

Side of War Not Told in Communiques Seen in South Korean Railroad Station

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A South Korean Railroad Station, July 5—(U.P.)—Take a walk through this Korean railroad station for a look at war that is never mentioned in the communiques.

The wounded, dripping blood; refugees with their hungry, squalling babies; rifle troops standing sternly at attention for a pre-departure inspection.

There are prisoners here, too—miserable wretches sitting squat-legged and with bowed heads. Their life expectancy is not great.

Wounded Quiet

The wounded are strangely quiet as they lie and squat in straw-littered boxcars waiting for someone to move them to the hospital. For some, however, the pain of unattended wounds

and the broiling hot July sun is too much and they roll their open-mouthed heads back and forth in chanting moans of agony.

A corpsman explains in halting English just how they were hit: This one in the leg with a shell splinter, this one through the belly with a bullet and the one in the corner with a grenade.

Some of the wounded watch with quiet dignity as the Americans scribble notes. Others watch with pleading eyes.

Probably Germ-Laden

Some hobble on bare feet to the car door and helped outside to urinate. Drinking water is passed around from a common can. It is hot and probably germ-laden but it is wet and to fevered lips it is nectar.

The soldiers' clothes and uniforms have become parchment from days of body sweat and mud and, lately, blood. Most of the blood is clotted and old but occasionally it oozes through padded cotton bandages like those on the head of the wounded man in the corner, where it drips from his stove-in head.

He sits staring ahead, apparently unaware and uncaring what is happening. Some of the wounded lean out of the door for half-ripe tomatoes offered by a vendor to go with their dry rations. Sweat is everywhere. Some comes from the bake-oven heat. Some from the pain of throbbing wounds.

Sneers On Faces

In contrast to the pitiful spectacle of the wounded is a group of South Korean soldiers lolling at dress parade on the train platform while waiting for a train to take them to the front.

The wounded watch them. Many with sneers on their faces, the knowing contempt which the great fraternity of wounded always has held for the healthy.

On a far platform home guards hover over a group of squatting prisoners lined up in rows with bowed heads like Moslems at prayer. Loops of heavy twine link their wrists and they sit motionless, not daring to raise their close-cropped heads.

Their thirst, cramped condition and discomfort is of no concern to anyone, for they are the enemy.

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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What can I give my darling today,
I really don't know—and what can I say?
My heart is full of love so deep
At daytime—and even when I'm asleep.
For twenty-five years we lived
And fought
God gave His blessing and as one
We thought,
May many years we still be
Together
With not too much rain but
Sunny weather. —"Schatzi."

(Above is one of those "comes from the heart" poems which must not be judged so much as to poetic quality as by the spirit in which it is written. The author is none other than Lauritz Melchior, who has dedicated it: "To my darling wife 'Kelinchen' on our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, May 26, 1950." The poem is signed "Schatzi" as that is what Mrs. Melchior calls her husband.)

St. John Nixon of Epsom Downs, England, has been driving the same automobile for fifty-one years. It is a Wolseley car manufactured in 1899. Mr. Nixon recently made an 879-mile trip in this car. He did so to prove that "British manufacturers make things to last." That they are far in advance of any

other country in that respect. Do you happen to know of anybody who has a United States manufactured car made before 1899? If so, maybe we could persuade the owner to make a thousand mile trip with it and show the British we make things that last, too.

Those Bachelors

An informed by an authority on present day Alaska that instead of there being only 11,000 bachelors in that territory there are 70,000. He adds: "The average Alaskan's income is 67 per cent higher than that of the average United States male resident."

The cost of living in Alaska is only 20 per cent higher than in the States. So any bachelorette who marries an Alaskan will certainly not be harassed by financial difficulties.

Music Hall Queen

Who popularized the following songs: "What Shall We Do With Our Daughters?" "Rosie May," "Following in Father's Footsteps," "Jolly Good Luck to the Girl Who Loves a Soldier," "Algy" and "The Pet of Rotten Row"? Of course, it was none other than Vesta Tille.

deville star for fifty-one years. Vesta recently celebrated her 86th birthday in England. She was married to the late Sir Walter De Frece for 45 years. Some people refer to her as Lady De Frece but she prefers to be called Vesta Tille.

Among the Married

Did your wife take any special exercises when expectant? The British Princess Elizabeth, expecting her second child, is reported taking a set of special exercises devised by her gynecologist. The princess agrees with her gynecologist who advocates activity right up to time of a child's birth.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. My claim is that "Diamond Jim" Brady weighed nearly 300 pounds. Right? A. Wrong. Brady's top weight was 240 pounds. He died at the age of 61, not because of the quantity of food he ate but what he ate. Had he adhered to a balanced diet he might have been good for twenty more years. Incidentally, did you know that "Diamond Jim" proposed marriage to Lillian Russell and offered her one million in cash as a dowry? Lillian rejected Jim's proposal gently, saying: "I fear marriage would spoil our friendship."

Asides

Pennsylvania State College offers its students a course

in the technique of fishing. I attended Penn State for one week some years ago. Fine college. But located in too lonely a spot for me.

There are numerous species of kangaroo rats measuring upwards of 15 inches over all, to the dwarf six-inch variety. They are neither rat or kangaroo, but are meticulously clean, pouch-checked rodents.

