

THE SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE

From the Mississippi valley to the flaming front in Flanders is not as far today as the distance from Paris to Berlin. The Atlantic ocean is not as wide as the River Somme. The girl in the munition factory in the middle West is very close to her brother in the front-line trenches. If her work falters, if one untrue torpedo passes the careful scrutiny of the inspector, the lives of American soldiers pay the price.

It is as necessary to keep the girl who makes the shells physically fit and high of courage as the man who fires the gun.

The glory and excitement of war are for the man in khaki. Grinding, monotonous labor far away from the flying flags and martial music is the portion of the girl who makes munitions.

One and a half million women and girls have marched into the service of the United States government, to take the places of the men who have been called to the colors. With every draft and with the opening of every munition cantonment the number is multiplied. These girls work long hours and the work is hard and monotonous. Furthermore, they work at high nervous tension. On the skill of their fingers and the accuracy of their eyes depends the lives of many soldiers, the winning or losing of many battles.

"I can't sleep at night because I'm so afraid I may have passed on something that was not quite true," said one young girl not yet in her twenties, who inspected hundreds of torpedoes every day.

Unless something can make this girl forget at night, and find some rest, her hand will lose its cunning.

"Nights and Sundays," said another, "I walk and walk, and I never go the same route twice until I have worn out all the others, and yet I can't forget that perhaps some time, somehow, during the day something may have gone through that was not quite right."

"I was just on the edge of going back home," said another. "I couldn't stand it. Then the recreation leader asked me if I played basket ball, and I told her I was too old. I'm twenty-eight. She insisted that I just try throwing the ball, and now I'm captain of the basket ball team. I play tennis, and can 'set up' and 'wig-wag,' and they're going to make me forewoman of the room. That would have frightened me to death once. But everything is different now, that we have our War Service club."

The war department had seen the need of occupations for out-of-work hours if the employees were to work at their greatest efficiency, and through the ordnance department asked the Young Women's Christian Association for recreation leaders, to line up the girls and direct their free-time pleasures.

The government reminded the Y. W. C. A. that as an organization it always had had an interest in the right housing of girls, in the right feeding of girls, and in the right education of girls, and that the intelligent care of these girls in the munition factories was one of the essentials in the winning of the war. The government could house and feed them. It could put up recreation buildings, but when this was done it was as helpless as the father of a motherless girl. The government is a composite man. He didn't know what a girl should do when the six o'clock factory whistle blew. He only knew she needed looking after and he called to the one woman's organization that for half a century had made a study of the needs of girls. Vaguely, he had an idea that she should be encouraged to play, that she needed wholesome recreation, and some one, wise and sympathetic as a careful mother, to guide her social activities.

The Blue Triangle sent its play lady to salute and go to work. Workers are asked for in recreation buildings of all the 22 federal industrial reservations or munition cantonments which have been opened this summer in several of the states. These reservations sprung up out of the very fields in a few weeks. They are employing thousands of workers. Many of these women have come from far distant homes. The government provided dormitories and mess barracks. In some places it is putting up recreation buildings. Where such a building is not provided by the government, the Y. W. C. A. will furnish it, using one already standing when available, and building when that is necessary. All these buildings, whether government or association-owned, will operate under the sign of the Blue Triangle. They will have big living rooms, assembly rooms for entertainments, club rooms, and gymnasiums. The Blue Triangle will furnish a program of service work, educational classes, games and entertainments. Military and signal corps drills will be in charge of soldiers.

In Washington, the members of the Business Women's council, a Blue Triangle league of the Y. W. C. A., made up of girl government employees, drill twice a week under an army officer, and between five and six o'clock on these days long lines of motorcars are parked to watch the drill.

Wherever possible the recreation equipment includes a field somewhere for outdoor sports.

War clubs are a part of the plan and membership in these involves a pledge to serve to the best of the girl's ability in the ranks of the Woman's Industrial Army—the "second line of defense," and a promise of loyalty by promoting in every possible way the spirit of service.

