

POLAND'S WOMEN'S BATTALION DEMOBILIZES AND ORGANIZES PEACE TIME RESERVIST BODY

Feminine Defenders Don Civilian Clothes But Would go Into Action Again if Necessary

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gaged in Red Cross work in Poland until 1918, when she formed the unit at Lemberg after losing her only son in the war. Her husband, also a physician, is a professor at Cracow University. The colonel is a pretty woman of quiet, gracious manner, who looks younger than her thirty-five years. She has a strong, refined face with a suggestion of humor always ready, but she looks every inch a soldier in her uniform of American khaki with three decorations for valor pinned on her breast.)

WARSAW, June 25.—Poland's Women's Battalion, of which the world

heard so much in the last two years, is being demobilized. The majority of its 3000 members are returning to domestic pursuits after more than two years of military service. A small percentage will remain in government service as instructors of military education for women in schools which are being set up for them in Warsaw, Cracow and Posen.

"Our casualties have been little more than one hundred. We lost forty killed at Lemberg and about fifty at Vilna. Now that peace prospects are so bright for Poland our task is done, and most of my soldiers will go to their homes those that have them, to be good wives and mothers, as women should.

It will interest Americans to know that two members of our battalion married members of General Haller's Legion of Polish-Americans, who came over to help in the critical days of the war and have returned with them to make their homes in the United States. I have never been to America, but I know all about it, because I am a great reader, and I know that they will find great consolation in a new, prosperous country that has not been swept by armies.

One Company Remains. Fifty of our women soldiers have married while in the service. If they married in preference to returning home, as long as their husbands were also in the army. All those who have married have returned to domestic pursuits. In fact, when our demobilization scheme is completed all of the 3000 members of the battalion will have left the service, except one company, which is still doing duty at Vilna.

Formed originally for the defense of Lemberg against the Ukrainians, it was not our intention to serve so long under arms, but the circumstances of war made it imperative. It has been a pleasure thus to serve our country, and many of us are loth to lay aside our uniforms. The company that I have on guard duty at the barracks here is the battalion's pride. It does not want to leave the service. Many of its members will go into the training schools.

Our women soldiers love discipline. It has been just as severe as in the men's regiments. In fact, it has been the army's experience that women take a soldier's life more seriously than men and are more punctual and have a greater sense of fidelity than men.

Set Up Women's Schools. That is one of the reasons for the training-school idea. The government has been so impressed with the value of women in war that it has been decided to establish these schools for the military training of women. They will be set up in Warsaw, Cracow and Posen.

Already we have received 300 applications for admission to the schools from the battalion members living in Lemberg, where the legion was formed. More are coming in daily from other parts of Poland. It shows the splendid spirit of the Polish women, who, more than the men, are responsible for keeping alive the fire of patriotism in the hearts of the Polish youth through all our years of oppression under foreign governments.

These schools will provide the necessary military training for women as officers in the sanitary corps, the telegraph, telephone and educational branches of the army. In other words an effort will be made to fill all these branches of the service with women, so that in the event of war more men can be spared for the fighting line. It is Poland's answer to the crying need of preparedness.

Right here I should correct the popular impression that all of our women-soldiers were in the actual firing line in the last two years of Poland's struggles. As a matter of fact, only a small proportion of the women were placed in the line. Organized originally for the defense of Lemberg, the legion grew fast. Its members took their place in the line at Lemberg and later at Vilna, which accounts for the comparatively large number of casualties we had at those two places.

Become Women Reservists. But the majority have been occupied with post duty, standing magazines and American Red Cross warehouses in Warsaw, Vilna, Lemberg and smaller places back of the fight-

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LEADERS IN ABYSSINIAN MOVEMENT ARE HANGED

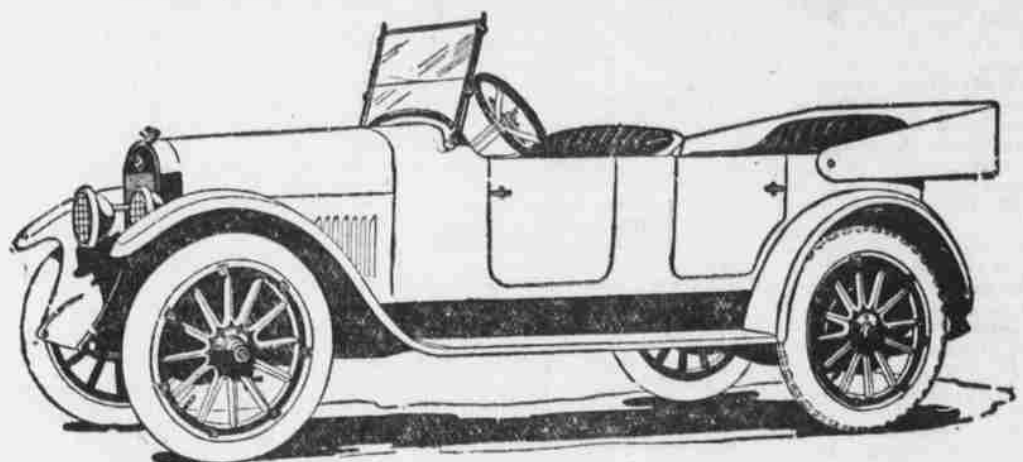
CHICAGO, June 25.—(U. P.)—Grover C. Hedding and Oscar M. McGavrick, leaders in the Abyssinian movement, were hanged in the county jail. They paid with their lives for shooting to death Robert L. Rose, a sailor of the Great Lakes training station in a south side riot while he was protecting the American flag.

FREE TRANSPORTATION FROM FRANCE AND SIBERIA FOR DESTITUTE SOLDIERS

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(U. P.)—Free transportation from France and Siberia to the United States of destitute American soldiers and their families is provided by a bill finally disposed of by congress. Transportation is to be furnished by the war department.

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