MME. DEPAGE TELLS NEED OF HOSPITALS

Belgian Red Cross Lecturer Asserts Fathers Shot in Trenches While Families Are Being Assisted.

NEW ARMY OF BELGIANS READY

Mme. Antoine Depage, Belgian Red Cross lecturer, addressed a gathering at the Hotel Rome last night, when she told some vivid incidents of the war. "What we are asking," she said, "is that you help us mend what war has destroyed." She pointed out that many people who are furnishing money for relief do not realize that while they are saving a wife and baby by this relief work the father is perhaps being killed in the trenches and that this means there will be much relief necessary for this little family long after the war is over.

She said that a new army of Belgians would be in the field this spring, and that as soon as the roads were dried so that the heavy artillery could be moved 100,000 Belgian soldiers would be on the move toward the front.

Mme. Depage herself has a son in the trenches. She related some of the things he has written to her as for example how he and his comrades remained in a trench for forty-eight hours with bullets singing over their heads constantly, with shells and shrapnel bursting over them day and night until some of the men actually became distracted with the nervous strain. He told her also of a battle in which men fell dead so rapidly that the last of the stricken did not fall, but remained standing, walled in by the dead around them.

Need of Hospital Service.

She made a plea for help for the hospital work, stating that what is needed is a system whereby a large relief force can always accompany the army with hospital tents. To show the lack of adequate relief, she gave an illustration of the work in which she engaged along with others in an effort to handle 6,000 wounded men in a little village after one great battle. There were but two doctors and several nurses. Of the 6,000 men, only 30 were saved, and the rest died largely because of the lack of attention, as the doctors worked day and night until they simply fell exhausted and had to neglect the great majority of the wounded.

Edgar Scott introduced the speaker.

Meeting at Mrs. Jonas' Home.

"The Belgian Red Cross is not healing men to send them back to war. We are working for after the war—that we may send back men who will be able to support their wives and children. If all the strong, brave men are killed, not only by bullets, but by the ravages of infection due to absence of surgical treatment, the next generation will be fathered by cripples, cowards and weaklings." Thus spoke Mme. Depage to an audience of women at the home of Mrs. A. F. Jonas, Thursday afternoon. Mme. Depage is touring the United States and appealing in every city for the fund to equip field hospitals to follow in the wake of the armies.

Mme. Depage said that infection was of the greatest danger, since wounds remained unwashed and unattended for weeks. "If we could equip sufficient field hospitals, the work of salvage in human bodies would be enormous."

The speaker emphasized the neutrality of such hospitals which are already in operation. "The soldiers of all armies are cared for alike," she said.

Mme. Depage related harrowing experiences in crossing the frontier, and told of a party which acquired a hearse, filled a coffin with sand and, simulating a party of mourners, was permitted to cross.

She told of a prematurely aged, shabby count, the scion of one of the oldest French families, whom she had instructed how to wash bottles in a Belgian hospital. When his work proved unsatisfactory, after reproving him, she had engaged in conversation with him and learned his identity. Their families had been friends. "I had danced with him at social affairs in the happy days before the war," said Mme. Depage.

Mme. Depage said that King Albert of Belgium had instructed her never to begin a speech without thanking Americans for the generous aid given to his country. "Your work has been a unique one in the world's history—to save a whole country from starvation," she said.

It was announced that Ezra Millard of the Omaha National bank would be treasurer for the funds collected through Mme. Depage's lectures. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. L. F. Crofoot.

HUMMEL IS NURSING HIS FUNDS FOR GREATER OMAHA

Anticipating a new financial situation by reason of a prospective Greater Omaha, Superintendent Hummel, of parks and boulevards, is proceeding cautiously with his funds lest he find himself in a tight place before the end of the year, providing he shall succeed himself. He states that he, or somebody else will have to face this situation.

It is stated that the annexed territory would come in without park or boulevard funds, which would mean that the present Omaha park and boulevard budget would have to cover the enlarged territory.

Mr. Hummel is, however, going ahead with work already planned and also doing all necessary work, but he is not entering upon any big program at this time.

IMPERIAL POTENTATE OF SHRINERS COMING

Dr. Fred Smith of Rochester N. Y., imperial potentate of the Shriners, will be in Omaha next week and a big banquet will be given at the Fontenelle in his honor by the Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The head of the national order will arrive Sunday and has reserved the "president's suite" at Hotel Fontenelle. He will make a short trip out in the state and then return for the banquet, which occurs Wednesday evening.

SWEDISH HUMORIST TO SPEAK HERE TONIGHT.

DR. DAN BERGMAN.

