

France Sends Woman to Capital

Jeanne Bouvier, Toiler, Says Sun About to Shine for Working Women of World.

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Washington, Nov. 22.—"The Song of the Shirt," is the burden of the story that Jeanne Bouvier of Paris, brings to the International Congress of Working Women, convening in Washington today.

She comes as one of the two French delegates to the congress, and is also to represent her government as technical advisor to the International Labor conference, does this white-haired little French woman whose childhood was passed in drudgery of 15 hours a day in French factories; whose whole life is a history of slavery that has scarred her hands, lined her face with suffering, and yet has still strong, the light of hope in her dark eyes that the future holds indeed the true emancipation of the working women of the world.

Thus she comes to America, this little French woman, unembittered by the years that gave her nothing but toil clad in simple black, but bringing with her all the brightness of the idealism, all the unflinching courage of women of the land that bore Jeanne D'Arc.

"Ah!" she said to a group of newspaper men when she caught her first glimpse of the Capitol. "I hold my breath! See! Sunlight strike the dome. Eet ees here liberty was born. 'Eet ges here commences ze new life for women who work. I know eet. I feel eet!"

That she found an interpreter and her, halting English gave way to rapid-fire French. Her black eyes sparkled, her face lighted, her white, scarred old hands fluttering in expressive pantomime. She was telling how some day the weight of degrading labor will be lifted from the workwoman of Europe. America did not know—America could not know—the bitterness of the Continental woman's lot. She spoke of their labor in the fields from sunrise to sunset, and then she spoke of the slavery of the German peasant woman. The brightness fled her face, the soft eyes grew hard.

"Ah, those Hun dogs!" came her cry. "In Germany it is the man only whose hands are unmarred by the grind of work. Look! See my hands? And I am a French woman."

Jeanne Bouvier in her tenth year was put to work 15 hours a day in a silk factory in Paris for less



Miss Jeanne Bouvier, more than a half franc a day—less than 10 cents a day. She reached womanhood in the factory and then, as a needle-worker, gained two and one-half francs a day.

"I made shirts," she said in French, answering a question. "First by hand, later by machinery. 'Flash-flash, in-and-out, would go the shuttle. It sang me a song. It sang of what life is to those who toil, and it sang what life should be. It sang, too, what life, some day, shall be for the worker. Flash-flash, in-and-out. I have its song singing in my heart, sometimes gladsome, mostly sad. My hands know the shuttle's song in my heart. See them?"

In 1898 Jeanne Bouvier became active in her trade union and since that time has been a leader in the labor movement in France. In 1909 she was elected member of the Supreme Council of the French Federation of Labor, and in 1915 was made member of the minimum wage commission for home workers for the Department of the Seine.

Famous Women

John Dunton's "Iris."
"God saw thee most fit for me." That was the inscription on Iris' wedding ring. John Dunton, a scribbler and bookseller, who wrote 500 works not worth a pin, married a lovely girl who believed in him, served him through the temptations of the 18th century, washed and ironed for him, sold his pamphlets and nonsense, and died for him in the end.

A daughter was born, November 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Brando of San Francisco. Mr. Brando is the son of E. E. Brando of Omaha. Mrs. Brando was formerly Miss Dorothy Myers, daughter of Frank H. Myers of Omaha.

Council Bluffs Society

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Duqu... are now at home at the Duquette residence on Glen avenue. They were married two weeks ago in Chicago at the Church of the Redeemer and the wedding breakfast was served at the Blackstone. The bride was formerly Miss Evelyn Smith of this city.

South First street chapter of St. Paul's guild met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. J. Barrett on Logan street. The afternoon was spent in sewing quilt blocks. On December 6 the club will hold a baza at the home of Mrs. Richard Green.

The ladies of the Dodge Engineers gave a very delightful entertainment in honor of the boys who had seen service, at Eagles' hall on Monday evening. A number of the out-of-town boys were present and spent a very pleasant evening with their old "buddies." The music was good and the boys needed no urging to dance, in fact, the older members of the party enjoyed this part of the entertainment as much as the boys and their partners. Fried chicken, cake, buns and coffee were served and were nearly as popular as the dancing.

Oakland avenue chapter of St. Pauls met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Martin Peterson. The regular business was transacted and plans were made for a party to be held in the spring. Mrs. E. E. Norgaard will entertain at an indoor picnic on the second Monday in December.

Mrs. Fred Spooner entertained the Ideal club at luncheon on Tuesday at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Southard, Mrs. Moth, Mrs. Pyper, Mrs. Cutler and Mrs. Bonham, were assistant hostesses. The club will hold a sturdy meeting next week at Mrs. Spooner's.

Donald Annis, son of A. D. Annis and Miss Marjorie Seybert, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. T. Seybert, were quietly married on Wednesday morning at 6:30 at St. Francis church, Rev. Father F. P. McManus officiating. Mr. Albert Annis, brother of the groom was best man and Miss Brunette Graner of Kankakee, Ill., was bridesmaid. The wedding march was played by Miss Elizabeth Quinn and Miss Agnes Wickham, sang, "Oh, Promise Me" and "Because."