THE BLUE TRIANGLE ON BABEL'S TOWER

Lucia pulled her shawl farther across her face and slunk down on the station platform bench as the solid blue figure suddenly bent down over her. Excitedly she shook her head in answer to the question that she could not understand. She searched through her red plaid waist for the paper that Tony had folded into a little square and given to her. The writing on it, in the English that Tony knew and she did not, told the house where she lived. Tony had explained it all to her that morning. He had told it to her again at the station. Then, waving his hat, he had disappeared into the train with the rest of the men, and Lucia had been left standing outside the gate. There were crowds of women pushing all about her. They were weeping. So Lucia wept, too.

Lucia had been betrothed to Tony in the old country. Five years before, with a long ticket for New York pinned into his inside pocket, her lover had left her. He wrote in every letter that he had made her a home in the new country. Her dowry money had finally provided her own transportation, and for two months Tony and she had been married. Then he had drawn a ticket with a number on it, and this morning he had gone off to war.

To the policeman Lucia told all these things in rapid Italian. But the policeman only talked back to her as rapidly in a language that was not Italian. She followed him dumbly to headquarters. An hour later a woman wearing American clothes gently began talking to her in beautiful Italian.

Italian Lucia was only one of thousands of foreign-born women, Syrians, Italians, Armenians, Russians, Lithuanians, Polish, who, when the draft called their men folk to the American colors, asked in helpless confusion what it was all about. When would their men be back? What did people mean when they told them they would receive money through the mail? Where could they find work that they knew how to do? Was there no one who could explain it all to them in their own language?

The Y. W. C. A. was ready to offer assistance, but it would be of no value to offer it in English. Consequently it had to supply a corps of women who could talk to the foreign-born woman at her own door in the language that she was used to hearing in the homeland. To teach her English was as essential a factor in her Americanization as to find her a job. Therefore the war council of the Y. W. C. A. set out to find her English.

A year before the war began in Europe, the leaders of the Young Woman's Christian Association foresaw just such a situation, and made ready to meet it. They studied the needs of the immigrant. They trained skilled American social workers to become familiar with the home habits and to speak the language of the Lett and the Hungarian and the Greek and the other foreign mothers who brought babies and bundles over from Ellis island to Battery park.

The organization into which this experiment has developed was named by the Y. W. C. A. national board, "The International Institute for Young Women." In terms which these women can understand, it is teaching the foreign-born how to sew and cook and care for the baby. To girls like Italian Lucia, who confusedly lingered on the station platforms when the draft trains pulled out, the Y. W. C. A. is giving direct assistance. Educated European women, appointed to the regular staff of workers at the camp Y. W. C. A. Hostess Houses are able to talk to the drafted men in their own language, assist them in writing letters home, and in arranging furloughs and little visits to the camp.

"The Home Information Service for Foreign Families of Enlisted Men" is doing practical relief work for the wives and mothers. The purpose of the board is to help the women folk left behind to understand where their boys are and how they are being treated; how they need home support and cheer, how to send them comforts, and to keep pace themselves by learning English and other things, so that when the boys come home they will not find their women still very un-American and out of sympathy with them.

Food conservation bulletins have been translated into 18 or 19 languages. At the factories and munition plants interpreters are available for the non-English speaking women by whom the real war industries of the country are being largely carried on. In 25 important cities International Institute Bureaus are training American and foreign women for full time social service work with foreigners. Twenty-four trained women are employed on the national and district field staff of the Y. W. C. A. On June 15 there were 105 trained women working at Americanization.

When more than 75,000 Chicago men filled out their blue cards for the September 12 draft, Gang Luo Wong appeared at one precinct bringing with him Mrs. Gang Wong and the three children. All five wished to register. The enrolling clerk explained, but the Gang Luo Wongs make many broken Chinese remonstrances before the master of the family was induced to sign a card without his wife. Mrs. Wong could not speak English. What would his family do in a strange country if Gang Luo went to war? All over the United States Chinese and Poles and Serbs were asking the same question. It is to just such needs that the War Council of the Y. W. C. A. is organized to give assistance.

