

# WOMAN'S SECTION OF THE BEE

Conducted by Ella Fleishman

## War Wakes World to Urgent Need For Big Baby-Saving Campaign

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

The other day Miss Julia Lathrop, head of the Children's bureau, Washington, D. C. made a plea to save one-third of those doomed three hundred thousand babies that die annually in the United States of preventable diseases.

The war has taught us the value of the future soldier, so this year we are going to be extremely forehanded and save a third of the babies we have been letting die on account of the simplest hygiene, and a little necessary care.

If we are lucky we shall save 100,000 and let only 200,000 perish. Herod might regard our record a little enviously. With our own, we have done the work more thoroughly than he did among the ancient Israelites. There is no way of telling what our happy-go-lucky policy has cost us in the way of useful citizens, or what supreme message to humanity may not have been silenced in the last wail of one of these little ones.

### Out of Darkness, Light.

"Out of the darkness, light!" An other year may teach us the price we are paying for this reckless expenditure of child life. A few more drives on the western front, with its awful toll of life, may turn our attention to that which—without cynicism—I shall call our great baby scrap heap.

Next year we may attempt to save another hundred thousand little lives. We may keep on reclaiming our sacrificed innocents till our mortality list from preventable diseases no longer cries to Heaven.

In that millennial state of affairs we shall have clean milk stations in every city of the country, we shall have an adequate corps of physicians that will diagnose and check at the start those ailments that have such a dread record, and every mother will be taught how to care for her baby—not the way her grandmother did—but in accordance with the latest developments of infant welfare.

We will now regard the reverse of the infant mortality medal. We have in this country between eight and nine million women engaged in gainful occupations. I have no statistics at hand in regard to the proportion that marry and become mothers, but perhaps it is not too much to say that half of them live and die spinsters. This is an unhappy and shortsighted policy as our disregard of those 300,000 doomed infants.

We are as reckless in regard to our native-born population as we have been in regard to our timber or coal lands. We hire statisticians who draw up for us appealing figures, but we keep right on with the same old wasteful policy.

### We Object to Facing Facts.

We seem to have a curious repugnance to facing facts, particularly in the case of the self-supporting spinster. If she doesn't marry we have a

feeling that it is more "delicate" to leave her to her fate.

We don't come out frankly, the way the French do, and discuss marriage and maternity insurance, with regard to the state. We do not say this woman has sufficient intelligence to be economically independent, she is neither a parasite nor a waster; we don't realize we must look to this kind of mother in our business of carrying on the state.

No, we watch her go to work and we watch her come home again, year after year, and we never lift a finger to secure for her the home she deserves and the children that the state needs.

But our puritanical silence seems, at last, to be broken. The American association for labor legislation has begun to discuss a maternity insurance modeled along the lines that the French adopted years ago.

### All Pay Envelopes Contribute.

We shall take the case of a factory department store, or aggregate of teachers, or any other unit of men and women engaged in gainful occupation. An infinitesimal amount is regularly collected from all pay envelopes, which is turned into a maternity insurance fund.

With this slight provision assured there is naturally an increase in the number of marriages among the employees of that particular unit. Bear in mind that everyone is taxed from the beginning of his or her employment, the fund increased automatically with every pay day.

The benefit is payable to insured women or the wives of insured men, and it is equal to the regular sick benefit of the insured. Eight weeks' leave of absence is granted, six weeks of which must be subsequent to the birth of the child. The fund covers all birth costs, proper medical and surgical attention and all necessary appliances.

The French have followed maternity insurance with a creche or day nursery system that is far superior to anything we have in this country. This is the next reform to which we must turn our attention, day homes where children may be comfortably and scientifically cared for, while the parents are down town earning a living.

### She Wants to Marry a Rich Man.

"But I don't want to work after I am married," a girl wrote to me the other day. "I intend to marry a rich man." Please let me say, these letters on the subject of the self-supporting married woman are not addressed to this thrifty young lady or her class. They are intended for that great army of workers that singly cannot afford to marry and in the face of bitter economic conditions are forced, both of them, to work or to remain single.

As a nation we have too long overlooked this class, we have let it die out when we needed its pluck, its grit, its stamina in the great American melting pot. But we intend to reform, not only in regard to the workingmen and women, but also with respect to those 300,000 doomed babies.

## Red Cross Notes

The salvage department of the Red Cross is overwhelmed with orders during these house cleaning times. One woman called up last week and said: "If you society women truck drivers would come up here and get these old papers out of my cellar instead of having your pictures in the papers you would be doing better work."

