

FLOYD GIBBONS FAMOUS HEADLINE HUNTER ADVENTURERS CLUB Hello everybody

"SPIRIT from the stars." That's the way Anna Nolan of Long Island City, N. Y., explains it. Anna thinks that the sign of Aquarius, under which she was born, gave her the courage to face the terrifying predicament she found herself in.

But adventure is in my line and I will go on record as saying that the one Anna Nolan had in August, 1914, in the town of Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland, is a hair-raiser and no mistake.

August, 1914! That's a date that the world will long remember, for it was in the early days of that month—and in that year—that the World War got under way.

It was about eleven o'clock at night and Anna was sitting at her front window looking out on the garden. She had been there since early evening, just after she had tucked her children into bed.

The streets of Boyle were deserted by this time. There wasn't a soul in sight.

Anna sat bolt upright in her chair. The woman was running as if for her life. She was barefooted and her long, black hair was hanging down her back.

Anna knew the woman—knew that she had a new-born baby only two days old. Why was she running out of her house in the middle of the night like this?

"I pulled her inside," says Anna. "I wrapped a cloak around her, and asked her what the trouble was. It seemed that her husband got leave to come home from the barracks on account of her illness, and had celebrated by getting very drunk.

There was no telephone in the house, and just about all the men in town were at the barracks. The poor woman was begging Anna to do something, and though Anna was just a slip of a girl weighing in the neighborhood of a hundred pounds, she was pretty indignant.

She opened the door and walked in. There stood the husband, in uniform, in the middle of the room. "He was staring into space and didn't take the slightest notice of us," Anna says.

For an instant the man stared at Anna, wild eyes ablaze, and then he said slowly, "I'll kill the two of you!" And right then, Anna began to wish she hadn't been so rash as to venture into this drink-crazed madman's house.

Well, maybe the stars had something to do with it, but army discipline played its part too. The man closed his knife and turned toward the door. Anna never took her eyes off him until he was safe outside.

Says she: "I had my husband see to it that he didn't have much time for visiting before going to France. And when he arrived at the front he was one of the first soldiers to be killed."

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Pilgrims, Puritans Were Not Excessive in Dress

For reasons of conscience and economy, the Pilgrims and Puritans frowned on extravagance in dress, according to a writer in the Indianapolis News.

In 1634, laws passed by the Massachusetts general court forbade the use of silver and gold ornaments, lace, silk and ruffs. Young men who defied this law by wearing long hair and silk were arrested, and one Hannah Lyman, age sixteen, was haled into court for "wearing silk in a flaunting manner."

Before the arrival of the cavaliers in Virginia, the dress of southern colonists was not unlike that of the Puritan. As the colonists acquired wealth, they began to order wardrobe from London.

laced, one pair Morocco shoes, one hoop coat, one hat, four pairs Spanish shoes, two pairs calf shoes, one mask, one fan, one necklace, one girdle and buckle, one piece fashionable calico, four yards ribbon for knots, one and one-half yards cambric, one mantua and coat of white string."

Men among the earlier settlers wore their own hair, the cavaliers dressing theirs in elaborate styles, while the Puritans and Quakers wore theirs plain and long to the shoulders.

Commuting Death Sentences The power of the governor to commute a death sentence to life imprisonment originated in the second decade of last century after a man named Jacob Lewis of Zanesville had been convicted of first-degree murder and ordered to be hanged, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer.



Thomas Nast, who drew this cartoon, wrote on the bottom of it: With Charity to All, With Malice Toward None.—Abraham Lincoln.

Taps FADING light, Dims the sight, And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright. From afar Drawing nigh, Falls the night. Dear ones, rest! In the West, Sable night lulls the day on her breast. Sweet goodnight! Now away, To thy rest. —Army Bugle Call

Girl Served Three Years With Continental Army DEBORAH SAMPSON was born in Plympton, Mass., 18 years before she cut off her hair, put on men's clothes, took the name of Robert Shurtlett and succeeded in enlisting in the Continental army as a common soldier.

France Remembers



France's memorial to the United States Volunteers which stands in the Place des Etats Unis in Paris. The statue is the work of Jean Boucher, the figure on top being inspired by his memory of an American doughboy.

Selective Service Law Brought Out 24 Million

THE first selective service or draft law of the World War was passed May 18, 1917. It applied to all men of the ages of twenty-one to thirty, inclusive, and was later amended to provide for two supplementary drafts (June 5, 1918, and August 24, 1918) in addition to the original draft of June 5, 1917.

The first registration, June 5, 1917, brought out nearly 10,000,000 young men, the second, on June 5, 1918, brought 744,865, and the third, August 24, 1918, 157,963—a total of nearly 24,000,000 Americans of military age.

The administration of the law was in the hands of the War department, under the supervision of the President, and with the assistance of local draft boards, with appeal boards for each congressional district.

The President issued his first instructions to the exemption boards July 2, 1917, and the first men drafted were called to service September 5, 1917. The order in which the registrants were to be called to determine their availability for military service was settled by a drawing of numbers at Washington, in the senate office building, on July 20. Quotas were apportioned to each of the states and territories and the District of Columbia.

A DOUGHBOY OF WORLD WAR DAYS



The American doughboy who fought "to make the world safe for democracy." The picture is from a drawing by Capt. Harry Townsend.

SEEN and HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL By Carter Field

Washington.—Lightening of the war clouds over Europe—when viewed from any point within the United States—is one of the most interesting developments for months.

