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Hello Everybody

"Spirit From the Stars"
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"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. I don't know whether she is right about that or not. Where courage comes from is a question that's a little bit out of my line, and I'll leave it to the doctors, or the astrologers, or whoever wants to try to answer the question.

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. All England was in a turmoil, and that excitement reached clear over to Ireland on the other side of the Irish sea. England was calling on the Irish reservists—men who were called for six weeks training once a year—and a number of these reservists lived in the town of Boyle.

Neighbor Woman Fleeting From Her Cottage.

Anna's husband was already in the army. He was a warrant officer at the barracks not far away. Anna had rented a house in town—a house that sat well back from the street with a garden in front of it. Across the street was a tiny cottage in which lived the wife of one of the reservists, an itinerant tinker who had just been called to the colors.

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. She was all alone. Her husband was at the barracks and too busy to come home. And Anna had been sitting there for hours on end, wondering about the war, and about her husband who was going to it soon, and about a hundred and one other things that women wonder and worry about when the war clouds begin gathering in the sky.

The streets of Boyle were deserted by this time. There wasn't a soul in sight. But suddenly, the door of the cottage across the way flew open and a woman, clad only in a white nightgown, came running out.

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. She dashed across Anna's garden and took refuge in her doorway.

Husband Wanted to Kill Her and Baby.

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? She ran down the stairs threw open the hall door, and the woman, shivering and shaking, almost fell into her arms.

"I pulled her inside," says Anna, "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. In his cups he had become abusive, and finally decided to kill both his wife and the baby. She swore he meant it. In her fright she had fled, leaving the baby behind, and as he did not come after her she was sure he was killing the baby."

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 told the woman she'd tell that husband of hers a thing or two, and coaxed her into going along with her. With the terrified woman following, she started for the cottage.

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. The baby was unharmed. I helped the woman into bed and was bending over to admire the baby, when suddenly I heard the bolt shot in the door. I looked around quickly. There stood the husband, opening a large knife of many blades, and staring straight at me with the wildest eyes I ever saw or ever want to see again!"

Army Discipline Saved Them All.

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 there, Anna began to wish she hadn't been so rash as to venture into this drink-crazed madman's house. "I had visions of my four children across the street all alone," she says. "I would be lying if I said I was not afraid. I was never so afraid in all my life."

The man must have sensed that she was afraid of him. With a wicked leer, he took a step forward. But it was then that courage came to Anna's rescue. Anna says she got it from the stars—from the sign of Aquarius which she was born under. As I said before, I don't pretend to know where people get courage from, but Anna certainly got a bunch of it from somewhere. She pulled herself together and took a step toward the drunken man herself. "My husband is Nolan, the warrant officer at the barracks," she said. "Do you know what he'd say if he knew you were acting like this? Do you know what they'd do to you if they knew that this was the way you used the leave they gave you to see your sick wife? You'd better get back to the barracks. If you don't you know what will happen to you."

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. But the fellow went back to the barracks and that's the last Anna ever saw of him.

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. Massachusetts records show that each settler was provided with four pairs of shoes and stockings, two suits of doublet and hose, four shirts, one woolen suit (leather-lined) with extra breeches, two handkerchiefs, one cotton waistcoat, leather belt, black hat, three caps, a cloak and two pairs of gloves.

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 wardrobes from London. In 1737 Col. John Lewis ordered for his ward "a cap ruffle and tucker, one pair white stays, eight pairs white kid gloves, two pairs colored kid gloves, two pairs worsted hose, three pairs thread hose, one pair silk shoes

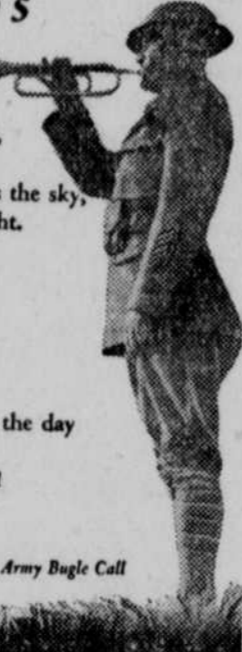
laced, one pair Morocco shoes, one hoop coat, one hat, four pairs Spanish shoes, two pairs calf shoes, one mask, one fan, one necklace, one girdle and buckle, one piece fashionable calico, four yards ribbon for knots, one and one-half yards cambric, one mantua and coat of white string."

