

RUSSIA'S HOPE SEEN IN WOMEN SOLDIERS

Butcher's Wife Is Organizer of
"Battalion of Death" to Re-
place Cowardly Men.

ARISTOCRATS NO LAGGARDS

Rheta Childe Dorr Tells of Tense
Feeling as Bolsheviks, Sworn
to Prevent Coup, Try to
Spread Disaffection.

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Had a harder time than ever after the Russian returned from the Japanese war minus one foot, but that did not prevent their number from increasing, and merely made the lot of Marea, the oldest girl, a little more miserable. She married young, fortunately, a man with whom she was very happy. He was the village butcher and she helped him in the shop, as they had no children.

When the war broke out in July, 1914, Marea's husband marched away with the rest of the quota from their village, and she never saw him again. He was killed in one of the first battles of the war, and the only time I ever saw Botchkareva break down was when she told me how she waited long months for the letter he had promised to write her, and how he had promised to come back to the village and told her that the letter would never come. "He was dead—out there somewhere—and they had not even notified her."

Typus Ravages Villages.
"The soldiers have it hard," she said, when her brief storm of tears was over, "but not so hard as the women at home. The soldier has a gun to fight with. The women have nothing." For months Marea Botchkareva watched the sufferings of the women and children of her village grow worse and worse. Winter killed some of them—Winter and the lack of food, scarcity of food. Typus came along and killed more. The village forgot that it had ever danced and sung and was happy. Every family was in mourning for its dead.

Marea decided that she could not endure it to sit in her empty hut and wait for death. She would go out and meet in the winter fashion permitted to men. That is the way she explained to me why she joined the regiment of Siberian troops encamped near the village. The men did not know her, but she sought and got permission, and when the regiment went to the front she went along.

Coveted Honors Won.
She fought in campaigns on several fronts, earned medals, and finally the coveted cross of St. George for valor under fire. She was three times wounded, the last time in the autumn of 1916, so badly that she lay in the hospital for four months. She got back to her regiment, where she was now popular, and I imagine something of a leader, just before the revolution of February, 1917.

Botchkareva was an ardent revolutionist, and her regiment was one of the first to go over to the people's side. Her consternation and despair were great when, shortly after the emancipation from Czarism, great masses of the people, and especially the soldiers at the front, began to demonstrate by riots and desertions how little they were ready for freedom.

The men of her regiment deserted in numbers, and she went to members of the Duma, who were going up and down the front trying to stay the tide, and said to them: "Give me leave to raise a regiment of women. We will go wherever men refuse to go. We will fight when they run. The women will lead the men back to the trenches." This is the history of Botchkareva's Battalion of Death, or rather of how it came to be organized. The Russian war ministry gave her leave to recruit the women, gave her a barracks in a former school building and provided her equipment and a place at the front. Many women in Petrograd, women of wealth and social position, took fire with the idea, raised money for the regiment and helped in the recruiting.

Women Troops Not School Girls.
In an odd copy of an American newspaper that reached me in Russia I read a paragraph stating that the school girls of Petrograd were formed a regiment under a man named Butcherer, a lieutenant in the army. I don't know who sent out that piece of news, but it lacked most of the facts.

The women soldiers are not school-girls, and Botchkareva's battalion has no men officers. Three drill sergeants, St. George cross men all of them, did assist in the training of the battalion while it remained in Petrograd. Other men drilled it behind the lines, but Botchkareva, and another remarkable woman, Marie Skridlova, her adjutant, commanded and led it in battle.

Marie Skridlova is the daughter of Admiral Skridloff, one of the most distinguished men of the Russian navy. She is about 26, very attractive if not actually beautiful, and is an accomplished musician. Her life up to the outbreak of the war was that of an ordinary girl of the Russian aristocracy. She was educated abroad, taught several languages, and expected to have a career no more exciting or adventurous than that of any other woman of her class.

When the war broke out she went into the Red Cross, took the nursing training and served in hospitals both at the front and in Petrograd. Then came the revolution. She was wounded in a marine hospital in the capital. She saw many of the horrors of those February days. She saw her own father set upon by soldiers in the streets and rescued from death only because some of his own marines who loved him insisted that this one officer was not to be killed.

He took her, his only daughter, to Botchkareva, and himself wrote her name on the regimental rollbook.

