

PRESIDENT OPENS RED CROSS DRIVE

Nation's Executive Leads New
York Parade of Mercy and
Delivers Address.

BIG PROCESSION REVIEWED

Repeated Overtures Greet Wilson in
Fifth Avenue and at Great
Meeting in Metropolitan
Opera-House.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The American Red Cross drive for the second \$100,000,000 war fund was opened here tonight by President Wilson in an address at the Metropolitan Opera-house. The President, who arrived in New York when he entered the hall and was introduced by Cleveland H. Dodge, before the speaking began the Metropolitan Opera-house chorus, conducted by Giulio Setti, sang the National anthems of France, Italy, Great Britain and the United States.

The President was preceded by Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross, who spoke of the work of the organization. Mr. Davison referred to the President as the leading figure of the world.

In introducing the President Mr. Dodge said that the President had "asked for the privilege" of marching in today's parade when none of the committee had "dared" to invite him.

The President, Mr. Dodge declared, in the spokesman of all the great spiritual forces of the world.

The President marched on foot through Fifth avenue today at the head of 15,000 soldiers of mercy. Then, standing in the reviewing stand, he gravely saluted the soldiers at the women of the Red Cross filed past in a seemingly endless line.

The miles of white-gowned marchers made a mute but heart-stirring appeal to the New Yorkers to contribute one-quarter of the \$100,000,000 asked from the Nation to carry on the work of relief and succor.

The great procession in this city was described as "only one of 1500 parades, with 5,000,000 Red Cross workers marching on the same afternoon in the United States."

Perhaps never before had New York seen such a demonstration of patriotism. It was known that the President would review the parade, but his intention to march at the head of the line had not been announced.

President Takes Up Position.

Leaving the hotel after taking luncheon with Mrs. Wilson, he motored up the avenue until he met the head of the column at Sixty-sixth street. There he dismounted and was greeted by Brigadier-General George R. Dyer, the grand marshal, and Joseph P. Tumulty, his secretary. He took his place at the head of the procession.

As the President's car drove up to the curb he was recognized, greeted with a cheer such as the historic avenue seldom has heard.

But that was as nothing to the deluge of sound that flooded the street as he stepped out and took his place. The cheering continued in a steady crescendo as he strode down the avenue, doffing his hat and bowing to the right and left in acknowledgment.

Canadian Calls for Cheers.

There was another deafening roar, as Mr. Wilson turned in at the reviewing stand at Madison Square. As he walked about to take his seat a Canadian soldier in a box set aside for convalescent fighting men, shouted in a voice which was heard above the din of the crowd:

"Three cheers for the Saviour of the World."

The crowd responded with enthusiasm. In the reviewing stand with the President were Mrs. Wilson, Governor Charles S. Whitman, Mayor John F. Hyman, Major General William A. Mann, and other dignitaries of the city, state and Nation.

Human Red Cross in Parade.

Past them came the "Human Red Cross," a band of pretty girls wearing a red head dress, who marched in the form of a cross.

Behind them was the War Council of Red Cross, the various teams and committees with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., leading the bankers and brokers' division.

The came the legion of nurses in service in all kinds of uniforms—nurses for the Army, nurses for the Navy, nurses for the home defense, nurses who have only begun their training, but all eager to take their places on the battlefield.

After these nurses and the workers in supply-rooms and auxiliaries had marched past, Rear-Admiral Cary T. Grayson, the President's personal physician, advised him that after a long march and more than an hour standing to review the parade, he had better rest.

Soon afterward the President entered his car, and, driving up the avenue to Eighty-third street, where the last of the marchers had not yet had a chance to fall in line, review the parade from his machine.

HE DARKENED HIS GRAY HAIR

They Used to Call Him Grandpa: Now
They Call Him Kid.

Tells How He Did It.

Mr. J. A. McCrea, a well-known resident of San Francisco, who was called Daddy and Grandpa on account of his white hair, and who darkened it with a simple home-made mixture, recently made the following statement:

"Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home, at very little cost, that will darken gray hair and make it soft and glossy. To a half pint of water add 1 ounce of bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and 1/4 ounce of glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. This will make a gray-haired person look 10 years younger. It does not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off. My friends now call me 'Kid.'—Adv.