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. Up to this time no person or official group had even the power of a reprieve. But Lewis had influential friends who made a plea to the legislature for a commutation of his sentence. After much argument and discussion, the legislature passed a law giving the state's chief executive the power to reprieve and commutation of sentence. Lewis' sentence was changed to life imprisonment.



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 Shurtleff and succeeded in enlisting in the Continental army as a common soldier. A sabre cut in the forehead and a shot in the shoulder did not take her out of action and it was three years before an attack of brain fever, while she was serving with Washington gave her a discharge and his thanks. Congress voted her a grant of lands and a pension. She married Benjamin Gannett, a farmer, near Sharon, Mass., and settled down to being a good wife and mother.

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. By a still later enactment in August, 1918, notes the Indianapolis News, the draft ages were extended to include eighteen to forty-five years, and the first registration thereunder, held on September 12, 1918, produced about 13,000,000 registrants.

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.



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

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Better Bread — Home-made bread is lighter and keeps moist 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. Turn on to a hot dish and serve with dry toast.

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.

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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 "fagged 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—keenly alert, peppy, cheerful, **NR**—the safe, dependable, all-vegetable laxative and corrective—works gently, thoroughly, naturally! Stimulates the eliminative tract to complete, regular functioning. Non-habit-forming. Try a box tonight. 25c at all drug stores.

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Counsel From All
Take counsel of him who is greater, and of him who is less, than yourself, and then recur to your own judgment.—Arab Proverb.

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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 Austen Chamberlain.
The only good conversation today is embalmed 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.

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. Incidentally it fits in with the old tradition that wars are started only when the harvest is in—when nations have something to eat during the war.

Cutting the Costs

Economy—cutting government expenditures: Tremendously important, but not frightfully interesting to the average reader. Moreover, it is difficult for the proverbial milkman in Omaha to get worked up over whether economy is achieved by a horizontal cut of ten per cent in all appropriations, or fifteen per cent in such appropriations as the President, in his discretion, may consider proper. A really self-governing people, in his school-book sense of the words, would get all hot and bothered about this, but there is no indication of much interest.

Neutrality: Promised just a few months ago to be a real issue. But at that time there was genuine fear throughout the country that there would be a big European war very shortly, in which the United States might easily become involved. For reasons difficult to explain, and having very little to do with the truth, this fear, which was so high but a short time back, has subsided. Consequently there was almost a total lack of interest when the neutrality bill finally was passed.

Government reorganization: This never did excite the public half as much—not a tenth as much—as it did the senators and representatives. The lawmakers have selfish interests, friends in bureaus which might be reduced, transferred or abolished. But the mechanic in Detroit, the steel worker in Gary, and the farmer in Iowa care nothing about it whatever.

Economy Road

The economy road is not so easy for the federal government as the average business and professional man seems to think. In fact it is just about as difficult a thing as one can imagine.

Consider the mental processes of a senator or member of the house, for example, when he tries to decide whether he will follow the wishes of the President, and vote for a discretionary cut of fifteen per cent in all appropriations, or whether he will follow some of the house and senate leaders, and vote for a horizontal ten per cent cut.

The discretionary cut means simply that President Roosevelt could, at his pleasure, make a cut in any appropriation congress might vote, the only limit being that the cut must not exceed fifteen per cent of the total.

The horizontal cut means simply that congress would arbitrarily reduce every appropriation by one-tenth, leaving the President no discretion at all!

In approaching a decision as to which way to vote the congressman knows that both solutions are bad—unbelievably bad. In fact, probably the only thing that could be worse would be not to economize at all!

The discretionary cut theory hits the congressman right where he lives. He knows if he votes for that and should later on want a little mercy shown some particular project affecting his own district or state, he will have to go on his hands and knees to the White House for it. Or worse still—he might have to go to some arbitrary and not even politically minded bureaucrat for his favor—say Harold L. Lokes or Harry L. Hopkins! And before he got what he wanted—he can be sure as he now looks at the picture—he would have to promise to vote for whatever the White House or that particular bureaucrat might want at the time.

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.

Finds Reasons

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. Moreover, its fate is still in suspense, with very little new development, no sensational flops from one side to the other, the doubtful senators still on the fence, and best opinion as to the probable outcome not having changed for nearly a month. Obviously not a likely candidate for front page of any one's newspaper.

New taxes: Everybody knows there must be some, sooner or later. Everybody knows roughly that taxes on the wealthy and corporations alone will not produce su-

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