

WOMEN OF ENGLAND WANT SQUARE DEAL

Removal of Artificial Restrictions Is Demanded.

PREMIER MAKES REPLY

Ample Scope in Peace Pursuits to Be Available; Discrimination Not Planned.

LONDON.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—No discrimination is to be made against women in British industry. Premier Lloyd George declares in a letter addressed to Lady Rhondda, president of the Women's Industrial League, who has submitted to him a memorial setting forth the claims of women to freedom of employment. After the pledges made by the government to the peace units have been fulfilled, wrote Mr. Lloyd George, in his reply, women will find ample scope in peace pursuits. He supports the principle of equal pay "when put out" and promises full opportunity for women in training and education.

"In those industrial occupations in which women were engaged before the war," the Premier added, "opportunities of every sort will be opened up for every class of women workers, and I believe that the real working representatives of organized labor may be trusted when the time comes to see the necessity of utilizing, in the interests of production and to the best advantage, every class of worker available."

Restrictions Not Approved. Regarding payment, he says: "To permit women to be the catpaw for reducing the level of wages is unthinkable. It is not desired by enlightened employers, to whom good production and uniform wages are desirable; cutting of wages, with its consequent instability, is not at any time either in their interest or in that of the nation."

Lady Rhondda urged in her memorial that artificial restrictions on the employment of women in industries should be removed, not only as a measure of justice to the sex, but in the interests of national industrial efficiency.

She asserted that it was now threatened to withdraw even the "imperfect toleration" that was extended to women during the war and that in the industries into which they were invited with urgency they should now resume the condition of helots. Such restrictions on their employment, she declared, were artificial, unjust and disgraceful to a civilized community.

Rights Are Demanded. The present conditions of women's employment, Lady Rhondda asserts, prevent them from being utilized in the national interest. Women were not consulted in the arrangements for the reconstruction of industry. She pointed out that while the government was bound by its agreement with trade unions, there are many shops which had sprung up during the war in which the government's bargains with trade unions would not operate to exclude women from employment.

Women, she declared, are not seeking in industry a renewal of strife, but a clear grant to them of their just rights as human beings and freedom of employment from being utilized in the national interest. Women were not consulted in the arrangements for the reconstruction of industry. She pointed out that while the government was bound by its agreement with trade unions, there are many shops which had sprung up during the war in which the government's bargains with trade unions would not operate to exclude women from employment.

VAST TRACT TO BE OPENED

Ten Thousand Acres in Malheur Valley Going Under Ditch.

The Oregon-West Colonization Company will open up 10,000 acres in the Malheur Valley, from Ontario to Vale, Or., April 1, and is waging a campaign to secure settlers, including stock and dairymen.

The land is included in the Warm Springs Irrigation Project and will be under the ditch in the near future. Twelve thousand acres will be under the ditch in the valley.

Hun Aviators Are No Sports.

Briggs Acams in the Atlantic. They are no sports, these Hun; they will never attack unless with overwhelming odds, and even then they never come across the lines; so in case of engine failure they are sure to get safely home. Yet our few machines over hostile territory fly straight into the swarm of them, bring down six, and all return and have but one man hit. It isn't that they come through; it is superior speed, due to a large steady machine, and a sporting blood in the men that makes them play the game, no matter what the odds. Though the Hun has a decided advantage fighting over his own territory, it is a large factor in his defeat, for it is an open acknowledgment of his inferiority, and it takes but a little spirit and some cool shooting to make him sick.

Bad Justice in German Courts.

Brand Whitlock in Everybody's. For one of our Anglo-Saxon race and legal traditions to understand conditions in Belgium during the German occupation, it is necessary to banish results from the mind every conception of right we have inherited from our ancestors.

These so-called courts, of whose irresponsible and brutal nature I have tried to convey some notion, were mere inquisitorial bodies, guided by no principle save that of the interest in the bloody nature. Before them the accused was literally no rights, not even permitted to speak in his own behalf; it was only as a generous and liberal favor.

The defense was not a defense in our

meaning of the word. The lawyer was not allowed to see his client before he appeared to plead the case before the court where the accused was arraigned for trial, and he was not permitted to speak to his client during the trial; often he did not know what the accusation was until the trial began, and sometimes he did not know it even then. The court would admit hearsay, presumptions, and conclusions, and inferences, and innuendoes, so long as they were on behalf of the prosecution; there was no cross-examination, sometimes even no interrogatory on the part of the presiding judge. The accused was sometimes allowed to present a defense, but it was generally only such as he might contrive in sparring with judges if they questioned him.

