

AMERICAN WOMEN WORKING FOR ALLIES

Sewing circle in London Breaks Silence Rule as United States Nears War With Germany.

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LONDON, March 27.—The only American sewing circle in England worked in mute silence until President Wilson broke off relations with Germany. Then discipline strained, stretched and snapped.

A rusher of pent up sentiments broke over the sewing tables of the American Women's Club workrooms. After a while it was all said and the circle subsided. The industrious thrum of sewing machines and hand-needle spools resumed and the relief work went right along.

Mrs. Stokes Waite, the chairman, however, decided a little whispering is good for the workers' tired nerves. So the silence rule that made the sewing circle unique was sent to abide with the late lamented German relations.

Even if there is rag chewing in the workroom the lint is not wasted. Even the stray threads ravelled from the edges of working cloth are utilized along with rags from the cutting tables. These are gathered up at the end of each day and stored until there are enough to make cushions for injured arms or legs.

"We used to have an assessment of 12 cents a day for each worker," Mrs. Waite said, explaining the financial workings of the institution. "That was to pay the operating expenses aside from materials. It left a surplus, so we abolished the plan, substituting a voluntary contribution. Now the surplus is even larger."

"Every woman who works 156 hours in three months is entitled to the War Volunteers' badge, with the letters 'W. V.' surmounted by the Crown. But she must go on working to retain it even after the honor is won, unless under special circumstances it is awarded outright. "I never saw greater enthusiasm than that of the American women who come here to make things for the wounded. Some have lived in England for a number of years and had become accustomed to their afternoon tea, but they work right on through the tea hour here without a pause."

"We send a little surprise with every bale of supplies leaving for the front. It contains hypodermic syringes and hot water bottles with flannel covers. I nursed in a hospital in France, so I know just how welcome these things are in any hospital camp, no matter how well it may be equipped."

"Will the American Women's Club workrooms send their output to American troops if we go to war?" Mrs. Waite was asked.

"We aren't at war yet," she replied, smiling, "but it is nice to have a body of workers skilled and organized if anything happens."

Here are some of the names from the workroom roster on this typical sewing day: Mrs. Alfred E. Bradley, wife of the American military observer; Mrs. Walter Blackman, Mrs. George H. Shaw, Mrs. Chester Purinton, Mrs. F. W. Libby, Mrs. Robert McClellan and Mrs. G. A. Mower.

Helping Some.

Bill—I see that the theory that earthquakes accelerate the movement of glaciers has been proved by observation in Alaska recently. Gill—Of course. Why, I'll bet some earthquakes would even make a chessplayer move. —Yonkers Statesman.

Explained.

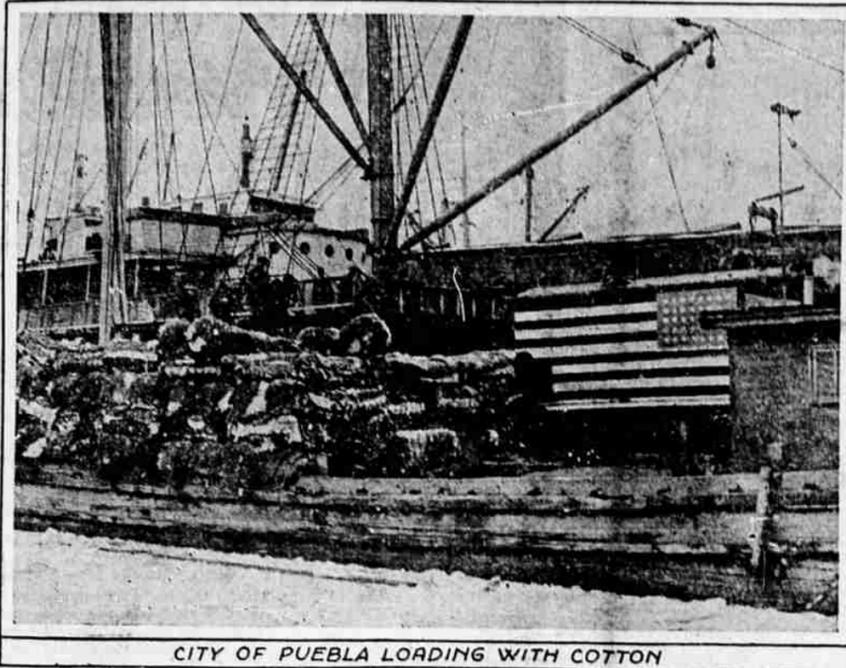
"Pa, what's the difference between 'insurance' and 'assurance'?" "Well, the latter is what the agent has, and the former is what he tries to sell you."—Boston Transcript.

Logic.

Abandoned Alfred—They say that steady dripping of water 'll wear away a stone. Dreamy Pete—Jes' think, then, wot'd happen to a man's stomach by pourin' glassfuls inter it!"

We are made for co-operation, like feet, like hands, like eyelids, like the rows of the upper and lower teeth.—Marcus Aurelius.

AMERICAN FREIGHTER SAILS FOR HAVRE WITH CARGO OF COTTON FOR ALLIES



CITY OF PUEBLA LOADING WITH COTTON

Photo by American Press Association.

The American freighter, the City of Puebla, sailed for Havre, defying the German war zone decree. She is owned by the Harvey Steamship company of 17 Battery place, and was built at Cramps' yard in Philadelphia in 1881 for the Alexandre line, which operated a mail and passenger service between New York, Havana and Mexican ports.

The City of Puebla is of 1,024 gross tonnage, 230 feet 6 inches long and 38 feet 6 inches beam, has 26 feet 3 inches depth of hold and is a single screw steamship equipped with triple expansion reciprocating engines which give her an average speed of twelve to thirteen knots. The picture shows the City of Puebla loading with cotton. The American flag is painted on her side.

This makes five American freighters that have sailed from New York for Europe since the publication of the German note announcing the new submarine policy. The first was the Doehra for Genoa. She was followed by the Rochester and the Orleans, both for Bordeaux, and the Oswego for Genoa. These ships are now approaching the war danger zone.

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The Usual Remedy. Bobbie had been studying his grandfather's face, which was very much wrinkled.

"Well, Bob," said the old gentleman, "do you like my face?" "Yes, grandpa," said Bobbie. "It's an awfully nice face. But why don't you have it ironed?"—New York Times.

Her Idea. "What, buying cigars for your husband? I shouldn't think you'd encourage him in the filthy habit." "I'm not. I'm buying them to discourage him."—Detroit Free Press.

BABY WEEK TO TAKE A VARIETY OF FORMS

Different phases of Infant Work to Be Specialized in From May 1 to May 6.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Baby week conferences in the United States this year will take various forms and be held on various dates, according to reports reaching the children's bureau of the Department of Labor here today. National Baby week officially however, is May 1 to 6.

Several states have selected some one phase of infant welfare work for special emphasis in this year's campaign.

Delaware will specialize on the prevention of infantile paralysis, which took such a heavy toll of infant life throughout the country last year, and others are looking toward the keeping of more complete records for a more intimate study of the infant mortality rates from all causes.

In Nebraska the state committees are suggesting local campaigns during different weeks so that circuits may be arranged for speakers. This plan has made a decided hit with the children's bureau.

The same state, the bureau said, is planning the earliest baby week of 1917 and early dates also are expected from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and California cities. Most of the 502 communities already heard from by the bureau, however, will hold their conferences the first week in May, as the bureau had planned.

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