

# Women in Wartime

## Allied War Lectures

Omaha Society of Fine Arts Will Bring Lecturers on French, Polish, English, Russian, Italian, as Well as American War Topics

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS and Stephanie Lauzanne head the list of lecturers who will be brought to Omaha this season by the Omaha Society of Fine Arts. Seven lecturers of this course are now engaged, and several others are under consideration. Mr. Bangs will appear November 11 when he will lecture upon "Light and Shade in the Land of Valor." This celebrated writer has but recently returned from the French front, and his skill in the use of the English language will be used with his well known mastery in recounting the touches of pathos, of humor and emotional bits as they appeared to him during his recent experiences.

As Mr. Bangs will present impressions of the front from an American viewpoint, Stephanie Lauzanne will bring a message from the French point of view. His subject will be "Fighting France, the French Terms of Peace and the Question of Alsace-Lorraine." M. Lauzanne is the editor of the Paris Le Matin, and is one of France's leading journalists. He is the head of the official bureau of French information, and as such, is the unofficial ambassador of France.

Mme. de Gozdawa Turczonowicz, on January 7, will present a lecture entitled "When the Prussians Came to Poland," giving a glimpse of the Polish aspect of the war. She tells of Poland's martyrdom and hopes, and all she makes goes to the Polish Reconstruction committee.

Isaac Marcossion comes January 24. He is well known as a writer for the Saturday Evening Post, and his lecture will be "The War and After." He is now in Europe and has probably come into closer contact with the dominating personalities of the war, and knows more of the real inside working of the organization of the allied armies and the sentiment of the people of the countries engaged than any other writer.

S. K. Ratcliffe will present an English viewpoint on February 22, and his lecture will be upon "England to America, and a League of Free Nations, What It Means." Mr. Ratcliffe is from the editorial staff of the Manchester Guardian and the London Daily News and is one of England's most brilliant lecturers.

Charles Upson Clarke is dated for March 14. The subject of his lecture is "Italy's Part." Mr. Clarke lived for years in Rome where he is a member of the American Academy. Before the war he lectured on Italy in America. He has been recognized by the Italian government.

Mlle. Rubenstein of the University of Paris will tell of the devastated Gothic cathedrals of northern France. Her date will be announced later. Among the possibilities now under consideration are Ann Morgan; L'Abbe Flynn, the French chaplain, and Professor Lappo Damleski of Petrograd, Russia. These people are now abroad.

Members of the Fine Arts who have not yet renewed their memberships are urged to do so at once.

## Mona Cowell in London Enroute For Canteen Work in France

London town in war time is described in Mona Cowell's most recent letter home. Miss Cowell has had previous opportunities of seeing peaceful England and is much impressed by the changes that have taken place. She writes:

"Thursday morning we docked at Liverpool, on a cold, gray, foggy day that promised to be a very narrow. There was so much red tape we did not land until late in the afternoon. We were met by a Red Cross representative and taken to our hotel. Liverpool was packed to the doors. Miss Dowd and I had a double room up four floors and no lift and were inclined to grumble, but happening to look out of the heavily curtained windows, we saw two soldiers clad in vivid blue, the garb of the private soldier in the convalescent hospital; each of these lads had one trouser leg folded up. We didn't grumble.

"Our hotel is none too clean. It would be easy to believe the carpet in the lobby had not been cleaned since 1914. Service is awful, as servants are scarce and not well trained. People we have met here tell of servantless households and food rationing that make life in the States seem luxurious. All England has very rigid meat and sugar rationing.

"We all came up to London together. The country is very lovely. One can see why the Englishman abroad aches for his beautiful homeland, as it becomes part and parcel of his very soul. The trains were packed, hordes of English officers everywhere.

"Two women and a man, Red Cross officials, met us in London, looked after us and our baggage and procured taxis. There are scarce in England these days, with petrol at a premium, and one sees no private motors.

"Our hotel is the Curzon. It is old but not too bad. Heaps of soldiers and Red Cross people stay here. It is near Hyde Park and Piccadilly. The streets are full of uniforms, all the allies, with the British, of course, predominating. There are all sorts of insignia and divisional badges. Convalescent officers wear a wide blue band to warn dealers not to sell them liquor, I am told. There are hundreds of wounded men. However, one sees no sallow soldiers. Tommy Atkins' buttons shin so they dazzle all beholders and the officers are always trim and well groomed. They say it is amazing how this helps the morale.