Women Rush to Enlist.
Women of all ranks rushed to enlist in the Botchkareva battalion. There were many peasant women, factory workers, servants and also a number of women of education and social prominence. Six Red Cross nurses were among the number, one doctor, a lawyer, several clerks and stenographers and a few like Marie Skridlova, who had never done any except war work. If the working women predominated I believe it was because they were the stronger physically. Botchkareva would accept only the sturdiest, and all her soldiers, even when they were slight of figure, were all fine physical specimens.

The women were outfitted and equipped exactly like the men soldiers. They wore the same kind of khaki trousers, loose-belted blouse and high-peaked cap. They wore the same high boots, carried the same arms and the same camp equipment, including gas masks, trench spades and

phernalia. In spite of their tightly shaved heads, they presented a very attractive appearance, like nice, clean, unassuming boys. They were very strictly drilled and disciplined and there was no omission of saluting officers in that regiment.

Even though the women soldiers were under the protection of the church during the ceremony, the situation was rather tense. The Bolsheviks, well knowing the moral effect of women offering themselves for death in battle, had sworn that they should not be allowed to reach the trenches. "We'll kill you first," declared these chivalrous sentry.

Men Urged to Go Home.

Friday night, all day Saturday and until late Sunday afternoon we traveled southward. At every station great crowds, principally of idle soldiers, waited for the train. Some of them were friendly, others were not. Some quite terrible-looking men appeared at some of the stations, stuck their unkept heads in the car windows and shouted: "Why are you going to fight for the dirty capitalists? We won't give our lives for the English blood-suckers."

The women retorted, shrilly eloquent: "Go home, then, you cowards, and let the women die for holy Russia."

There was something indescribably strange about going on a journey to a destination absolutely unknown, except to the one in command of the expedition. Above all, it was strange to feel that you were seeing women voluntarily giving up the last shred of security and security supposed to be due them. They were going to their death, death in battle against a foreign foe, the first women in the world to volunteer for such an end.

Yet everyone was happy, and the only fear expressed was lest the battalion should not be sent at once to the trenches. As for me, when we arrived at our destination, some two miles from the barracks, I was looking for what I had a moment of longing for the comparative safety of the trenches. For what looked to me like the whole Russian army had come to the front, and the women's battalion, and was solidly massed on both sides of the railroad track as far as I could see.

I looked at the machine calmly buckling on her sword and revolver. She had a satisfied little smile on her lips.

You may have to fight those men out there before you fight the Germans," I said.

Yes, we may have to begin fighting them," she replied.

She was the first one out of the train, and the others rapidly followed her.

(To be continued tomorrow.)

DRAFT WORKS HARDSHIP

APPEAL IN BEHALF OF DESTITUTE
FAMILIES MADE.

Mustering Examinations Bring to Light
Hundreds of Cases Where Ex-
emptions Are Believed Due.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—An appeal in behalf of hundreds of draft men who have been sent to Camp Lewis, Tacoma, by local boards, despite the suggestions of President Wilson with regard to men with dependent families left behind by the draft men, was taken up today by Orin E. Tyler, secretary for the Army U. S. C. A. Secretary Tyler, whose attention was called to the deplorable conditions resulting from the present method of boards by mustering officers, will endeavor to get relief both for the families at home and for the drafted husbands and fathers from military service.

That there are hundreds of cases among the men of the first and second quotas alone who should never have been separated from their families, has developed in the course of the mustering examinations.

PATROL SHIP FOUNDERS

NONE OF CREW OF AMERICAN
CRAFT MISSING.

Lost Ship Auxiliary Used in Mine-
Sweeping Work—Storm Blamed
for Sinking of Vessel.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—An American patrol ship foundered in European waters on the morning of October 4 while on duty.

The Navy Department has no information of the cause of the loss of the ship and has ordered an investigation. There was no loss of life.

Further information of the incident, which was reported by Vice-Admiral Sims, was being asked for by the Navy Department.

The lost ship was an auxiliary, and not one of the regular Navy fleet, and was on mine-sweeping work when lost. The report that she foundered is taken here to mean she was lost in run of the weather.

20,000 AT PUYALLUP FAIR

Governor Lister Speaks at Western
Washington Event.

TACOMA, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Never in its history has the Western Washington Fair at Puyallup been as successful as this year. Today the crowd was estimated at 20,000, and an equal number attended yesterday, when Governor Lister spoke. Another attraction was the reception of four companies of Washington Coast Artillery from Port Townsend under command of Colonel Turner and Major Driver.

