

# WHINERS AMONG NAVAL RECRUITS TO BE SENT HOME

Lee F. Root, who was among those who enlisted in the naval reserve, writes as follows regarding the unenviable reputation that some of the Medford contingent is acquiring at Bremerton as poor sports, under date of April 20.

There has been a great deal of complaint among a few of the naval reserve men that came to Bremerton from Medford—in fact the few that are dissatisfied are making such an awful roar that they are getting all the Medford men the reputation of knockers. I suppose they are spreading the same sort of thing around Medford about the service and I want to let the people of Medford know just how conditions are up here, first about the misrepresentation that the recruiting officers are being charged with. It is not so, these gentlemen told the truth in every instance and the only thing that could be misconstrued was the time when we were to be called; nobody knew that and nobody had any means of knowing; the order came from Washington and had to be obeyed. You must consider that when a large bunch of men are called together there are certain unpleasant duties that have to be done and every man has to do his share. When a man sneaks or whines about it he is sure to get set to the next unpleasant task that comes up. We were supposed to come up here to serve our country in a time of need and the best way to serve her is to do as we are told. These men are coming in bunches of two and three hundred at a time and the commandant can't invite them all to dinner and let them sleep in the guest's room.

### Girls Good Sports.

"The girls are a good bunch of sports. They have had a lot of discomforts, too, but as far as I know they have taken things with a cheerful grin and all the officers appreciate it and are straining every nerve to make things better for them. It's the big six-foot men that are whining about the terrible hardship of having to wear the clothes of a bluejacket and sleep in a hammock for a few days and draw good pay for mighty little work. My own impression has been that everyone is getting the very best treatment and I never saw such efficient management in handling large bodies of men. They eat well, they sleep warm and they are well clad and I might note further that it isn't the men that are used to the best of everything that are hollering. The spirit among most of the men is good but Medford is certainly making a name for itself. I don't know the names of these men as I am in the hospital, getting an operation for something that I never could afford before, and getting full pay for the time I am here and also being fed by Uncle Sam; but five of them are going to be sent home.

### Treated Courteously.

"In regard to my own case, I may say that I never met such a complete courtesy and consideration from any private company in my life. The executive officers, and indeed all the regulars are badly overworked but they always have time to stop the thing they are doing and explain things to us. The one thing that was misrepresented to me is that I am drawing ten per cent more pay than I had supposed. I just showed this letter to a brother officer from Eugene. His criticism was that I had made it too mild. They have no time up here for anybody who whines.

"The mail is to be strictly censored so I can't send any particular news except that we are all well and most of us are very pleased to be here. One of the boys has suggested that the city of Medford meet the returning heroes with a brass band, take them to the natatorium and have each one of them tell of the long and terrific struggle, the dangers braved, the privations endured and the obstacles overcome by each and all in the service of their country in the days of darkness and discouragement during the horrible and sanguinary Battle of Bremerton."

# LEGION OF HONOR AWARDED AMERICAN

NEW YORK, May 1.—Information has come from Paris that Richard Norton has been given the Legion of Honor by the French government, the first American to receive this distinction for services during the war.

With H. H. Harjes he was the co-ordinator of the American volunteer ambulance corps. Mr. Norton was graduated at Harvard in 1892 and is a son of the late Chas. Elliot Norton.

# RELIEF WORKER BRINGS NEW STORIES OF FIENDISH ATROCITIES BY KAISER'S TROOPS

Priests Crucified, Official Buried Alive Head First, Baby Handed to Mother on Point of Prussian Bayonet.

BY MME. PAUL ARCHINARD. (French Relief and Red Cross worker who is now in the United States.)

WASHINGTON, May 1.—I have been amazed at the evident disbelief in stories of German atrocities, which seems to be prevalent in the United States.

Those who have been behind the French lines, within sound of the heavy cannon—as I have been—know that these tales of atrocities are not fables—that they are the almost unbelievable truth.

Nowhere were the acts of the Germans more fiendish than in French Lorraine, in the foothills of the Vosges mountains.

Here I had the privilege of journeying some days under the guidance of the prefect of Lorraine, Leon Mirman, and of conferring with Sister Julie, the now famous nun in charge of the hospital at Gerbeville.

### Instances of Brutality.

Sister Julie it was who, nursing wounded French soldiers when the Germans poured through Gerbeville, stood her ground in the hospital room and saw the German troops tear the bed-clothing from the patients to see if any were so slightly wounded as to give combat.

Not one of Sister Julie's patients was harmed; but in other hospitals, both the sister and Prefect Mirman assured me, many wounded soldiers were killed for fear they might not die.

At Gerbeville was a family consisting of father, mother, four boys and two girls. Father and four sons fought in the French army.

The older sister wrote to the youngest son, exhorting him to bravery and heroism, asking him always to do his duty.

When the Germans came through they asked by name for this family's home. An officer entered the home and inquired for the elder sister.

He showed her a letter she had written to the young brother. She admitted authorship.

"Leave the house," he ordered; and when she stepped out of the door she was shot. Her mother followed, and also was shot. The younger sister fled out the back window and hid in the thickets of the river Mortagne, where she remained two days.