"In the evening we strolled through the dimly lighted streets and down to the Thames. We tried to procure food on the way back, but without ration cards could get no meat nor sugar, only coffee and biscuits, so went to bed rather hungry after our long walk. In the morning we had to report at the Red Cross and American consulate with passports. We go Monday to France.

"In the afternoon I met Lieutenant Hanna, the New Zealander on the ship, who will remember. Just think, he has found here his two brothers, one on leave, the other after his commission. It was a complete surprise for all of them—three brothers from the Antipodes running across each other in the biggest city in the world.

The youngest, a sweet, rosy cheeked lad, is a corporal. He said the finest things about Americans. There are a number, he says, in his division, absolutely fearless and crazy to go out and capture Hun machine guns without even artillery support.

"In his company there were two Americans who started out on No Man's Land and got separated from the rest. Fearing discovery by the enemy, they sought protection in shell holes. One lad found an empty one. The other, hurrying into another shell hole, lost his rifle and when he got inside found three Huns concealed there. He hit one on the jaw, took his rifle and bayoneted another one and laid out the third with the butt of the rifle. His quickness and their surprise so dazed them he performed this deed which seems impossible. This almost deserves a Victoria Cross. By the way, this is the most valued of all decorations, as it is never cheapened and is always evidence of a deed that is the acme of heroism.

"I have been thinking tonight what a lucky girl Mona Helene is. Tonight I had supper with some of the girls who had been sightseeing. Thank you, dear parents, that you made it possible for me to do that in by-gone days. It would be so hectic to try to do London now. One needs every bit of the time to grasp the changes and watch the things and people war has brought here.

"My great adventure is truly a most interesting experience and I hope I may be useful enough to deserve it. London is full of signs of war, one is proud to wear a uniform and I hope I may honor mine. Our part seems so small beside what the men are doing."

### Canning Prize Winners

Many prizes were taken by Omaha women who exhibited canned vegetables raised in war gardens at the Douglas County fair last week.

The national prize offered by the National War Garden commission was won by Mrs. F. Dystra, 803 North Forty-third street, Omaha.

First prizes offered by the central conservation council were awarded to Mrs. George Stewart on canned succotash; Mrs. N. H. Weymuller, canned asparagus; Amy C. Lawton, canned rhubarb; Mrs. Baker, corn; Mrs. P. J. Whyte, mixed pickle; Mrs. A. S. Pinto, cherries; John and Thomas Rinn, carrots; Mrs. H. P. Armstrong, beet pickle; Mrs. P. Pasquel, Digilio, tomato catsup; Mrs. C. J. Johnson, green beans and

John and Thomas Rinn, corn on cob. Second prizes were awarded to Mrs. Maynard Cole, canned beets; Mrs. N. H. Weymuller, beet pickle; Mrs. Fred Goetz, canned tomatoes; Mrs. Nelson, mixed pickle; Mrs. H. L. Gates, cauliflower; Mrs. H. L. George, Lima beans; Mrs. P. Dystra, piccalilli; Mrs. A. F. Specht, whole tomatoes; Mrs. A. S. Pinto, green beans; Mrs. Holliday, asparagus; Mrs. S. Holmes, peaches and pears.

Third prizes were awarded to Mrs. G. H. Devereaux, carrots and cabbage; Mrs. N. Berger, pickled tomatoes; John and Thomas Rinn, tomato catsup; Mrs. O. N. Eggen, wax beans; Mrs. George Koutsky, pears; Mrs. Maynard Cole, tomatoes; Mrs. P. Dystra, peas; Mrs. F. Bachman, pickled onions.



Mrs. E. W. Crockett

Mrs. R. C. Crawford

Mrs. C. J. Glidden

Mrs. John G. Maher

## Soldiers' Xmas Parcels

Red Cross issues regulations for sending Christmas parcels to men with the American Expeditionary Forces abroad; no duplication of packets is rule of no exceptions

No Christmas parcels can be mailed later than November 15. Prohibited: Liquor, poison, explosives, inflammable materials and other dangerous objects, liquids or articles packed in glass.

In an effort to meet the eager desires of the families of men in service abroad, the War department has decided that each man may receive from his family a Christmas package of standard size and approximately standard articles. To this end an arrangement has been completed between the War department, Postoffice department and the American Red Cross, whereby the latter has undertaken to co-operate in the preparation and mailing of these Christmas parcels. To expedite the plan a large number of specially manufactured cardboard cartons have been purchased which will be distributed through the chapters to the relatives and friends of men in service overseas.