BOAT DEVICE IS INVENTED

PORTLAND MAN WILL OFFER PATENT TO GOVERNMENT.

W. M. Simpson Has Plan Which He Declares Will Double or Treble Speed of Steamers.

Equipping steamers with two airtight tubes or cylinders, one on each side, and connected with the vessel by flanges, the cylinder to contain auxiliary power that drives a propeller, is the invention of W. M. Simpson, of Portland, as a means of lessening the danger at sea and reducing operating costs, and he says he has been granted a patent on the invention, which he intends to place at the disposal of the Government.

Mr. Simpson has made the following statement regarding the device and results he expects from it: "This invention, I assert, will double or treble the speed. It will make ballast unnecessary, and will stabilize boats, and it will conserve fuel, because the draft being lightened and the resistance of the water lessened, it will attain greater speed with less fuel than the ordinary boat, and it will tend largely to prevent marine disasters, because it may be turned to right or left, very quickly, and in the ship-length of space; also it can be stopped much quicker than the old style boat.

"It is particularly adapted for a sub-destroyer, and the patent will be offered to the War Department very soon by my attorney in Washington.

"There are two airtight tubes, sized proportionate to the boat to which they are attached. These are connected with the main driving shafts or flanges and each tube or cylinder contains an auxiliary motor power. These being connected with the main driving plant in the ship or boat, by means of transmission wires, if electric power is used, or pipes if compressed air be used. Each auxiliary air cylinder enters the motor, drives an auxiliary propeller."

THRILLING HISTORY DUE

PRIVATE KURT KOEHLER, OF HILSDALE, IS HONORED.

Sergeant Albert C. Presley, of Salem, Also Among Those Cited for Service in War.

Some thrilling war history will be disclosed with the return of Oregon boys from overseas. Succeeding announcements of distinguished service honor the embrace an ever-widening circle of Oregon boys. Announcement of yesterday included two more—Private Kurt R. Koehler, Hillsdale, and Sergeant Albert C. Presley, Salem. Sergeant Guy L. Zilkey, whose home is at May, Idaho, also was cited in the same manner.

The official citation shows that Private Koehler did a remarkably effective bit of fighting with a machine gun. This young man, friends state, is not to be confused with a Kurt Koehler, of Portland, having lived for several years on a farm near Hillsdale.

The official announcement of citations gives these facts about the three boys of the Northwest and their heroism:

"Private Kurt R. A. Koehler, Company A, 1st United States Engineers. For extraordinary heroism in action near Verdun, France, October 2, 1918. Operating, without assistance, a machine gun, which he secured by crawling out ahead of our lines, Private Koehler successfully resisted a greatly superior force of the enemy, killing several and causing the rest to retreat. When wounds in the shoulder made it impossible for him to further operate the gun, he rendered it unserviceable with a pick handle before retiring and reporting to his company commander. Home address, Mrs. S. Koehler, mother, box 117, Hillsdale, Or.

"Sergeant Albert C. Presley, Headquarters Company, 86th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Bellefontaine, France, September 27, 1918. With a machine gun and a party of four other men, went out to reduce what was thought to be a sniping post. They discovered, upon arriving nearer, that it was a machine gun nest and attacked it by a series of short rushes. The attack resulted in the capture of 25 rifles and two machine guns. Home address, Clarence C. Presley, care of Wells-Fargo Express Company, Salem, Or.

"Sergeant Guy L. Zilkey, Company L, 36th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Steenbrugge, Belgium, October 31, 1918. Reorganizing, boldly shattered forces. Sergeant Zilkey took command of the location, and by proper distribution of those under his command, ably protected his flank. Assisted by two comrades he attacked and drove out a machine gun nest that was holding up his advance, reversing the situation to his company commander by establishing an efficient liaison. Home address, Mrs. John Carr, mother, May, Idaho.

What the Sargasso Sea Is.

