

Women in Wartime



Vera Havarlis

AGE-OLD DREAM GONE--GOLDEN VISION CHANGED

There is an age-old dream which died when the great war began. The destiny of countless of the world's oppressed and ambitious has been shaped by this golden vision. It is the aspiration of the fair goddess of Liberty, standing with beckoning hand on the shores of Columbia,

the land of opportunity, equality and freedom. Often it was the agents of American industry who painted the glowing picture to the peasants of foreign lands. Sometimes it was tales of the successful traveler on his visit to the "old country" which fired the imagination. Both had the same result, to crowd the steerage of every ship bound for America. Fortune sometimes smiled, sometimes frowned. For some fate still hangs in the balance. These are the last ones who came knocking at

America's door, before the war prevented them from sailing the seas in search of freedom.

These strangers within our gates form one of the war's gravest problems. Under the starry banner today there are two kinds of peoples, Americans and foreigners. Lo, the poor immigrant is no longer. He is now a "new American."

The National Council of Defense number among its 17 committees working to promote all branches of war work an Americanization committee, whose mission is to safeguard the process of claiming these foreign-born citizens.

Among the ways and means recommended by the council are:

Teach the English language. Explain the purpose and aims of the United States in war, draft regulations, provisions and importance of soldiers' and sailors' insurance act.

Laws and regulations affecting immigrants. Information concerning Liberty loan, war savings stamps, food production and conservation, Red Cross, recreational, educational and employment facilities.

Importance of health, housing, sanitation dress for local climate.

The Douglas County Council of Defense has named Mrs. A. C. Troup as chairman for the Omaha women who are undertaking this branch of patriotic service.

Besides fostering the Americanization work established for some time at the Omaha social settlement, Mrs. Troup and her helpers have organized other groups of workers.

Of one of these groups Mrs. W. N. Halsey, prominent in mission work among foreigners, is in charge. There are four centers through which the work is conducted. The leaders among the various foreign-born peoples, gathered here, have been chosen by their own people.

Members of the Greek community are represented by Miss Vera Havarlis, daughter of the pastor of the Orthodox church, the Rev. Havarlis. Red Cross and sewing classes for women have been established among these new citizens.

An afternoon study class in English for mothers is one of the features of the work among the Bohemians, whose chairman is Mrs. Adolph Musil. An excellent record for all sorts of war work is claimed by the Bohemian women, who do wonderful knitting and hospital garment work for Red Cross.

Mrs. J. M. Nachtigall is leader of the work for patriotism among

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

O, God, give me courage to live another day.

Let me not become a coward before its difficulties, or recourt to its duty.

Let me not lose faith in my fellowmen.

Keep me sweet and pure at heart in spite of ingratitude, treachery and meanness.

Preserve me, O God, from minding little stings or giving them.

Help me to keep my heart clean and to live honestly and fearlessly that no outward glare can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious integrity.

Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things.

Grant this day some new vision of Thy truth; inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls. In the name of the strong Deliverer.

Amen.

Written by a Monk in the 16th Century

Omaha's German-born Americans. A splendid society composed of 200 women, known as the Christian mothers, is doing much in a social and educational way. Mrs. Nachtigall is in charge of the St. Joseph's church Red Cross knitting auxiliary and the surgical dressings workers.

In both the Liberty loan and Red Cross drives, this patriotic woman has taken the initiative. The women have made a very creditable record in each wartime activity.

Continual inspiration from Italy's brilliant fighting, has come to the group of daughters of this land, who are expressing loyalty to the allies when they work for America in Red Cross and the bimonthly programs of a patriotic nature given by the members of St. Anna's parish.

In none of the groups has the work been really organized. Other workers are to be named among the Bohemian women.

Miss Jessie Kruger, well known in Jewish welfare work, is the last chairman to be appointed. The plans to be followed have not been outlined.



Mrs. J. M. Nachtigall



Mrs. A. C. Troup



Jessie Kruger

Washington's War-Time Population Brings Wonderful Improvement and Many Changes to Our Capital City

Every Shack is Remodeled, Cleaned and Made Habitable—Clothes Are Simple and Useful Occupations Take Place of Pink Teas

Edgar C. Snyder.