The Corvallis Honor Guard Girls have secured six lots at Thirtieth and Monroe streets which they have planted to beans to be sold later to the Corvallis cannery. Professor W. J. Koenig, of the high school faculty, assisted the young women in marking off the ground and had it prepared for gardening, but the young women have planted the crop and will continue to care for it until the crop is ready for market.

GRESHAM UNVEILS STATUE

Dr. W. J. Kerr, President of O. A. C., Chief Speaker.

Citizens of Gresham will unveil a new statue of Liberty at the Gresham fountain today. At 2:30 Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural College, will address the people in the opera-house and immediately after his speech, the meeting will adjourn to the fountain in the square, where the statue will be unveiled.

Dr. Kerr brings a plea for conservation to the people of Gresham direct from the United States Department of Agriculture. He will discuss means by which America and especially Oregon, can best respond to the demand for increased food production, insuring supplies essential to the prosecution of the war.

The committee in charge of the programme urges all loyal citizens of Gresham and vicinity to attend.

TECHNICAL TRAINING TOPIC

Needs of Soldiers to Be Discussed at
Gathering Today.

At the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce, tomorrow noon, the addresses will center about the theme, "Aiding the Government in Constructive Education for the Army." Obviously the talks will deal largely with the fast developing plans for giving technical training to soldiers in the Benson Polytechnic School.

Major Frank Shepherd, an Oregon educator, who has been called to direct this work throughout the Northwest, will tell of the plan and its aims. Other speakers will be Dr. K. Mackenzie, dean of the Oregon Medical School; William A. Marshall, of the State Industrial Institute Commission; Lieutenant T. J. MacKinnon, a Canadian veteran; Dr. E. A. Sommer, president of the Portland school board, and Superintendent L. R. Alderman, of the public school system.

PRIVATE MCCARTHY KILLED

Nephew of Police Inspector One of
Five Brothers in Service.

Police Inspector Tom Coleman yesterday received a letter from "Somewhere in France" announcing the death of a nephew, Private John McCarthy, of the British Ambulance Service, who was killed in action during the recent Hun offensive. The young man had but a few days before been recommended for the distinguished conduct medal for gallant service under fire.

The young man was one of five brothers who have been at the front since the outbreak of the war. He had been in active service since September 4, 1914, and had returned after a two weeks' furlough just a day or two before he was killed in action.

Two other brothers have been wounded in action in France and another brother, in the Royal Navy, has also been wounded.

WAR GARDENS ARE IN WAY
South Portland Plots Must Make
Way for Playground.

Approximately one-half acre of war gardens must be plowed up in South Portland when actual work on the Marquam Gulch playground begins on Tuesday. No formal protests have been filed with the park bureau, but it is understood the owners of the property are keenly disappointed.

The property will be purchased by the city through condemnation proceedings and any damage resulting from the building of the playground will probably be included in the amount of damages awarded by the courts, according to City Park Superintendent Keyser.

PARK WORK TO BE STARTED

Opening Ceremonies for Marquam
Gulch Playground Arranged.

Mrs. J. F. Kelly, vice-president of the South Portland Improvement Association, will turn the first shovel of dirt at the opening ceremonies celebrating the improvement of the Marquam Gulch public park and playground at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Mayor Baker will preside at the gathering of South Portland men and women and Rev. Joshua Stansfield, of the First Methodist Church, will officiate. Patriotic songs will be given by South Portland school children. Members of the park board and other public officials will be present.

EDITOR DEFEATED IN LANE

O. H. Foster, of Eugene, Nominated
for State Senator.

EUGENE, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—O. H. Foster, of Eugene, was nominated for the Republican nomination for State Senator from Lane County, and John Bell, Republican, of Eugene, defeated Elbert Bede of Cottage Grove, for Senator from the joint district of Lane and Linn counties by a majority of 670, with three small precincts missing.

