



EDITH CAVELL DEATH LEGAL

GREATLY LOVED NURSE WHO WAS EXECUTED BY GERMANS MET DEATH IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS SAY LAWYERS

Execution by the Germans of Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse, which aroused the indignation of the allied world, was in accordance of the laws of "civilized warfare," according to a minority report of the committee on military law of the American Bar Association made public recently. Both majority and minority reports were prepared by the committee which was appointed to investigate the courtmartial and suggest reforms in military law.

The reference to the case of Miss Cavell was made by S. S. Gregory of Chicago, chairman of the committee and was concurred in by Judge William P. Bynum of Greensboro, N. C., the other minority member, in advocating abolition of the death penalty for women convicted of infringement of military law. In his report Mr. Gregory said:

"A careful consideration of the case of Miss Edith Cavell has led me to the conclusion that she was executed in accordance with the laws and usages of what we are pleased commonly refer to as civilized warfare. Idea is Opposed.

"This being so, it has seemed to me quite inconsistent with our condemnation of those who thus took her life to retain in our own system of military justice those provisions of law which were relied upon by the German military authorities. The fact that her trial was attended by brutality and duplicity does not alter this respect of the case."

The majority members of the committee, Andrew A. Bruce, of Minneapolis, Martin Conboy of New York, and John Hinkley of Baltimore, declared they could not "concur in the suggestion of Mr. Gregory that there should be a provision prohibiting the death penalty in the case of women spies."

"It would certainly be inadvisable to pass such a provision were in the eyes of all nations with whom we would be likely to be at war." They believe the penalty should not be inflicted except in the most extreme cases, but that it should be abolished entirely we cannot agree. Experience has shown that on account of the sex women are the most dangerous of all spies, and our chivalry toward some should not allow us to jeopardize the national cause or the lives of thousands of the sons of others."

Enlisted Men Sidetracked.
In recommendations for the minority that enlisted men sit on courts martial and that special courts be abandoned. The majority report asserts that although "we believe some changes should be made, we are satisfied that the errors committed during the recent war and the excessive penalties which were no doubt imposed, were due largely to the experience of those in control and the fact not only that we had of necessity to train an officer class overnight for our volunteer army but our practice in the past of scattering our regular army, divided into battalions, companies and even smaller units over the country had made it impossible to train properly even West Point officers."

"We are thoroughly in accord," the majority report continued, "with the idea that there should be with a division, brigade and perhaps regiment a thoroughly trained military lawyer with the rank of a lieutenant."

AN AMERICAN YEAR

The old year is dead. Nineteen hundred and nineteen has gone down on the pages of history as something that was, and never can be again, a record of things done and of things undone. Looking backwards we, easily enough can see lost opportunities. We might have done better, if, a year ago, we knew what we now know. We could have avoided many pitfalls. And there are some sins of omission we would have shunned. But what we did, is done, and what we didn't do, is undone. And so the historian of the future will write it down.

There are some of us who are inclined to think the historian will pin few medals upon 1919, for there are those of us who believe we wasted much of 1919. This is true. But also, it is true that man wastes much of every year. But of every year he takes a toll of gain, of progress, of human advancement. In 1919 he has done this very thing. Now we have in mind the man who makes his home in this land—the American. Let us ask ourselves "How have we gained this year? How did we progress? Advance? We have had more labor unrest than in other years. We have had a higher cost of living. We have had more friction between producer and consumer.

But, with all this, we have had more Americanism. We have become more thoroughly American than we were before the war, than we were during the war, than we were when peace dawned. We may have our little family quarrels over the matter of wages, prices, and how things should be run, but we are now more thoroughly convinced that even that we are one family, and thinking so compels us to the belief that we're about the best family in the world, that we're the crhest, most progressive in government, business, and manner of living.

When you believe that way about your national family you're bound to be proud of it, and you're all the more anxious to make it still bigger and better. That's our idea of Americanism.

Americanism is a large word. It includes much. It embraces justice and the square deal. It takes in wealth of democracy as well as the equality of opportunity in making one's living.

The goal of Americanism is life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for every American, rich or poor, young or old. It is true that goal has not been reached by all, but nevertheless Americanism aims at that goal.

And there isn't a mother's son or daughter of us alive in Independence this day who cannot say that we Americans have not made progress toward that goal during 1919.

in northern and western states most of the counties have employed an agriculture leader. Iowa has one for every county. Oregon has 23.