Washington, July 20.

WASHINGTON as a summer resort, is so far, a great success. For six weeks or more it has been too cool for picnics and for water trips with any comfort. Open fires have given the country clubs an autumn atmosphere. The reports from the seaside resorts from the week-end travelers that they are a scene of half desertion. Motor parties who do not stay long are the rule, rather than the permanent summer colony. It is the hotels that are suffering, rather than the cottages. The mountain resorts round about Washington are well filled, and in fact are having the most prosperous season they have had in years. There is too much of importance, necessity and interest in Washington, for many of its residents to want to leave, and the housing problem grows easier every day. The hotels are not even full, much less crowded.

A party of resourceful girls solved the question for themselves cleverly a few weeks ago, and are the costliest, happiest little party ever. Every one familiar with Washington knows of the many localities, desirable to live in, where there are little shabby ramshackle story and a half and two-story shanties, which have once been cottages, but neglected so long that even many of the colored people shun them, but which stand beside, between and across the street, from some of the most pretentious and fashionable residences. This enterprising group of girls here doing war work found one of these veritable huts on I street, close to the new Powhatan hotel and at the other end of the block from the Metropolitan club. It had been occupied by negroes and had had a little shop in the front room. They looked it over, rented it for next to nothing and then went to work on it. They fumigated, painted, repaired and scraped it inside and out, installed a bath and restored the back yard into a tiny garden, furnished the tiny house in modern, summer furnishings, including electric lighting and fans, and are now in possession of one of the prettiest and most comfortable little places ever seen with seven good rooms. And it is within three minutes walk from the State department and immediately in one of the fashionable neighborhoods. Their little drawing room with dining room behind, is one of the most adorable suites with artistic hangings and congenial surroundings. There are hundreds of such transformations all over the city, even in the business blocks where some one fits up a charming apartment.

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times silk, and on hot days they are of sheer muslins, georgettes or organdies, but invariably white. She did, however, appear on French Independence day, in a costume of light blue, with white hat and a light blue band, all of which was most becoming to her brunette beauty, and it is very few brunettes who can wear light blue.

Miss Wilson wears rather plain clothes than her father's wife, but white and pink have seemed to have been adopted by her this year. She is taking a very active work in the entertainment of the soldiers and in the community center work, in the District of Columbia. This has always been the work in which she has been greatly interested, leaving to her sister, Jessie, now Mrs. Sayre, the work of promoting suffrage as much as possible, and to the youngest of the three, Mrs. McAdoo, the work of keeping up with the social end of everything, and the artistic things. It was Mrs. McAdoo who inherited their mother's taste and talent in art. They are all equally patriotic, and

Conservation of Food Plays an Important Part

While conservation is a patriotic duty and an every day necessity, the women of Omaha are meeting the situation admirably.

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Omahans et al. Senator and Mrs. Hitchcock left early in the week for Massachusetts. Mrs. Hitchcock will establish herself at Little Point, Swamscott, for the remainder of the summer. Miss Hitchcock will remain here for some time.

The Nebraska Women's Washington club, organized for and among the women and girls of the state who have come here for the war work, have combined with the Nebraska State Society of Washington and will have a picnic on July 27, for the war workers and the Nebraska men in the training camps round about Washington and in Washington. They will go to Chevy Chase lake, one of the most attractive and most accessible spots around the city, taking their basket lunches with them, and have supper in the open, with some dancing afterwards.

Professor and Mrs. Avery of Lincoln have given up their apartment and are staying with Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes at her home at 1004 Park Road. Mrs. Straetten, wife of Dr. Robert Straetten, U. S. N., and daughter of Mrs. Rhodes, is in New York for a stay of six weeks or more, while Dr. Straetten's ship is in port. Their children remained behind with their grandmother.

Mrs. Walter Penfield, formerly Miss Lucile Bacon of Omaha, has been made secretary of the salvage conservative committee of the Red Cross, District of Columbia. Mrs. Dougherty, widow of Capt. John Allan Dougherty, U. S. N., is chairman and is the founder and organizer of the work which has accomplished wonderful results. It is for the purpose of sending to the committees the trash housekeepers naturally and regularly throw out, such as tin foil, rubbers, old shoes, rubber bands and every conceivable useless article. For instance they pay \$3,000 for a ton of scraps of tin foil. The money obtained is turned into the Red Cross.