Two women, Miss Edna Ward, Republican, of Eugene, and Mrs. Ada Van Valzah, Democrat, of Springfield, will oppose each other for election as County Treasurer at the election in November.

OLYMPIA STARTS OUT WELL

One Day's Pay to Be Asked From
Each Man Employed.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—With a parade of floats, school children and soldiers, Olympia opened the second Red Cross drive tonight. Several advance subscriptions have already been received toward the local chapter's quota of \$18,000.

It is proposed to ask a day's pay for the Red Cross from each man employed in Olympia.

YOUNG WOMEN CONDEMNED

Hun Military Tribunal Imprisons
Feminine Pacifists.

GENEVA, May 18.—Six young women were among the German Independent Socialists condemned to long prison terms by the military tribunal at Dresden recently on charges of conducting "defeatist" and pacifist propaganda among German soldiers, according to dispatches received here from Constance.

MOTHER IN FRANCE DELVES INTO HELL

Mrs. Dorr Finds Boys' Welfare
More Important Than
Battle Moves.

REPORTS OF VICE NAILED

Souls of America's Manhood Safe as
at Home—Troops Have but One
Enemy to Conquer—the
German Army.

BY RHETA CHILDE DORR.

(Rheta Childs Dorr has just returned from France, after reporting of the Russian revolution was the best piece of newspaper work that situation developed, as readers remember. In this series she discloses a new viewpoint—a wonderful one. She has forgotten a reporter—she is writing as a mother.)

On the lapel of my coat I wear a little pin, a pin with a single star, ruby red on a bar of white. My only son is a member of the American expeditionary force in France. Hundreds of thousands of American women wear pins like mine. Some have two stars, three, even four, and every one covers a heart heavy with anxiety and foreboding. That little service pin which mothers talk of dealing largely with the fast developing plans for giving technical training to soldiers in the Benson Polytechnic School.

Political Phases to Be Studied.

I went to France as a correspondent, a reporter, to write about the war. I was not a soldier, not a woman, but in spite of the fact, and merely because my editors believed that I could handle that particular job. My letter of credentials to the Russian revolution for this paper and that I was now assigned to France with the view of informing readers in the United States as to participation of United States troops in the war and the political situations of the allied countries in the war.

I hope that my editor's confidence in me was not entirely misplaced and that I did not quite fall down on my job. But I experienced in France what I brought out with me were not exactly what I had expected. I found a very different correspondent, deeply interested in my work, but very soon after I arrived and almost with my first contact with the war, I experienced a new sort of about my work. I forgot that I was in France after military and political phases.

I forgot that I was a correspondent. I was conscious only that I was a mother. The mother of a boy in France. I was one in heart with a million other American women I have never seen and will never see; one with every woman in the land who wears a service pin.

Personal Equation Dominant.

I discovered that try as I might to think of armies, strategies and diplomatics, the only thing that vitally concerned me in France was to find out how my son was faring, and in doing so I was finding out the things that other mothers wanted to know about their boys.

Where they are, how they live, who their comrades are, how they work and play, what they are learning, how they get along with their strange new neighbors, the French people, and what the war is doing to their minds and souls, all these things I wanted to know. I wanted to know all this about one soldier, and I believed that the other women would like to know about their own.

Our soldiers are more than 3000 miles away from home, and they have gone through a terrible ordeal. I know about war than any other women in the world, but we know that it is a ghastly, brutal, blindly pitiless, blood-thirsty business. We know that soldiers perish in war, and sometimes souls, which is worse.

Stories of Vice Untrue.

That tale filled me with such terror that I went to some lengths to investigate it. It was quite untrue, and I repeat it here only because it is representative of stories that are current everywhere and add greatly to the sufferings of the women at home. The first time I want to say about our troops is that the men are morally as safe in France as they could possibly be at home. I know this. I made it my particular business to know it.

I spent three months in France, traveling over most of the considerable territory occupied by the American forces. I visited camps like 25 camps, large ones and immense ones, where the men are training, where they are being made into experts in special lines of fighting, where they are at work building miles of wharves, warehouses, cold storage plants, barracks and hospitals; where they are performing marvelous feats of constructive work necessary to the life of an army far removed from its base.