Owing to the rush of business it has been difficult for the regular force to attend to all calls. This week in order to help out, the Woman's Service League lent a helping hand and under the direction of their captain, Mrs. E. S. Westbrock, the following women drove their own cars and gathered salvage throughout the city: Miss Frances Wessells, Mrs. H. G. Jordan, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. O. S. Goodrich.

Omeko-E-Xima Red Cross auxiliary meets Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Social Settlement on the south Side.

The Holland Family orchestra, composed of two boys and two girls, has been playing quite frequently at the public work shop during the night classes. They are to play again Tuesday night.

The music section of the Omaha Women's Club turned in a check for \$55.25 to the Red Cross, the proceeds of a musical entertainment given recently by Mrs. E. R. Zabriskie, violinist and Mrs. Edith Waggener, pianist, in the First Christian church.

Mrs. J. G. McLean, 715 Dorcas street, donated a beautifully made red and white ribbon pillow and an ostrich plume to the Red Cross.

The two Vellum girls, of the South Side high school, made eight fine Red Cross flags and gave them to the local chapter.

There will be a meeting of all Red Cross auxiliary chairmen at the Young Women's Christian association Thursday at 4 o'clock.

Miss Gertrude Smith, who is field secretary of the Nebraska nursing service, will issue a call very shortly for volunteers to take nurse's training courses. Forty thousand women are wanted in the United States to volunteer for this work.

Word comes from Chicago that more volunteer workers are needed for clerical and canteen workers in the war zone. Only the young women who can pay their own expenses and who have no relatives in the service will be accepted for the work. Applicants may apply at the state Red Cross headquarters in the Wead building.

Mrs. A. L. Reed returned from Chicago this morning, where she has been in conference with Miss Minnie Ahrens, head of the nursing service of the central division. Mrs. Reed will supervise classes in home nursing, dietetics and first aid, which will be conducted by the state division under Frank Judson.

## Something New in Collars



By GERTRUDE BERESFORD.

SLEEVELESS jackets or the effect thereof are cropping out in a hundred ways and will certainly be a popular note in summer fashions. The scarf-like ends of the collar on this sports model are held by a belt and give the impression of a sleeveless jacket. White pongee, bordered with delft blue, furnishes a charming color scheme. Delit blue pongee outlines the deep collar, which turns sailor at the back. The waist is laced with a blue silk cord. The pockets are outlined with blue and this soft color again appears on belt, cuffs and skirt border. The hat of white straw is trimmed with a white wing and faced with blue.

## New Bread Delivery

The garrison of an Italian town that refused to surrender was fed by airplanes after its food supply was exhausted. Several of the planes carried big supplies of bread, which they dropped to the beleaguered garrison. This is a new department in bread delivery service and one not likely to become common even with the most up-to-date manufacturers.

## WOMEN IN WARTIME

### Women's Clubs Help Raise Liberty Loan Total for Omaha

That the women's clubs of Omaha were an important factor in raising the city's total is shown by the results of their efforts. They are credited, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Warren Blackwell, with a total of \$437,650 to date.

More than half of this amount was contributed by the Women's circle. Mrs. Emma Manchester, Mrs. Mary E. Metcalf and Miss Dora Alexander voted on the investment of a quarter of a million dollars in Liberty bonds. In addition to this \$3,700 was raised by the young women employed in the headquarters.

The Omaha Society of Fine Arts raised \$46,800. Mrs. R. Kulakofsky, chairman for five Jewish organizations, has \$43,850 to her credit. Mrs. J. M. Metcalf and Mrs. Halleck Rose, chairman for the Equal Franchise society, raised \$41,050. Mrs. J. B. Katz reports that the total of \$12,950 to the credit of the Temple Israel sisterhood represents 98 subscriptions. The Association of Collegiate Alumnae has raised \$1,550, all subscriptions coming from its members, mainly in \$50 bonds. The U. S. Grant Women's club, having only 20 members, raised \$1,550. A number of these mothers have sons in the trenches. The Omaha Woman's club raised \$14,800.

The following women's clubs have bought bonds from their own treasuries: Rockford college, \$50; Alpha Grove (Woodmen circle No. 2), \$50; John T. Yates Grove (Woodmen circle No. 57), \$50; W. A. Fraser Grove (Woodmen circle No. 1), \$50; George Custer Woman's Relief corps, \$50; Christ Child society, \$300; Scottish Rite Woman's club, \$1,000.