William Beebe in the Atlantic. An amazing amount of fiction and nonsense has been written about the Sargasso sea, but the truth is actually more unbelievable. Though we see it in such immense patches, and although for days the ocean may be flecked with the scattered heads of the weed, yet it is no more at home in midocean than the falling leaves in Autumn may claim as their place above the breeze which whirles them about, or the moss upon which at least they come to rest, along the coast of Central America the Sargasso weed grows, clinging, as is the way with seaweeds, to coral and rock and shell, and flowering and fruiting after its lowly fashion. The berrylike bladders with which the stems are strung are filled with gas, and enable the plants to maintain their position regardless of the state of the tide. Vast quantities are torn away by the waves and drift out to sea, and these stray masses are what we see on every trip south, which, caught in the great midocean eddy, form the so-called Sargasso sea.

Steamhoy Kills Workman.

VALE, Or., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Gastano Mezzalana, steamhoy pitman, was instantly killed Tuesday morning at the construction camp of the Shattuck-Edinger Company at the Warm

CARELESSNESS HELD GREATEST FIREBUG

Fire Marshals' Meeting Considers Big Question.

EDUCATION CHIEF REMEDY

30 States Report Decrease in Fire Loss From Arson During War.

NEW YORK.—Careless smokers and users of matches were responsible for \$15,734,558 of the total loss of \$60,466,054 worth of property by "preventable fires" in the United States in 1918, say members of the Fire Marshals' Association of North America, who met recently.

Figures showing that the United States leads the world in property destruction by fire were given at the opening session, the damage per capita being put at \$2.10 annually in this country, as compared with 45 cents in France, 33 cents in England, 25 cents in Germany, 20 cents in Italy and Austria, 15 cents in Switzerland, and 11 cents in Holland.

Homer Rutledge, of Lansing, fire marshal of Michigan, discussed "The Arson Trust" and showed how incendiaries had burned \$522,515 worth of property in one year during the war, exclusive of many other millions destroyed indirectly by explosions.

Ole O. Roe, of Des Moines, fire marshal of Iowa, in an address on "Pyromania," said education was one of the most efficient means of combating this evil. F. B. Morgaridge, of New York, formerly assistant fire marshal of Indiana, said most firebugs were adolescent boys and girls. He advocated proper home and school training.

Despite the fact that the United States was at war and that enemy agents were active, reports showed a slight decrease in the number of cases of arson. While it was announced as a fact that in the first nine months after America drew the sword \$43,000,000 worth of war industries went up in smoke, in only 10 per cent of these cases was there even suspicion of spy-work.

"Carelessness" was designated as the biggest firebug of all. One grain elevator fire alone destroyed enough wheat to make a year's supply of bread for 200,000 soldiers.

Many fires, at first attributed to German spies and pyromaniacs, were found, upon investigation, to be due to other causes. One notable instance was a spectacular and costly waterfront fire in Brooklyn, the Dew Store, which saw a vast quantity of grain for the allies was destroyed. It was discovered that the fire was the result of a dust explosion, caused by a spark either from friction or static electricity.

Another conspicuous instance was the Baltimore pier fire, which at first was positively ascribed to pro-German plotters. Rigid investigation by Federal agents definitely determined its non-incendiary origin.

Historic Church, Visioned.

Christian Science Monitor. St. Margaret's, Westminster, England, where the House of Commons attended service on the anniversary of the declaration of war, has the misfortune of being reduced to relative insignificance as a building by its mighty neighbors, St. Stephen's and Westminster Abbey. It would look immense in a country town and something approaching a Cathedral in a village. St. Margaret's in the days when Cromwell ruled at Whitehall was patronized by a number of devout members of the long parliament, who used regularly to attend service at 8 o'clock in the morning to hear the seven preachers who officiated in rotation for salaries of £50 each.

The west window was presented by a number of Americans in memory of Raleigh. Lowell, who was United States Ambassador at the time the gift was made, supplied the inscription, near Verdun, France, October 2, 1918. Such milk as bids us remember whence we came.

The new world's sons—from England's breast we drew.

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Minneapolis Succeds Stannard. H. W. Arbury arrived in Portland yesterday from Minneapolis to assume the duties of executive secretary of the Portland War Camp Community Service, succeeding G. L. Stannard. Mr. Arbury was for some time associate secretary in the Minneapolis headquarters.

Card of Thanks. We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement in the loss of our husband, father, son and brother; also for the beautiful floral offerings. Mrs. Helen A. Kullsch and Family. Mr. and Mrs. August Kullsch and Family.

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