The real truth about the present situation was pointed out in these dispatches last fall as the consensus among Washington's diplomats—perhaps as well informed a group of people as exists in the world.

The fact is that no one of the big European nations that come under the spark and tinder-box category is really ready for war. All are convinced that war is coming, but all are anxious to avoid it until they are all set for it.

Mussolini has been sounding off again, but the diplomats point out that he does this at frequent intervals. Just ten years ago, in the spring of 1927, he made a terrific speech—much more sabre-rattling in tone than his recent one.

Almost on that schedule he attacked Ethiopia, defied the League of Nations—a fairly safe practice—and pulled the long-suffering British lion's tail.

Some Friction Recently, however, some friction has developed between Germany and Italy. Which confirms another theory set forth in these dispatches last fall, and originating in the diplomatic corps here.

The fact remains that while there is the general idea that Japan and Germany would fight the Soviet republic and possibly France, there is grave doubt as to which of the two camps would attract certain other nations.

Diplomats here privately point out that Britain seems to have revamped part of her war policy, striving for a huge air force and navy in her new armament program, but obviously not planning for a great expeditionary force to be dispatched to the continent of Europe in the event of a war, as she did in 1914.

They point out in the same connection that France is concentrating her army, and not attempting to build that sort of navy she was "thinking about just a few years back. She is planning two additional airplane carriers of considerable size, and building a strong submarine force, but she is not going strong on battleships."

The French viewpoint is that they are not concerned one iota with the strength of either the British or the United States navy! There is no possibility, as the French view it, of their ever being in conflict with either one within the possible useful life of any ship that might be constructed now.

In the Doldrums Cessation of White House news during the President's fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico brought out sharply the doldrums into which Washington has dropped in the last month, after what amounted to a Pandora's box of sensations earlier in the session.

There are very obvious reasons for it. In the first place there has been a series of really important news developments in other places—the coronation, the Spanish fiasco, the irritation of Mussolini over the world's discovering that the troops he sent to Spain were not as invincible as the Italians had come to believe, the Hindenburg disaster, etc.

But these merely shoved already frayed or discounted subjects to the inside pages. Let's look at them for a moment: Supreme court enlargement: Suffering from too much wordage. Every conceivable argument on either side has been advanced not once but ten to a hundred times.

Then there are the personal angles. A senator may believe that economy-inspired cuts should be imposed in bureaus A and B and C. He may be enthusiastic about more spending in X and Y and Z. But it suddenly appears that he has a host of political lieutenants who are employed in bureaus A and B and C. Some of them would lose their jobs if he votes with a majority to cut the allotments of these bureaus.

Privately, most senators and representatives admit that the only way for the federal government to economize is to permit Presidential discretion. © Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service.

OF INTEREST TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Better Bread — Home-made bread is lighter and keeps much longer when mixed with skim-milk instead of water.

Cooking Cauliflower—To prevent it breaking while cooking, wrap loosely in muslin.

Bacon and Macaroni — Break two ounces of macaroni into small pieces and throw into quickly-boiling salted water. Simmer until tender. Fry two ounces of streaky bacon cut into small pieces, then drain the macaroni and add it to the bacon. Add seasoning, one-half ounce of butter, and a scrape of nutmeg, and stir over a low heat until the macaroni is brown.

Using Skim-Milk—Skim-milk is excellent for milk puddings, providing a dessertspoonful of finely-grated suet is added to replace the missing fat.

Soft-Boiled Eggs—When soft-boiling eggs, put them in boiling water, boil for one minute and turn off flame, leaving eggs in the water for another four minutes. This prevents them from hardening and saves fuel.

Ladders in the Hosiery—Place your silk stocking over a glass tumbler when repairing a ladder. The light shows up the cross-threads, which can then be picked up easily with a fine steel crochet hook.

Foreign Words and Phrases

Au fond. (F.) To the bottom; thoroughly. Discerner le faux d'avec le vrai. (F.) To discern the false from the true.

Aequo animo. (L.) With equanimity. La critique est son fort. (F.) Criticism is his forte. Je parle. (F.) I speak. Beau geste. (F.) Beautiful gesture.

A l'impossible nul n'est tenu. (F.) There is no doing impossibilities. Argot. (F.) The slang of the streets; thieves' jargon. Billet doux. (F.) Love letter. Tout a fait. (F.) Wholly perfect; nothing less than. Prendre le chemin de la greve. (F.) To be on the high road to the gallows. Ad infinitum. (L.) To infinity.

What SHE TOLD WORN-OUT HUSBAND She could have reproached him for his fits of temper—"his 'all in' complaints. But wisely she saw in his frequent colds, his 'flagged out,' 'on edge' condition the very trouble she herself had whipped. Constipation! The very morning after taking NR (Nature's Remedy), as she advised, he felt like himself again—'seemingly alert, peppy, cheerful, NR—the safe, dependable, all-vegetable laxative and corrective—works gently, thoroughly, naturally. Instigates the eliminative tract to complete, regular functioning. Non-habit-forming. Try a box tonight, 25c.—at druggists. NR TO-NIGHT TOMORROW ALRIGHT

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"Quotations"

The difficulty is not that enough treaties have not been signed, but that enough treaties are not being kept.—Sir Austin Chamberlain. The only good conversation today is embodied in books.—Fannie Hurst. It is still the greatest, the freest and the sanest country in the world, and I still get the greatest kick in life coming back to America.—Ludwig Lewisohn. I think if you can see the funny side of some things it's easier now and then.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The public schools and some of our colleges have taught the masses just enough to make them discontented.—Chase S. Osborn.