Other clubs have reported as follows: Daughters of 1812, \$50; Royal Neighbors, \$50; U. S. Grant Woman's Relief corps, \$50; Daughters of Civil War Veterans, \$150; Rebekahs No. 142, \$150; Train School Mothers' club, \$400; Bohemian alliance, \$550; Business Women's club, \$600; Masonic orders, \$600; George Custer Woman's Relief corps, \$600; George Custer Woman's Relief corps, \$1,200; Wellesley club, \$1,450; Smith College club, \$2,750; Vassar College club, \$12,800.

Central high school Liberty loan committee has reached the \$10,000 mark. This was the amount the teachers and students set out to reach early in the campaign.

### Canadian Approval of Junior Red Cross

From Canada the American Red Cross Junior membership has received an expression of approval through the organization of resources committee of the Ontario parliament. Mr. McCready, assistant secretary of the committee, said in a recent letter to the junior membership:

"We envy you your fine chances for good work on a national scale. In Canada we have not had this opportunity, as our educational lines are sharply drawn within our provinces. Of course, the schools in general have done well; but, could we have had such centralized direction and impulses as you have in your organization, we could have done better. School children help in Canadian Red Cross work to some extent through the local women's organizations, but not as district units."

### Surplus Earnings Not Spent For Clothes

A recent survey brought out the fact that Michigan women are not spending their surplus earnings for clothes. Even the younger girls employed as clerks at small salaries are buying Liberty bonds.

### Babies' Welfare Work

Eighty-three babies were registered and weighed at Pacific school Tuesday. While the total is a smaller number than Miss Charlotte Townsend, superintendent of school nurses, anticipated, the explanation is that this is a large foreign district and the mothers do not take readily to innovations until they are thoroughly acquainted with them.

Babies were registered at Edward Rosewater school, where there was a big response this morning, and at Castelar this afternoon. The work will be done in Sherman school Thursday morning and at Saratoga in the afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Tretiak, 114 North Twelfth street, was so eager to have her three babies registered that she took them to four different school houses before she got to the right one at the right time when the nurses were there. She took her children to the city hall, to Cass and Comenius schools before she finally had them registered at Pacific yesterday.

Nell—I stopped in at a bargain sale today.

Belle—Did you see anything that looked real cheap?

Nell—Yes, several men waiting for their wives.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### "SO SICK AND MISERABLE"

Mrs. A. E. Hager, 909 London Road, Duluth, Minn., writes: "I have been taking your Cadomene Tablets for the past month. They certainly did wonders for me, as I was so nervous I wasn't able to do my own housework; so sick and miserable. Now I can do all my own work and feel good all the time. My daughter and her husband have also been taking them, and they helped wonderfully."

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### Baby Stations to Open Early This Year for Better War Work

Several of the Visiting Nurses are giving their time and valuable assistance to the baby welfare campaign. Miss Erna Andrews, who is a graduate of the Child's hospital in Boston, is giving her entire time this week to this important work, and Mrs. Jaske, a nurse belonging to the South Side group, will give her services next week. Mrs. Jaske speaks three languages and will be invaluable to the committee in their work on the South Side, as the foreign mothers are quite bewildered with no one to explain just what is expected of them.

The baby stations conducted by the Visiting Nurse association will be opened much earlier this year than ever before. The saving of the babies is such an important work, especially in time of war, that the association is planning more extensive work even than in years past. The stations will be maintained at the South Side Social Settlement, in "Little Italy" at Sixth and Pierce streets, and at 1604 North Twenty-fourth street. Miss Florence McCabe, superintendent of the Visiting Nurse association, is especially fitted for this work, for she has specialized in baby work and has studied the problem from every angle. Dr. Newell Jones and Dr. Clarke will oversee the work also. Miss McCabe will attend the National Public Health and Nursing association meeting in Cleveland, which convenes from May 7 to 12. This is a national organization and welfare workers from every corner of the land will attend to gain new inspiration and fresh ideas for wartime work.

### French Section to Continue.

Members of the French section of Omaha Red Cross chapter, formerly known as the War Relief society, wish to correct an impression that they have given up their work. The surgical dressings making is still going on in the Baird building as in the past. The dissolution of the War Relief society as a member of the National surgical dressings committee did not cause the women to give up their war work.

### Mrs. Duryea Decorated.

Mrs. Nina Lanay Duryea, founder and president of the Duryea war relief fund, has received her fourth decoration for her noble work of caring for French, Belgian, Polish and Bal. a war refugees. Already she had been decorated by France, Russia and Belgium. Her newest decoration came from Princess Vera of Montenegro in recognition of Mrs. Duryea's efficient work in behalf of Montenegrin prisoners in Austria.

The local Vassar club is sponsoring the work of the Duryea relief in Omaha.