To insure avoidance of duplication and of erroneous addresses, army authorities, under General Pershing, are issuing a Christmas parcel label to each man. This measure is required by shipping space limitations. The men will be instructed to mail this label to home relatives, or friends, who, upon receiving it, will present it to the nearest chapter headquarters. They will secure one carton 3x4x9 inches in size. The person receiving a carton may fill it with any combination of articles which will fit in it, and which are not barred by the Postoffice department. When completely packed and ready for mailing the weight of the carton must not exceed three pounds.

Parcels ready for shipment shall be presented at place designated where Red Cross representatives will examine the contents, in order to:

Exclude any articles barred by Postoffice department; remove any notes or messages; place on the parcel the Christmas parcel label received from abroad. The person sending the parcel shall then, in the presence of the Red Cross representatives, affix stamps sufficient to carry the parcel to Hoboken, N. J., and the Red Cross inspection label.

Bear in Mind.

Nothing should go in a Christmas parcel which will not keep fresh from the time of packing until Christmas.

Dried fruits and other food products should be packed in small tin or wooden boxes, one-quarter to one-half pound size.

Hard candy, including chocolate, would probably be safe in tinfoil or heavy cardboard, but no soft chocolates nor anything that could possibly be crushed should be used.

Several dainties packed in oblong tin boxes holding each a quarter of a pound will provide a better variety for a packet than a larger quantity of a single confection.

For wrapping the gifts use a khaki-colored handkerchief, 27 inches square.

## Food Saving Prize Contest Plan Announced By Conservationists

To increase the interest in conservation, the Central Conservation Council announces a prize contest for the best compositions on subjects suggested below. Eight prizes, one for \$5, \$3, \$2, and five \$1 prizes will be given. Rules for the contest are as follows:

Contest is open to children from fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades of either public or parochial schools. They must be completed by January 15, 1919, and sent to address designated later by the home demonstration agent.

Compositions must be original, written in ink, on both sides of the paper and have from 600 to 1,000 words. The judges, to be named later, will use the following score cards: Subject, 75; English, 15; penmanship, 10; total, 100.

Any topic from this list may be selected: "Wheat, the Commander-in-Chief," "King Corn to the Rescue," "Barley and Oats in the Draft," "The Patriotic Potato," "My War Garden," "Fats on the Firing Line," "Autobiography of a Peanut," "The Confessions of a Garbage Pail," "Do You Know Beans?" "A Stick of Candy that Went to War," "The Struggle Between Appetite and Patriotism" and "The Patriotic Fish Family." Parents and teachers are asked to encourage children to enter this contest.

Instruction classes will be held this week, if the schools are open, according to the schedule given below:

Saratoga—Tuesday, 3:30 p. m., Mrs. R. H. Fair, chairman; subject, "Milk and Cheese."

Windsor—Wednesday, 3:30 p. m., Mrs. Herbert Woodland, chairman; subject, "Sugar Conservation."

Bancroft—Thursday, 2:00 p. m., Mrs. George Begerow, chairman; subject, "Eggs, Milk and Cheese."

Farnam—Thursday, 3:30 p. m., Mrs. Henry Reade, chairman; subject, "Meat Substitutes and Full Meal Dishes."

South Lincoln—Friday, 3:00 p. m., Mrs. G. N. Sears, chairman; subject, "Meat Substitutes and Full Meal Dishes."

Women who did not get their canned products, exhibited at the county fair, will place call for them at the Perfection Cooker store, Fifteenth and Capitol avenue.

## Needlework Guild Makes Appeal For New Garments to Meet Needs

A HOME charity, the local branch of the Needlework Guild of America, will this month or the first of November make its annual appeal for new garments to supply needs of hospitals, orphanages and other individuals, the latter administered by the civilian relief department of the Red Cross. Preliminary meetings to plan for the collection and distribution will have to be abandoned because of the influenza epidemic, the president, Mrs. Milton E. Newman, announces, but the time and place of collection will be announced shortly.

To obtain new members as well as the retention of all old members, each one to pledge the gift of two new garments, is urged by the president and other officers, Mrs. W. W. Carmichael, Mrs. T. H. Tracy, Mrs. George J. Henderson and Mrs. W. G. Templeton.