The exhibits were especially broad this year, as hundreds of persons went in for war gardening and brought their products to the fair.

Wheat Land Brings \$162.50.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—At a price of \$162.50 an acre the John Hager place, near Adams, was sold today by the heirs to John C. Walters, of Athens. There are nearly 300 acres in the place, and it is as good wheat land as there is in the district.

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California Federation Opposes
Policy of Destruction.

STRIKERS TO BE ASSISTED

Resolutions Favor Second Strike of
Iron Trades, Alleging First Set-
tlement Was Made Only for
Patriotic Reasons.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 6.—The California State Federation of Labor went on record here today against the Industrial Workers of the World, adopting a resolution recommending the expulsion of all members of that organization from unions of the American Federation of Labor.

The delegates also made plans for a voluntary assessment on all California labor union men outside San Francisco of one hour's pay as a benefit for striking San Francisco streetcar men.

A resolution favoring a second strike of the iron trades in San Francisco, which was declared probable, and claiming that the temporary settlement was for patriotic reasons, was adopted unanimously.

The resolution says the Industrial Workers of the World have an avowed policy of destruction toward all existing forms of society and particularly the policies of the American Federation of Labor. Also that these activities and practices have interfered with and hampered the Government in the successful prosecution of the war.

The resolution calls for instructions of the California delegates to the coming convention of the American Federation of Labor to introduce the resolution and to work and vote for its passage.

SYMPATHY STRIKE PROPOSED

San Francisco Unions May Aid
Striking Carmen.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.—The San Francisco Labor Council at a meeting last night instructed its authoritative committee to take a canvass of its 150 subsidiary unions on the proposition of calling a general strike in sympathy with the streetcar strike, labor leaders announced here today.

The Council also voted to boycott the cars of the United Railway system, whose employees are on strike for an eight-hour day and a wage of \$2.50. No penalty for union men riding on the cars was named.

The Labor Council controls all of the unions in the city which are not engaged in actual building construction. These latter are controlled by the Building Trades Council of California. The reported action of the Labor Council followed a vote by the striking carmen to continue the strike. It is stated that the vote on this proposition was 779 to 22.

Perry Lyon Not Confirmed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 6.—The Senate failed to confirm the nomination of Perry J. Lyon as registrar of the North Yakima, Wash., Land Office. This will operate to continue in office Richard Strobach, who would have been relieved had Lyon been confirmed.

Linn Livestock Plentiful.

LEBANON, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—According to the county assessment roll just completed by Assessor Fisher, Linn County is fairly well supplied with livestock. There are 9522 head of horses



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and mules in the county, 25,319 head of cattle, 28,071 sheep and goats, 7289 hogs and over 1500 pigs. A majority of these animals are in the eastern part of the county, of which Lebanon is the trading center.

DU PONT INQUEST HELD

Verdict Is Death From Gunshot
Wound Self-Inflicted.

OGDEN, Utah, Oct. 6.—An inquest was held yesterday over the body of Gerald Du Pont, son of Maurice Du Pont, of Asheville, N. C., who killed himself here yesterday while riding in an automobile with Miss Marian E. Browning, heiress of this city.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the young man had come to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by his own hands.

Honor Guard Girls Hike.

Yesterday afternoon the girls of the Portland Honor Guard hiked to Hayden Island. This was one of the series of hikes recently inaugurated for the promotion of physical efficiency. The girls assembled at 1:45 o'clock at the corner of Third and Washington streets and took the Vancouver car to the end of the 5-cent fare limit. The girls brought sandwiches and a drinking cup, and spent a pleasant afternoon in the country. The party was led by Miss Jo Allen Lewis.

Honor Guard Classes Commence.

Winter classes for the different corps of the Portland Honor Guard will commence soon. Miss Aileen MacMaster, leader of the local organization, has issued a request that all members who wish to enroll for the classes call at the office, 312 Selling building, between the hours of 2 and 6 P. M. Those who are unable to take part in any of the

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classes are asked to come to the office and give assurance of their personal interest in the work of the Honor Guard.

Liquor Law Violator Sentenced.

BAKER, Or., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—William Josephine pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the liquor law here today, and was sentenced to pay a \$200 fine and serve 60 days in the County Jail. Mrs. Mary Pierce, an alleged

valley late last night by the Sheriff, as they were leaving the train with six suitcases full of liquor.



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