MRS. WHITE DIES

St. James, N. Y., July 5—(U.P.) Mrs. Stanford White, widow of the noted architect who was shot to death by the late Harry K. Thaw in 1906 in a rivalry over showgirl Evelyn Nesbit, died at her home here yesterday at the age of 88. Miss Nesbit is the only surviving principal in the famous murder case.

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Butte Falls

Butte Falls, July 5—Among the many visitors enjoying a picnic at the Butte Falls hatchery last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Adams and children, Miss Louise Greer, Mrs. Jeanette Greer, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Greer and daughter of Medford, and Mrs. Jim Arnold of Butte Falls. Mrs. Jeanette Greer and Louise are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Greer in Medford.

The Vacation Bible school held a picnic Thursday at the hatchery. Over 70 children, their teachers and some mothers attended.

Butte Falls Garden club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Kincaid. Corsage making was the project with women from Medford giving the demonstration.

Mrs. C. Forbes of Missouri, is here visiting her son, Jim, who works for the forest service.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rodgers and girls left Friday to spend the holidays on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Smith and Darla, and Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and granddaughter, Dolores, were in Roseburg last week-end visiting relatives. On their way home they were involved in a car accident but not seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gray have returned to Butte Falls to make their home.

The Roland Mallory family, who lived in one of Medco's cabins have moved to Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McComb are spending the holidays in Booneville, Cal., visiting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Capello and children left Saturday for Waldport to visit Mrs. Capello's father.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kincaid were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dunn of Banning, Cal.

Lloyd Tongate, Leslie and Wayne Casey spent last week-end at Blue Canyon fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rodgers and Johnny are spending the holidays in Springfield with Jack's brother, Cecil and family.

Sam Hughes was taken to a Medford hospital by ambulance June 28.

Darrell Stephenson has been unable to work the past week because of blood poisoning in his leg.

Medco shut down Friday night for two weeks so employees can enjoy a vacation.

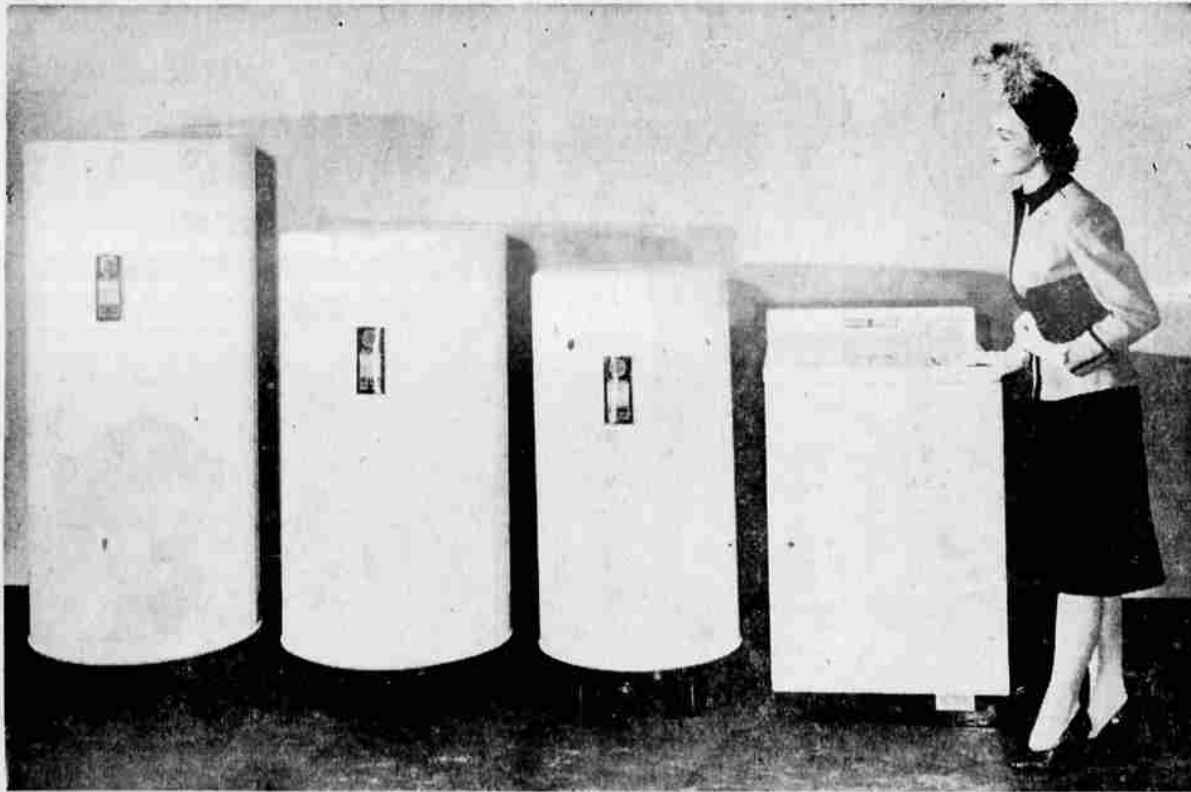
New York (U.P.)—Dame Myra Hess, whose American tour was interrupted last season by illness, will be back in this country late in October to complete the engagement. The pianist has recovered fully and has been active lately in concert work in England.

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