Miss Rodna Hughes played softly during the mass. The bride wore a black satin dress, fur coat and small hat, with corsage of violets. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents for the bridal party and a few intimate friends. Covers were laid for 20. Mr. and Mrs. Annis left during the forenoon on their wedding trip.

Miss Elizabeth Annis entertained on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Marjorie Seybert and Donald Annis, who were married on

Wednesday morning. A number of novel features furnished amusement between dances, among them a mock wedding which was solemnized at 1 o'clock. Miss Coramzy of Forsyth, of Chicago, Miss Stillman was the honor guest at dinner on Monday evening given by Mrs. William Coppock. On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Stillman entertained at luncheon in honor of their daughter and her fiance, Mr. John Shaw Brocksmitt of Chicago.

On Tuesday evening they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Everett and on Wednesday Mrs. Angelina Brinsmaid and her father, Mr. Rockwell, entertained the wedding party on Wednesday at luncheon.

Miss Mary Stillman and Mr. John Shaw Brocksmitt were married on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Paul's by Rev. Mann. The wedding march was played by Prof. Christopher Thornton. The bride entered the church on her father's arm. She was attended by her sister, Miss Nancy and Miss Carol Mason of Chicago. Mr. Horace Armstrong was best man and the Messrs. Holmes Forsythe, Robert Mathews, Bradford Wells, all of Chicago and Hugh Stillman, brother of the bride, were ushers. An informal reception was held after the ceremony at the home of the bride's parents on Willow avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Brocksmitt will spend their honeymoon in the south and will be at home to their friends after January 1 in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Morehouse have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn, to Mr. Paul J. Vollmar of Omaha, the wedding to take place on Wednesday, November 26.

Mrs. A. M. Jackson entertained the Book Lovers on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. True reviewed the life and writings of Joseph Conrad and Mrs. Otis gave a paper on "Opera in English."

The members of the Tuesday History club will meet at the home of Mrs. S. B. Snyder and go in a body to the Twin Bridges farm with Mrs. O. J. McManus.

The Harmony Chapter Kensington held its regular business meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. R. G. McCaw. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Gieger and Mrs. Van Fossen. Next week the election of officers will be held at the home of Mrs. Jackson, 116 South Seventh street.

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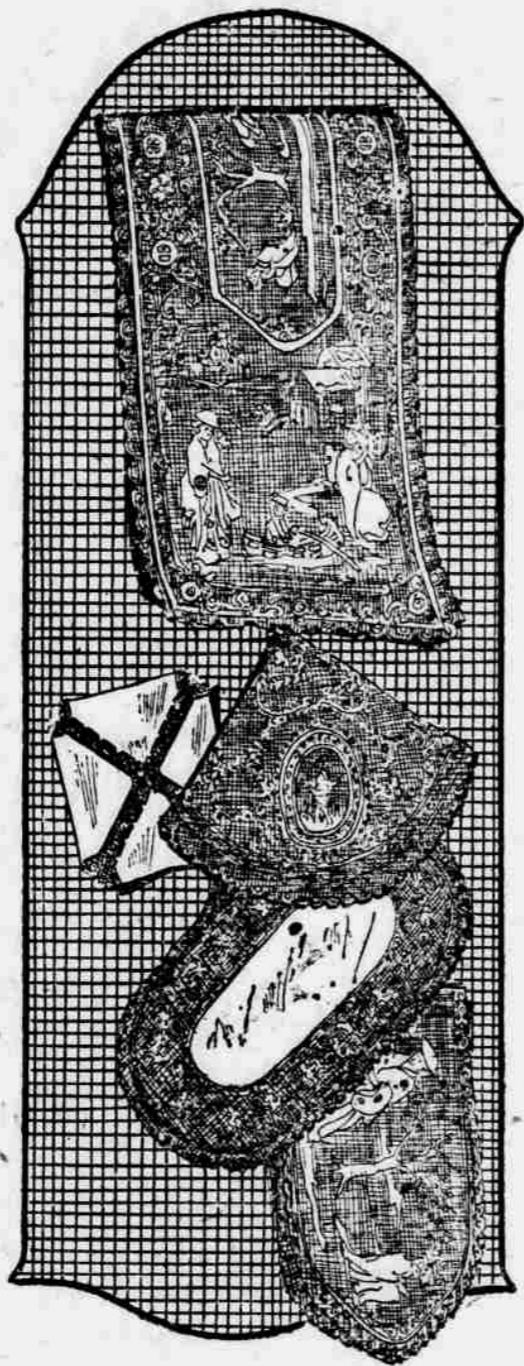
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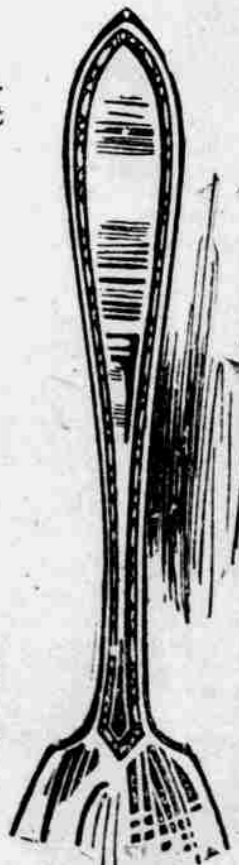
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