Also at Gerbeville was a family of four sons, three of whom joined the army. The fourth, an epileptic, remained home with his mother.

### Hanged Her Son.

When the Germans came they found this boy in the door of the home, and despite his helpless condition they hanged him to a tree in the front yard. When his mother saw him hanging there, having been told by a neighbor, she became insane—and is insane now.

The cure at Aershot, Father Dergent, refusing to tell of the whereabouts of French troops, which he did not know, was crucified—nailed to the cross; and his wrists and ankles were broken.

At Roan l'Etoupe soldiers set fire to a cottage in which a baby was sleeping. The mother tried to enter and save her child.

"Stay! I will bring him to you!" said a German soldier.

He entered the house, and brought the baby to its mother—ON THE POINT OF HIS BAYONET!

At Au Pin two boys were tied to the tails of horses ridden by German officers, and dragged over the roads till their legs were worn off below their knees.

At Senlis, Mayor Odent, for answering wrongly a question although it is believed he thought his answer correct, was shot, and buried WHILE STILL ALIVE, head-first, with his feet sticking up!

In a hospital I talked to Robert Arvil, a young French soldier, a mere boy, whose teeth clench in hatred as he told me of the crimes committed by Germans in the territory just re-ven by the French.

"But surely," I said, "you would not commit the same acts when you reach German territory that the Germans have committed in France."

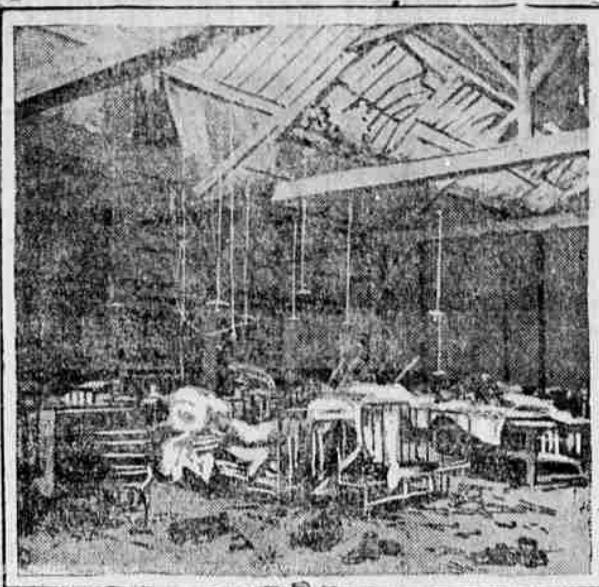
"Not the same," he said, "but there will be reparation."

"But why do you feel so savagely?" I asked to draw him out.

"Madame, in some towns we found all the women and girls over ten years old had been tied to the beds!" he said.

We know that Generals Claus and Stenger were the German commanders of the troops that committed the worst atrocities in Lorraine. There must be a reckoning with them!

(Further accounts by Mme. Archinard of German atrocities in France will be published in an early issue.)



Above is an interior view of the hospital at Rheims, after the Germans' bombardment. Hospitals are marked by white roofs with huge red crosses, leaving no doubt as to their character. Below is Sister Julie, now famous head of the hospital at Gerbeville, who vouches for the truth of many heart-rending stories of atrocities committed by the German troops in French Lorraine.



SISTER JULIE

# OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF MANILA BATTLE

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Secretary Daniels and high naval officers today made their annual May Day observances of the anniversary of the Battle of Manila bay.

Since the victor in that fight, Admiral Dewey, no longer lives to receive the congratulations of his associates, they were paid to his widow.

The anniversary was marked also by the placing of flowers at the tomb in Arlington cemetery, where the admiral's body lies.

# BRITISH CLAMOR FOR PUBLICITY FOR U-BOAT LOSSES

LONDON, May 1.—A vigorous attempt made in the house of commons today failed to persuade the government to adopt a policy of greater publicity in regard to the submarine warfare. The only satisfaction critics of the government were able to obtain was a promise that the matter would be discussed in secret session.

After considerable heckling, Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, admitted that a larger number of submarines were operating and that generally speaking, losses were increasing. He said, however, that owing to the increase in patrol boats and the fact that German submarines were operating in other directions, the losses to shipping in the English channel in April had been less than in any of the preceding three months.

Some of the members of the house raised the question of the accuracy of the tonnage sunk, as quoted by Dr. Karl Helfferich, the German minister of the interior, but no reply was given them.

In the meantime agitation by the press and the public is daily growing in volume. Demands are being made that the government should even build merchant tonnage in government yards rather than warships, taking the ground that, especially with the aid of the American navy, the British navy is fully adequate to the requirements while the replacing of sunken tonnage is a dire necessity. A loud demand is being made for younger blood at the admiralty.

It is understood that Premier Lloyd George is giving these questions his personal attention.

# WATCHING BAKERS' STRIKE UNDER WAY IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, May 1.—Federal authorities are said to be watching developments in the bakers' strike here closely and have instructed Chas. F. Klyne, United States district attorney, to investigate the walkout, in view of the reports that it was precipitated with a view of embarrassing the government.

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