### Service League Notes

N. P. Dodge took the largest bond, a \$5,000 one in the Service League's Liberty bank Tuesday. Mrs. L. C. Kohn, George W. Smith and Mrs. Morris Milner bought \$1,000 bonds. Judge Day paid \$100 for the privilege of ringing the Liberty bell.

The Liberty bell cord broke again Tuesday, worn with the strain of much ringing. A new cord was substituted by Mrs. William Archibald Smith, chairman of the league, and she was going to hold the worn rope as a keepsake.

Tom A. Hollister spoke from the court house steps this noon and the old soldiers' quartet sang. Major Maier and his buglers will be at the bank Tuesday noon.

Charles Floyd Flood, 419 South 25th ave., nine months old, is perhaps the youngest bondholder in Omaha. His mother, who is dead and had to write out her request, paid the first installment of a \$50 bond with \$4 in pennies. Edith Elizabeth Hughes, 21 months old, of 215 South 28th street, is another youthful bondholder.

Miss Naomi Towle, who recently returned from Philadelphia, has offered her services to the league to do stenographic work. Miss Towle took up her duties this morning.

Mrs. Hugh A. Hipple and Mrs. Reed Talmadge are the official book-keepers of the Service league. They have worked faithfully on the varnishes and the returns of the Liberty bank subscriptions for weeks.

An attractive Service league pin is given as a reward for 72 hours of knitting. The knitting will be continued all summer as requests from both posts for sweaters and socks continue to come in and to be filled by the league.

### Thousand-Dollar Club.

New names for the Thousand Dollar club are Miss Marion Hamilton and Mesdames F. A. Brogan, F. W. Varley, Rachel L. Feic, F. S. Owen, Angie B. Farnsworth, Olive Louise Rix, J. Helfman, E. J. Updegraff, W. D. McHugh, Martha T. McDonald, Ethelwynne K. Griger, E. F. Howe, Robert Cowell, W. H. Yohe, Victor Caldwell, Dolly S. Hogan, R. C. Howe, A. E. Mach, Lillian D. Stewart, John R. Webster and J. Milner.

Floor sacks make good dish towels.

### Reception For Shippard Workers

The town of Alexandria, Va., has a shipbuilding plant in active operation. The Alexandria Red Cross Refreshment corps, which since the entrance of the United States into the war has

performed notable service in connection with the various army camps in that neighborhood, arranged a reception to the workers in the shipyards, in order to give the strangers and their families an opportunity to become acquainted with the town's people.

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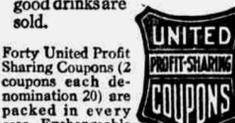
1. Every ounce of our individual energies, every agency of the city, and, if need be, all of its resources, must be dedicated and used to win this world war; save American institutions and secure liberty for our people.
2. We favor home rule for the City of Omaha, and will work unceasingly for the adoption of a home rule charter. The needs of a metropolitan city require that we secure for our citizens the fullest measure of self-government and individual liberty consistent with the constitution of the state.
3. Our people and our mode of living cannot be made to conform to so-called blue laws that have long been dead letters.
4. We favor municipal ownership of public utilities. Better service at greatly reduced cost to the consumer resulted from municipal ownership of the Water Works. We believe like results would be possible if other public utilities were owned and properly operated by the city. This, however, must be done gradually and properties must be taken over only at reasonable values. We urge the adoption at the coming election of the proposition to authorize the city to take over the properties of the Omaha Gas company, and we are opposed to the granting of a new franchise to that company.
5. Recent disclosures—in which only a part of the facts were brought to light—make imperative a reorganization of our police department. The police force of Omaha must be made an active and vigilant organization that will make life and property in Omaha safe and secure.
6. We would extend the establishment of social centers. This city must protect the moral welfare and promote the education of our young people. To that end sufficient places of recreation, amusement, and social life should be provided where the influence and temptations that attend many similar places conducted for profit can and will be eliminated.
7. Regrettable contests between employers and employees resulting in strikes and lock-outs should be unnecessary; we pledge the service of our administration toward securing a basis of justice and right in these relations, and our good offices for mediation in all these controversies.
8. Election to a city office is not a license to place on the public payroll relatives of the officials thus elected. We are opposed to, and will not practice, nepotism.
9. The times demand the strictest economy in the expenditure of public money and a reduction of the tax levy to the lowest possible point consistent with efficient government. All luxuries and unnecessary expenditures of public money of the city on non-partisan business principles and not as a part of a personal or political machine.
10. We will institute a broad gauged program of public health and sanitation.
11. We favor and would encourage the idea of intelligent city planning to provide for and take care of future growth.

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