

GERMANS SEND SHELL INTO BABY HOSPITAL

PARIS, April 12.—"It is now the story of culture to kill women in maternity hospitals as well as little babies with scarcely opened eyes," said Le Math editorially today.

"A hospital was filled with women lying with babies cradled nearby. The afternoon was ideal, with a blue sky and the windows opened, admitting the sunlight and air. The crying of the newborn babies was mingled with lullabies. The daily visits of relatives had just ended when a shell fell, blowing a great hole in the floor. A baby and two women were killed and 11 injured."

WILL CURB SOLDIER WEDDINGS IS PLAN

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—In an effort to stop soldiers' ill-advised marriages, Captain Cochran, provost marshal of the western department, notified the county clerks asking them to refuse marriage licenses unless the soldiers present a written consent of their superior officer. Officers are instructed to investigate and determine that they are not ill-advised before consenting.

The notices sent to the clerks declare scores of adventures are marrying soldiers to collect allowances. "In view of the government's money needs, the payment of allowances on ill-advised marriages is an extravagance."

THE MARTYRDOM OF BOHEMIA

(From the Chicago Journal.)

The Austrian government, which is so eager to send out news of important "strikes" and of "disagreements" with Germany which are either futile or faked, suppresses all accounts of the heroic martyrdom of Bohemia. We get information on that subject only when some neutral observer comes back from Austria-Hungary and tells what he has seen and heard. One such observer, evidently a Swede, has brought news of Bohemia's part in the offensive against Italy. Hundreds of Czech and Slovak soldiers threw down their rifles and refused to fire on the Italians. They knew the penalty—instant death—but they faced it unflinchingly rather than aid their tyrants to conquer another land.

In some ways, this is the finest chapter of war history that even Bohemia has written. She refused to fight the Russians at the very beginning of the war, but the Russians were fellow Slavs; and besides, the Bohemians then were together, and in part, at least, under their own officers. Thus the Twenty-eighth regiment, from Prague, went over to the Russian side en masse but in the case just reported, the Bohemians were sent against a race with whom they have no tie of blood or language, and the organization which enabled them to act together in 1914 has been destroyed.

There are no longer any Bohemian regiments. It is doubtful if there are any Bohemian battalions. Czech and Slovak soldiers are scattered in small groups among the troops of other races, so that they form a minority in the battalions of Poles, Ruthenes, Roumanians, Croats, Serbs, Germans, Magyars and other races under the Hapsburg crown. The officers are almost invariably Germans and Magyars, and these two races have charge of all the artillery and machine guns. Each little band of Czechs or Slovaks is watched by superior numbers of supposedly unfriendly fellow subjects, commanded by unsympathetic despots, and liable to extermination at any moment by weapons against which it is helpless, or even under such circumstances, these heroes defy their tyrants and die!

The Spartans at Thermopylae did no more.

This magnificent heroism imposes a duty on the allies, the United States included, which we must never forget. No settlement of the struggle which leaves the heroic Bohemian people subject to the vengeance of the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns can be considered for a moment. It would be a betrayal not only of the principles for which we are waging war, but of the liberties of the human race. Bohemia has earned her freedom. She must have it.

RED CROSS FOUNDER SERVED IN FOUR WARS



This picture should interest the thousands of American women who are doing the "war" work. It is a photograph of the late Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. She did relief work in the Civil war, the Franco-German war, the Spanish-American war and the Boer war.

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This is the story of a man in an Indiana town. He sent to an out-of-town house for his bathroom outfit. When it arrived several weeks later, no plumber in the town would take the job of tapping the main and connecting the pipes. So he hired an unlicensed "jack-of-all-trades" to make the connections. This fellow did a poor job, naturally the connection leaked, and the city officials had him arrested for tapping a water main without a license. If you wish to verify this story, just write to the Mayor of Rochester, Ind., and he will confirm it. But what concerns us is: Are there any of our citizens who, for the sake of a FANCIED BARGAIN, will risk sending away from home for goods so easily handled by the home dealer, and who will sell them to you for less money than the out-of-town concern charges for the same thing?



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