

## HOSTESS HOUSE FAMILY REUNION

How It Happened to Entertain Only A. E. F. Mother Who Visited Army of Occupation.

### BIG CORPORAL DUTIFUL SON.

No Knightly Courtiers Ever Acted With More Gallantry to Lady Fair Than Did He and His Doughboy Pals to This Little White Haired Woman Dressed Exquisitely in Black.

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(With the American Y. W. C. A. Overseas.)

Coblentz, Germany, March 28 (By Mail.)  
It happened right here in Coblentz. A big corporal came into the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House and asked for the director, Miss Ruth Woodsmall, who comes from Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Could my mother stay here?" he began at once, trying his best to cover his excitement.

"Your mother!" gasped Miss Woodsmall. "How did your mother ever get here?"

"Well, she isn't here yet, but if she comes will you keep her?"

"Of course I will, but—"

She didn't finish, for the boy had smashed his cap back of his head and was out of the door on a run.

The corporal's visit remained a mystery for two days. Then one evening just at dusk a little white haired woman dressed exquisitely in black appeared in the sitting room of the Hostess House, and the corporal was hovering behind her, trying to be beside her and back of her and in front of her all at once. He was carrying her coat—a big fur one. With them were three doughboys, pals of the corporal. They tried to keep in the background, but their eyes were glued on her face.

Everyone in the sitting room sat at attention. There are no English speaking men or women out of uniform in the Third Army area. Yet here was a woman in civilian clothes. Mothers are unheard of with the army. But this was a mother, everyone knew. After awhile someone found out about this mother.

#### Had Been Interned During War.

She and her husband, who were born in Germany, but had been naturalized, lived in San Francisco. Before the war they left for Weisbaden, Germany, that their invalid daughter might have treatment at this famous health resort.

They brought their other children with them. One was Walter, a small boy, and the other was Ralph, now Corporal Stepp of the American Army.

When the war was declared they sent Ralph back to America, because he was of military age, and they did not want him to fight for the kaiser. Then America entered the war.

Mrs. Stepp—Mrs. Anna Stepp she is—told this part of the story:

"Until a month ago I hadn't heard from Ralph for two years and a half—even before America got in the war mail was held up. I didn't know whether he was in the army or not—but I was sure he was, because—well, because he is an American." Here she stopped a minute to smile up at him.

"After awhile we heard from some friends that he was in the army—and that he had come over here. That was all I ever knew. It's nearly five years since I have seen him!

"Of course it was awfully hard—I couldn't get word to him and he couldn't to me. My husband used to tell me it wouldn't help Ralph any for me to cry. I tried not to—before the rest of them anyway. My daughter got worse steadily—she is no better. We couldn't get the proper food for her after awhile. And she hated to be worried about Ralph, so I used to try to keep up before them.

"Last January my husband came to Coblentz about his citizen papers. An American soldier in Ralph's company who was in the office heard his name and asked him if he was any relation to Ralph. He didn't tell him Ralph was in Coblentz, but went after Ralph. He didn't tell Ralph's father was here. When they met they couldn't believe their eyes.

"Ever since then I have been trying to see Ralph. He couldn't come to Weisbaden because it was out of the American area, and I couldn't get through until today—more than two months."

They asked her if her Ralph had changed much in all that time.

"Oh, yes—very much. But do you know, I think it is because all that long time when I didn't know where he was or how he was—I got in the habit of thinking of him as he was when he was a baby—I kept seeing him as a baby and remembering the way he felt when he was little. Isn't that queer? And now look at him!"

And the corporal tried not to see the adoration in her eyes.

"Five years is a long time to wait to see your boy," she murmured, and kept her eyes on him. Again she had forgotten the people around her.

The corporal cleared his throat. "This is why I ask if you could keep my mother, Miss Woodsmall. I didn't want her to come unless she had a good place to stay. Ah, e-e-r—thanks awfully."

And that is the story of how the Hostess House happened to entertain the only known A. E. F. mother who has visited the Army of Occupation.

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The many friends of Miss Evelyn Brown tendered her a miscellaneous shower Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. L. Adam. Many beautiful and useful gifts were showered upon the prospective bride. The house was tastefully decorated in yellow and green. During the evening musical numbers were contributed by Misses Viola Husted and Gladys Enelson and Mesdames F. J. Clemo and Larue Blackaby. At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

### DEMOCRATS ENDORSE MEASURES ON BALLOT

Also Gave Approval of League of Nations—Send Delegates to state Meeting at Portland Last Week.

Endorsing the Irrigation and Drainage Bond measure and the Roosevelt Highway proposal, as well as giving their approval of the League of Nations, the Democratic Central Committee for Malheur county closed its meeting at Vale recently.

The meeting went further in its resolution by instructing its delegate to the meeting of the State Central committee, to vote in favor of resolutions that might be endorsed favoring these measures and the League.

The resolutions were prepared and presented by a committee composed of H. C. Eastham, Vale; and E. H. Test and J. R. Blackaby of Ontario.

R. H. Dearnmond of Vale was the delegate selected to attend the meeting of the State Central committee at Portland which was called to select a new national committeeman for Oregon to succeed W. H. Hornbrook who recently moved to Vancouver, Washington.

### HAY GRADING WILL BE DISCUSSED SATURDAY

Commercial Club Offers Good Offices to Hay Growers and Stockmen as Hosts for Meeting Here

For the purpose of solving the problem of hay grades and prices a meeting will be held in the Commercial club rooms at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon to which the stockmen and the hay growers of this section have been invited. The meeting was called upon the suggestion of a number of hay growers in the Ontario and Nyssa section who recognize that some effort should be made to put their industry upon a better footing.

The call for the meeting is signed by the Ontario Commercial club which at the request of the hay men offered its good offices to assist in bringing the stockmen and hay growers together, believing that the adjudication of differences that have heretofore existed will be of great benefit to the entire community.

The following is the circular letter which was sent forth by the club and explains in detail the purposes of the meeting, to which it is expected a large number of stockmen and hay growers will come:

"Realizing that the prosperity of Malheur County is primarily dependent upon the Live-stock industry, and that the welfare of the entire community will be advanced by mutual good will and better co-operation between the stock men and the hay growers of the county, a meeting of the two interests is desired to

the end that the great advantage which Malheur County offers for the raising and feeding of stock may be realized to the fullest extent.

"Every feeder, who operates in this region, without making the profit to which he is entitled, makes a loss not only for himself but for the community as well; and every stock man who winterlands here without obtaining the highly profitable returns which the favorable climatic conditions should insure, not only loses personally but injures the industry he is engaged in, and consequently the welfare of the community.

"That better methods may be followed and a consequent increase of gain made; that through the introduction of grading machinery a portion of our hay crop may be made into meal and a gain thereby made; that better methods of cutting, curing and stacking hay may be encouraged and the feeding value of same thereby enhanced; that the hay growers who put up a first class product containing the highest feeding value will be rewarded accordingly and the merit of their product recognized is the purpose of the meeting.

"Under present practice the farmer who puts up a prime article of hay receives a less return for same than the one who puts up a poor quality of hay does, and it is desired to be ascertained whether through co-operation of the two interests this condition cannot be remedied.

"With these purposes in view; you are invited to attend a joint conference of hay growers and stockmen to be held in the Ontario Commercial Club rooms in the city hall at 3 p. m. Saturday, May 31. As it is impossible for us to get letters to all growers and stockmen, we would also appoint you to notify as many of the above as you may happen to see.

The above date will be Flag Day in Ontario and you will be able to enjoy the celebration planned for that date."

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