The women are but just organizing here for the work. Mrs. Dougherty is one of the most practical and active women in the war work. It was she who conceived the idea of having a charity-ball when every cent goes to the charity, instead of having one with a lot of expense. Her ball last winter had no expenses to deduct, as she had donations of special checks for each expense, outside of the ticket sale. She is the first one to accomplish such a thing here, and she is sure to make a go of her new work. Mrs. Penfield is her able first assistant.

Professor Buck of the State university and Mrs. Buck are now stationed in Washington. Professor Buck was in the first training camp and has been in the south for a long time.

Misses Grace and Marguerite Lowe, well known school teachers of Omaha, have come to Washington to engage in war work for the summer, having taken positions in the State department.

Miss Grace Stillwell is another Omaha school teacher who has taken a summer position in the Treasury department.

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Red Cross

Third Bat., 34th F. Art., Enroute.

The train commander and the battery commanders of batteries "E" and "F" of the Third battalion, 347 field artillery, beg to express to your canteen workers, who distributed cigars, fruit and cards to the men of this organization when we stopped in your town on July 3, 1918, their deep appreciation, not only for the fruits and other articles given, but also for the kindly and patriotic manner in which this good work is being accomplished.

It goes without saying that your work is really a fine one, and we wish to say that the officers and men of these organizations will not soon forget the courtesy shown by your workers.

(Signed)

RAYMOND B. GILLSPIE, Captain F. A. R. C.
J. N. KEHOE, First Lieutenant Batt "E."
EDWIN K. CHEEDLE, First Lieutenant Batt "F."

Memberships in the Red Cross is maintained by 3,941,193 persons in Central division (Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska), or 25.5 per cent of the population of the five states.

A year ago the number of members in the Red Cross of this division was less than 200,000. By far the greater number of the members are of the \$1 a year class, but it is interesting to know that nearly 5,000 paid \$100 each for membership, which makes them "patrons" of the Red Cross.

All members who paid \$2 or more received the Red Cross magazine for a year, and there are 272,538 such members, or 6.9 per cent of the total membership.

By states the membership is as follows: (Continued on Page Two, Column Six.)

Mrs. Lena Wifantaki

Mrs. Adolph Musil

Army and Navy Notes

FIRST in the hearts of all Omahans are the fighting men who call our town "home." They are scattered from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic and the war devastated countries over-seas claim many of them. Newsy bits about these "boys grown tall" who have pledged all to their country, are read eagerly by those who stand behind them at home and all other news takes secondary place. A few gold stars are appearing on Omaha's service flag telling their silent story of her valiant sons who have made the supreme sacrifice.

While the boys are far away hospitable Omaha has opened wide her doors to the men in khaki who are stationed at the nearby forts. Many of the officers have brought their charming wives with them and they are honorees at delightful parties at the clubs and at the informal little teas given at the different homes. They are such attractive young women and bring such a refreshing glimpse of the outside world to us, that everyone regrets deeply when war orders take them from Omaha.

Lt. Charles Conrad, who has been at Fort Sill, Okl., is now stationed at Fort Omaha.

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Joseph Barnard, who have been re-

cently stationed at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia., are now located at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

According to a letter received last week by Mrs. Tom McShane and Mrs. Roy Byrne, their brother, Sergeant Sheridan, of St. Joe, was wounded during the battle on the Chateau Thierry front in France, and was then in a hospital behind the French lines. Sergeant Sheridan, who is a young doctor and a member of the field hospital staff, with several others, was trying to rescue Captain Duncan, who was a close friend of Sergeant Sheridan. They had succeeded in carrying Captain Duncan from the field into a wood which was immediately located by the boches, and with their guns turned on the rescuing party they killed all but Sergeant Sheridan. The huns used their deadly poison gas, and as the explosion of shells had torn Sergeant Sheridan's gas mask off, he was overcome by the fumes and rendered unconscious and blind for 72 hours.

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