Quite a number of Polk county farmers have asked for one and the county court has made provision in the budget for its share of the work. The state duplicates the amount appropriated by the county and the government also contributes to the support of every man employed in his work. The \$2,000 in our budget, should it be allowed, is therefore less than half the total amount available. It was deemed expedient, in view of the heavy demands on the county funds, not to ask for a larger appropriation, although it will require the greatest possible economy to get along with so small an amount. The office equipment is on hand, but an automobile must be purchased and maintained for the agent's use, and a stenographer employed for at least part of the time.

The experience of other counties all over the nation for several years is that it pays well to employ a leader to stimulate, unify and promote the various agricultural activities of the county. Surely the Polk county farmers will seize this opportunity of joining in a movement whose value is so thoroughly demonstrated by the experience of the great majority of agricultural counties all over the nation.

P. O. POWELL

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Three prominent banks in Valparaiso, Chile, are managed entirely by women.

Women conductors are employed on auto bus lines recently established in Manila.

Pins were first used in England in 1543, before which time the women used "skewers."

Veils were originally worn by Jewish women with the idea of covering up their hair.

Mrs. R. Day, manager of a florist establishment in Spokane, has been honored with the presidency of the Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen.

Two rare pearl earrings, low-necked blouses, oblong collars of gold, set with jewels, and false, red hair, were some of the things Queen Elizabeth wore in her 67th year.

Miss Jessie Ackerman, a well-known American writer, is believed to hold the world's record as a woman traveler. Miss Ackerman has traveled 300,000 miles and visited thirty countries.

Sorosis, the oldest of women's clubs in America, was founded in 1863 in protest against the exclusion of women from a dinner given in New

Demands Impeachment

A strong demand has set in for the removal of William Bauchop Wilson, Secretary of the Department of Labor, because of startling disclosures showing official leniency toward alien anarchists and other plotters against the government. Ole Hanson, late mayor of Seattle, who is engaged in a vigorous Americanization campaign, is calling for Secretary Wilson's impeachment. He bases this demand upon facts brought to light in the Ellis Island investigation. Frederick C. Howe, who resigned his post as immigration commissioner under fire, after hundreds of dangerous aliens had been turned loose, and who was on terms of friendship with Emma Goldman, as revealed by a letter in his files, testified that he invariably acted under orders from Washington. It is charged that the entire immigration service has been honey-combed with Socialism and dominated by Socialists. Hence the insistence upon a complete change and the removal of Secretary Wilson as head of the department.

York in honor of Charles Dickens, the novelist.

Miss D. H. Furman, recently elected assistant secretary of a trust company in New York City, is the first woman to become an officer of any prominent banking institution in the metropolis.

Bread is used by Swedish brides to avert misfortune. She fills her pockets with pieces of bread, which, on her way to church, she disposes to everyone she meets to prevent, as she thinks, ill-luck in her future.

Miss Mabel Talbot, who has been elected president of the National Amalgamated, and Clerks, is the first woman to become the executive head of any of the great British trades unions.

One of the oldest suffragists in the United States is Mrs. Charles N. Pierce of Philadelphia. Mrs. Pierce is one of the last survivors of those who attended the historic woman's rights convention at Seneca Falls, N. Y., in 1848.

Miss Fern Bauerfield, of Coffeyville, Kans., is said to be the only woman car distributor and trace in the United States. She is in connection with Union Pacific road.

JURY LIST

Following list of names to serve for the Circuit Court at Dallas, T. S.

Clifford Smith Falls City.
B. Tartar, Airle.
E. E. Trueblood, Rickreall.
H. T. Vallier, Rickreall, Route two

STATE TO REAP A RICH HARVEST

\$3,000,000 Due January
Automobile, Truck, Motor
Chauffeur Licenses:
Roads.

Oregon motor vehicle license tax will contribute approximately \$3,000,000 toward the state construction and roads through and fees due Sam A. ...

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

John S. Bohannon, chairman of the School Board, has been working diligently since the recent cold snap in getting matters adjusted which were badly damaged by the storm so that school could re-open next Monday. Mr. Bohannon makes a faithful official and is untiring in his work intrusted by the public on him, all he expects is the good will of the people.

Enterprise has had a remarkable week—the past week—new subscribers have been coming in each day. This is a gratifying situation, which is a reflection of the fact that those who are interested in the news of our practice in the past of scattering our regular army, divided into battalions, companies and even smaller units over the country had made it impossible to train properly even West Point officers."

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FAVORS COUNTY AGENT

To the Editor of the Enterprise:—Monmouth.—The United States department of agriculture has, after a trial of various methods of getting in touch with the farmers of the country and of helping them, settled upon the county unit, with an agricultural leader in each county. So rapid has become the increase in this movement in the last few years that

Hello, Hello! Yes--Yes,
This Is
ONE--NINE--TWO--O!!

