to deal leniently with debtors and the term for the payment of debts may be extended for three months.

The long list of captures of German merchantmen appearing every day are evidence of the exercise of sea pressure. Nothing in the shape of food

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EMPRESS EUGENIE'S REVENGE

"Were the Emperor Only Here Now!" She Exclaims—Prays For France.

London.—A dispatch from Rome says: "The aged French Empress Eugenie, who is at Bologna, takes a vivid interest in the war. When Count Pietri, her faithful companion in her long years of misfortune and exile, announced that fighting had begun her eyes shone and she cried:

"This is my revenge! Were the emperor only here now! May God protect France!"

"She makes constant comparisons with the war of 1870."

Train Service.

East bound
Ontario, Oregon, June 1st, 1914
Time Table No 73
No 18 Oregon Wash L'td 2:51 a m
No 76 Boise Passenger 5:50 a m
No 10 Eastern Express 12:12 p m
No 78 Boise Passenger 3:30 p m
No 6 Oregon Wash Express 6:15 p m
West bound,
No 17 Oregon Wash L'td 4:17 a m
No 75 Huntington Passenger 9:42 a m
No 9 Oregon Wash Ex 6:50 p m
No 5 Fast Mail 6:15 p m
No 77 Huntington Pas'gr 6:15 p m
Malheur Valley Branch.

West Bound
No 139 Vale and Juntura, Mixed, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10:10 a. m.
No 141 Vale and Brogan mixed, Daily Except Sunday leaves 10:00 a. m.
No 97 Vale Passenger 7:00 p m

East Bound Arrive
No 98 Vale Passenger 8:40 a m
No 142 Vale Mixed, from Brogan 3:50 p m
No. 140 Juntura mixed, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1:30 p. m.

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