

FLOWER GIRL, FIRST BRIDE BROUGHT BACK BY AMERICAN HERO, HER OFFICER HUSBAND



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Ensign John Walters is the first of our American heroes to bring his war bride back to America. She was Mrs. Marie Louise Gessimpis. Her

husband has returned to France and she is living with his mother at Hamburg, Indiana. As yet she does not speak English and Ensign Walters and his mother speak little French.

ARMY TO BE KEPT INTACT FOR PRESENT

NEW LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT REORGANIZATION, PLANS FOR FUTURE BEING FORMULATED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Plans for the reorganization of the war department and the army now are in formulation by the general staff soon will be before Secretary Baker. Orders for the actual breaking up of the army cannot be promulgated until these plans are completed, as the demobilization program is dependent to some extent upon the adoption of a reorganization policy.

The secretary has indicated new legislation will be necessary to carry out the reorganization, and is expected to lay a definite program before Congress at the earliest possible moment. Existing law authorizes the maintenance of a regular army of approximately 175,000 men. While it is not possible to forecast the number of American troops that must be employed in Europe after the peace treaty has been signed, military men believe the authorized military establishment cannot provide an adequate force for all purposes at home and abroad.

Of the 175,000 men now under arms probably not more than 100,000 are under obligation to serve beyond the restoration of peace. There were 7000 officers and about 125,000 men in the regular army when war was declared. Registration of enlistments however, probably has served to reduce the personnel, and all war-time enlistments are for the war period only.

Thousands of the officers now in service are no temporary commissions in the regular establishment. These commissions were issued for a definite period of time and the men might be held liable to the usual attitude of the department if they did not indicate any intention of leaving each officer against the wishes of the war emergency.

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Indictment Against Germans Is Lengthy

(From Chicago Tribune)

British intelligence officers have announced complete indictments against several hundred German officers, from generals down, against whom there seems to be unequivocal evidence of atrocious acts. Those who have felt that to place the guilt for heinous misdeeds would be an impossible task, and that Germans however would go unpunished thru inability to single out the criminals in the great mass of war settlement, may be reassured. The allies have not forgotten; and while their armies have been prosecuting warfare in the field the civil instruments of justice have been likewise alert.

President Wilson will find ready acceptance of his pronouncement that "we have no quarrel with the German people" when it comes time for allied action on the offenders against the German officers accused of unnameable offenses. While many may not agree with the president that the German people have not turned into warfare against their better judgments, they will quickly agree that the Junkers are responsible for their share of it and take comfort in the prospect that the murderers of women and children will suffer penalty for their misdeeds. It would be difficult to select from the mass of the German people those to be hanged. But the British have simplified the process of picking out the right Junkers. The president can safely assert his own version that the military caste is responsible and amenable to justice.

In his attitude toward the prosecution of the traitors Mr. Wilson uttered the phrase, "guilt is personal." The list of guilty German officers given the President further raises for maintaining British action against them with his own sternest doctrine. It is possible for the president to join in a demand for normal punishment aside from whatever general demands may be made for the political reversion of the German people.

Tenreiro Marto has published in Paris a book in which he presents the case against German general officers. In this "Who's Who of Atrocities" there are 573 Germans named, together with the specific crimes alleged. For example:

Von Hindenburg—Ordered broad roads in paradise for Russian prisoners.

Von Mackensen—Ordered 1,000 Romanian children shot "because they had conspired against him."

Rupprecht—Massacred and hanged Russian civilians. Ordered deportations from Lille, Roubaix, and Tourcoing.

Von Scherzer—Caused thirty-one girls to be carried off as "holy virgins."

Von Below—Doctored this notice in Ardennes: "The hostages will be taken in such areas. If there is any disturbance in the street all hostages will be shot."

Krause—Killed civilians in Germerode shot; one Gross worker burned to death.

Stenger—Ordered all prisoners shot.

Von Dreyse—When drunk ordered 117 civilians shot.

Prince Max von Baden—Confirmed this.

There are many instances. In each of these cases as in all the remainder of the 113 the accusations are many and detailed. Here have been set down some of the more conspicuous. In Justice Eliel's case of small things, clothing furniture and household goods.

Delivery of 500 men to the military authorities for the execution of swift justice that them will have a mighty influence on the future of warfare and on the use future warriors to respect the conventions of conflict if no other method is achieved.

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ruined, demolished, buried to Melancholy and desolation the scene of some of the bitterest fighting of the entire war. And here too is rains falling over the American offensive stalled.

For a solid mile northward the road winds across battlefields that once were covered with green trees but now are shorn and bare. Gigantic mines have torn the road to twain and opened out holes fifty and more feet deep, a hundred and more feet across, to go around or across which cutters have had to exercise their ingenuity and the surrounding country, stripped of its wood, lies furnished the rock. Fortunately there is plenty of that.

To either side of the road are the remains of what were once livable, comfortable, dugouts and buildings, blown into thousands of pieces by discharges of explosive when the enemy retreated. Plastic field and as far as the eye can reach across the low hills are hundreds and thousands of shell holes; these, where overlapping, big and little holes from mines of every character that have torn and maimed the earth almost beyond the hope of redemption.

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PENINSULA TRADES

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