LEGAL NOTICES

First Publication 11-7-3w
Order of Hearing on Petition for Appointment of Administrator.

The State of Nebraska, Dakota County—ss.
In the Matter of the Estate of Free L. A. Pounds, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Joe M. Leedom, praying that administration of said estate may be granted to W. W. Pounds as administrator. Ordered, that November 23rd, A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a County Court to be held in and for said county, and show cause why the prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Dakota County Herald, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing. Dated November 1st 1918.

S. W. MCKINLEY,
County Judge.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the detailed plans and specifications of the work proposed to be done by Homer Drainage District, together with an estimate of the total cost of such contemplated improvement as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Homer Drainage District has been filed with the clerk of the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, and that an election will be held in the district court room in the court house in Dakota City, Nebraska, on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1918, for the purpose of determining which of said plans, or whether any of said plans, shall be adopted.

All persons owning lands of lots within said district are entitled to vote at said election.

Dated this 23rd day of October, A. D. 1918.

Cornelius J. O'Connor,
President of Homer Drainage District.

Attest—
Antonius Nelson, Secretary.

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Probate Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, of the Estate of John Didier, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the said deceased will meet the executor of said estate, before me, County Judge of Dakota County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room in said county, on the 30th day of December, 1918, and on the 10th day of February, 1919, at 10 o'clock A. M., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the executor to settle said estate, from the 9th day of November, 1918. This notice will be published in the Dakota County Herald for four weeks successively prior to the 30th day of December, 1918.

Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 9th day of November, A. D. 1918.

S. W. MCKINLEY,
County Judge.

(Seal)

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Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account.

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, State of Nebraska, County of Dakota—ss.

To Lee G. Armour, Lucy G. Hileman, William J. Armour, Henry O. Armour, Jeanette Selby, Nellie McGlashan, George Armour, Marvin Armour and all persons interested in the estate of William W. Armour, deceased:

On reading the petition of William J. Armui praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this Court on the 19th day of November, 1918, for his discharge as administrator, and the release of his bondmen. It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Dakota County Herald, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for four successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

S. W. MCKINLEY,
County Judge.

(Seal)

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NOTICE.

Alfred Hallam, defendant, will take notice that Julia Clark Hallam, plaintiff, filed her petition in the district court of Dakota County, Nebraska, on the 11th day of September, 1918, against the defendant, Alfred Hallam, the object and prayer of which were to secure judgment against the defendant in the sum of \$13,489.16, with interest on \$1,283.55 at the rate of 8 per cent, and at the rate of 7 per cent on the sum of \$10,535.53 from the 11th day of September, 1918, upon a judgment rendered in a court of general jurisdiction in the County of Woodbury and State of Iowa, and costs in the sum of \$7.45 taxed in said action in said State of Iowa, and the sum of \$385.69 attorneys fees taxed under the law of Iowa as a part of said judgment; and that in said action in Dakota County, Nebraska, said plaintiff has duly and regularly secured an issuance of an order of attachment against said defendant and that the same has been levied upon the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 5, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,

11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 in Block 7, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in Block 8, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block 10, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 11, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 12, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block 1, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 2, Lots 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 3, Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 4, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 in Block 9, and all of Block 6, all in Lakeside Park, Dakota County, Nebraska, and the unplatted portion of Lot 3, Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-nine (29), Range Nine (9), East of the 6th P. M., and which order of attachment, appraisal and return were filed in the office of the Clerk of District Court on the 6th day of October, A. D. 1918, and that the plaintiff will ask that said property be sold to satisfy the amount found due on the cause of action set forth in her said petition.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 30th day of December, A. D. 1918.

Dated this 16th day of November, A. D. 1918.

JULIA CLARK HALLAM,
Plaintiff.

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