The need is so much more urgent as the war progresses and conditions at home become more acute. There are none too poor, but the objects of the charity themselves, who cannot afford to join. All that is asked is two new garments a year and anything from handkerchiefs to blankets, stockings to overcoats is acceptable.

The Needlework Guild stands side by side with the American Red Cross, of which it is the only officially affiliated organization. The Red Cross is organized for emergency, disaster and war, while its sister's purpose is the care of the home institutions and the needy ones both in time of peace and war by furnishing to them household linen and wearing apparel. In times of war the Guild shares the burden of the Red Cross by furnishing surgical dressings and hospital supplies. This is a fitting combination and one duly acknowledged by the Red Cross.

## Patriotic League Clubs Plan Vaudeville Show Soon

Try-outs will be held, as soon as the ban on public meetings is lifted, for the big vaudeville show the War Camp Community Service is planning for the benefit of the soldiers.

Any girl who has signed the pledge of the Patriotic Clubs is eligible. Stunts, music, sketches, anything of the character usually seen on the Orpheum stage, is acceptable and girls who can put on such performances are requested to get their acts in readiness to try out before the committee that will be appointed to hear them. There are 2,000 eligible girls in Omaha.

The vaudeville show will be given at the Grandville theater on dates to be decided on later. The schedule of the theater is now in a confused condition, owing to cancellation of dates, due to influenza, but as soon as these can be straightened out the dates will be announced.

The show will be held two evenings, the first for soldiers only, and all men in uniform will be admitted free of charge. The second night money taken in to be used for the entertainment of soldiers.

Mrs. James Ludlow and Mrs. Scott left Monday for 10 days at Celis Springs.

## Army and Navy Notes at Random

Lieut. John Dwight Evans, staff officer of the utility department of the quartermaster's corps, has arrived overseas.

Mrs. Joseph H. Barnard has received a cablegram from Lieutenant Colonel Barnard of the 803d pioneer infantry, stationed at Camp Grant, telling of his safe arrival at an English port. Mrs. Barnard is staying with her parents, Col. and Mrs. J. M. Banister.

Richard Page, who is in the United States navy, expects his overseas orders at any time now. He is doing expert work in semaphore signals and will sail on one of the United States battleships.

Lt. George Metcalfe, who has been spending several days here, left Wednesday for Camp Funston, where he is stationed.

Lt. Thomas McShane and Sergt. George McShane of the Omaha ambulance company are now in France.

Lt. Robert Howe, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Howe, left Friday after spending a week with his parents. Lieutenant Howe is now in the east and will sail soon for service abroad.

Lt. Raymond Byrne, U. S. N., who has been spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Byrne, will leave soon for California.

Lt. Sidney Howell, Lt. Charles Hayward, Lt. Walter Reed and Lt. Haight have been promoted to company commanders. They were stationed at Fort Omaha with the second squadron and have been in service abroad now for almost a year.

Lt. Drexel Sibbensen, who is now with the 5th field artillery in

France, wires to his parents here that he has been in every one of the great battles during the last two months. Lt. Al Sibbensen is still working in aviation at Waco, Tex.

General Harries, who went into the army from Omaha, is now at Brest, in charge of embarkation.

Hart Jenks, son of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Hart Jenks, now stationed at Kelly Field, has won the title of "poet editor" of the Kelly Field Eagle because of his very excellent contributions.

Lt. Tracy Lewis of Fort Omaha has received his promotion from second to first lieutenant.

Lt. Wayne Selby, who has been stationed at Syracuse, N. Y., is home on a month's sick leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Selby.

Robert Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Edwards, left Wednesday for Seattle, Wash., where he will

enter training in the ground school of naval aviation.

Jack Spencer of the new aviation hospital corps at the Great Lakes naval training station is spending a 14-day furlough here with his father, Mr. J. E. Spencer, and brother, Mr. Frank Spencer.

Lt. Earl C. Sage of the medical corps has arrived safely overseas. Lieutenant Sage is a cousin of Miss Marjorie Howland and was a member of the medical staff of Barnes hospital in St. Louis prior to his enlistment.

The Omaha Bee invites contributions to the woman's section of its Sunday edition. Telephone news to society editors, Tyler 1000 and Tyler 3479, or mail communications to reach The Bee office before Friday, 5 p. m. Written contributions must be endorsed with name and address of sender.