I met and talked with thousands of soldiers in their camps, in Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross canteens, in many ancient towns of central France. I saw our men disembarking from their transports, and I saw them tramping through ice-cold mud to the front line trenches. I talked with them in their billets in lonely little villages of the north and in vacation cities of the south. I have visited American soldiers in hospitals and I have knelt beside their graves. Our soldiers have only one enemy and that is the Germans. That enemy they must fight and conquer, and we over here must steel our hearts to the sacrifices of life, the suffering and maiming that are absolutely inevitable and will have to be borne. The casualty lists, every day growing a little longer, are a bitter reminder to grow even longer. What English mothers and French mothers, what all

the people of all the warring nations have endured, we shall have to endure. It is the world's pain and we cannot escape it.

Losses to Be at Minimum.

What we Americans have to help us bear what is coming in the next few months is the knowledge that our losses are going to be as few as possible. Life is to be safeguarded as far as human agencies can devise. Our Army is organized for that. Men are not to be sacrificed unnecessarily. The best science in the world is being mobilized to save suffering and to heal wounds. Sickness and accident are being guarded against. Drunkenness and immorality are under strictest ban.

Much of this I was privileged to hear from the man who perhaps more than any other individual is responsible for the lives and the souls of our men in France, General Pershing. I saw him twice, once briefly in Paris, where he talked to me five minutes before leaving for an allied war council at Versailles, and once at length in his headquarters in a quaint old town which is the general headquarters of the staff of our army in France.

General Pershing is the least formal of any great officer I have ever seen, with the notable exception of "Papa" Joffre, but Generals are all very important personages and have to be addressed with circumspection. I wanted very much to say to General Pershing, but of course I didn't, that after seeing him I felt a whole lot easier in my special soldier. A more human commanding officer, one more concerned about the last detail of the life of the enlisted man, I am sure never lived. He spoke of the soldiers as a father speaks of his sons, with pride and passionate concern.

Yankees World's Best Troops.

"They are the best in the world," he said, and he added that although our talk was private and that he could not be quoted, I was at liberty to repeat those words: "Our soldiers are fine men, clean, strong, intelligent, and they will make magnificent fighters. Tell the people at home, especially the mothers, that they can be proud of their men. Tell them that almost without exception, every American soldier is beyond criticism. Tell them that from me."

Proud of their commander also may the American people be, and over and above all, proud of the cause for which the American soldiers fight and for which they are ready to die. Not in the whole history of the world has more righteous war been fought. I do not think the majority of Americans yet dream of the depth of depravity contemplated by the men who brought about the war. We have heard of German atrocities and we have shuddered at the recital.

But the plan and object of this war on the part of those Prussians who are responsible for it is to insure the perpetuity of all, for the plan was the murder of Christian civilization and the object was the enslavement of mankind.

Soldier's Death Honorable One.

The next message that comes out of the sector where the Americans hold the line will bring mourning and tears to many women. And yet I can truthfully say that I would be happy to have my son dead in France, sleeping in a soldier's grave beyond the sea, than to have him alive and safe, shirking his duty in a bullet-proof job at home.

I do not believe that in the years to come there is going to be much happiness for the men who are shirking, nor for the women who may be encouraging them to shirk. The shirkers are going to play a very pitiful part in the National life of this country after the war. The men who come home will be the rulers of America's future destiny. They will be the builders of our greatness. They are learning in this war how to build.

Chehalis Girl Is Bride.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—Edwin Severns, of Seattle, and Ruth Reynolds, of Chehalis, were married here today at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. W. A. Reynolds. Rev. T. Davis Aheson, officiated. The bride, who is a University of Washington graduate, while the bridegroom is a student at the University of Washington. Recently Mr. Severns enlisted in the Naval forces, being stationed at Seattle. The bride is the daughter of Judge W. A. Reynolds, of the Lewis County Superior Court.

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