Dr. Dan Bergman of Stockholm, noted Swedish humorist, will deliver a lecture at the Swedish auditorium this evening for the benefit of the Swedish building fund.

Dr. Bergman is regarded as one of the greatest humorous talkers which the Swedish nation has produced. His lecture will be delivered in his native language.

A musical program for the same evening has been arranged for the local Swedish Norden of twenty-five voices.

In Chicago recently Dr. Bergman twice repeated his lecture by request.

YOUNG ATTORNEYS URGED TO AIM HIGH

Speakers at Creighton Law Banquet Set Goal Before the Oncoming Classes.

HONEST ACHIEVEMENT BY TOIL

The perpetuation of high ideals in the legal profession was the keynote of the second annual get-together banquet given last evening by the Creighton college of law at Hotel Fontenelle. The principal speakers were President McMenamy of Creighton law, Matthew Gering of Plattsmouth, and Edward J. Plunkett, Waldo E. Shillington, John V. Beveridge, Mark J. Ryan and Perry McD. Wheeler of the students. Louis D. Kavanagh, toastmaster, accompanied his introductions with witty references and stories.

Several paraphrased versions of popular songs were rendered by the banqueters during the courses. Thirty members of the senior class were frequently reminded that they are soon to forsake the classroom to take up the realities of their life's work.

Fight for Human Rights.

Mr. Gering adjured the prospective young lawyers in his hearing to become advocates of human rights in the sense that Curran of Ireland gained prominence as being perhaps the greatest exponent of this art in the world.

"Every lawyer should take pride in being an advocate. The legal profession is the noblest in the world, because lawyers hold within the hollow of their hands the lives and money of their clients. Advocacy, if used to good purpose, is a proud legacy to leave, and it is a shrine at which every young lawyer should worship. Advocacy in the west is an art which has almost been lost in the vortex of commercialism," declared the Plattsmouth lawyer.

President McMenamy said that success as usually judged from the standpoint of a lawyer is illusive.

Justice and Honesty.

"We frequently measure the success of a lawyer by the number of clients he may have. Equity should be the ambition of every lawyer who is true to his profession. He should stand for justice and honesty. A glorious field is presented to you young lawyers, who should promote equity.

"Those skilled in the law can throw a veil over honesty until it has plausibility, but when the profession gives us men who will not throw this veil upon honesty, then dishonesty will not prevail.

"The glory of Creighton college of law will depend upon your high intellectual and moral powers," were the words of counsel offered by the president of Creighton university.

Not Breaking Into Law.

Mr. Wheeler of the seniors answered to the toast, "Acquitted." He contended that in the law profession a man cannot just break in, as may have been charged in the imaginary indictment of the evening.

"Clients demand that their lawyers must be men who are experienced, well trained and competent. There are commonplace and abnormal events in the lives of all men, and it is the rule that the clients seek the lawyers when abnormal affairs occur in their business lives. I can say that the class of thirty seniors here are acquitted of the charge of 'breaking and entering' into the profession of law," declared Mr. Wheeler.

Mr. Beveridge referred to the fact that the faculty of the Creighton College of Law had been drawn from the best institutions of the country, and he made the point that there could be no excuse for ignorance of the law at Creighton.

Mr. Shillington made a facetious reference to virtue being something quite general among lawyers, and he added that where there exists great virtue, there is sure to be persecution.

Mr. Plunkett, for the freshmen, said the juniors and seniors had aided and abetted the freshmen in their efforts to master the law.

Mayor Dahlman, Congressman Lobeck and the district court judges attended the banquet.

Among the songs sung by the young jurists were some written by a senior, L. Chapman. One ran thus, to a well known air:

I didn't raise my boy to be a loafer,
I brought him up to be a lawyer bold,
I had him act like Story and like Webster,
For these two were great lawyers, so I'm told.
When other boys were wasting time and money,
My boy was reading Property and Code,
So, students, take a tip, and
Don't give up the ship,
It takes a lot of work to be a lawyer.

Domestic Science Expert Gives Two Lectures in Omaha

Miss Anna Barrows, a domestic science expert of national reputation, gave two lectures in Omaha Friday. In the morning she addressed the students of the domestic science department at Brownell Hall and after lunching with Miss Euphemia Johnson, gave a talk before the Omaha High school economics students.

The home economics department of the Omaha Woman's club co-operated with Miss Johnson and Miss Neva Turner, head of the high school department, in bringing Miss Barrows here.

Miss Barrows is a lecturer in the Teachers' college at Columbia university and at Simmons' college, Boston. She is also author of several books on domestic science subjects and a national director of the Chautauqua School of Cookery.