

MME. PETROVA WARNS WOMEN OF RESPONSIBILITY

Actress Speaks at Meeting Of Collegiate Alumnae On Changes Caused By War.

"Because we know our own minds, we need not be less feminine, less helpful or less beautiful," said Madame Olga Petrova, speaking to members of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in the palm room of the Hotel Fontenelle Saturday noon. Mme. Petrova wore a severely tailored suit of midnight blue and a hat of black velvet topped with a red tulle; her blouse was a blue-green, fashioned with a high neck. A red rose worn at the waist added to the challenge of color, and a silver fox scarf over her shoulders blended with the neutral tones.

"This would have been impossible 20 years ago," commented the famous actress, referring to her talk. "Then we spoke through our fathers, brothers, or other male relatives. But this freedom which has so recently come to women carries with it a tremendous responsibility. We must share with men the responsibilities of the world.

Vulgarity Not Necessary.

"One can be human and entertaining without being coarse and vulgar," declared Mme. Petrova. "There has been a lamentable lack of decency in manners since the war. The feeling of democracy is not license for bad manners. For the gentleness and culture of life, we must depend upon the women. I do not expect much from the men. It was the women in the pioneer days who carried books across the plains and prairies so that these instruments of learning would not be left behind.

Even among the peasants, it is the women who insist that hands be washed before eating; that feet shall be kept off the mantelpiece. It is the women who can develop the spiritual side of things in a revolutionary world.

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Envy Is Natural.

"There are few who reach heights without being envied by those who lack the equipment and courage to climb," was a bit of philosophy from Mme. Petrova's lips. "The farther one toils up a mountain side, the better target he makes for those who would singly him out. But there would be little in life for us if we could not work and strive, and climb. If I thought no one were better than myself I would jump off the top of some high building," said Mme. Petrova with some excitement.

"It is a paradox, this saying about being born equal," she said speaking hurriedly. "Some children are born pretty, some ugly, some strong, some weak, some bright, and others—less so. But I do believe that being well-born, this country offers very nearly equal possibilities to all and that those who will work, and bear, and believe, will achieve success." And there is nothing worth while," said Mme. Petrova, closing her eyes as if in memory of experience. "that is not hard to attain." "And remember too," she said in closing her brief talk, "that success is harder to keep after you have it than it is to win in the first place."

No Prisoners for Year, Jail Becomes Pest House

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—O'Neill has solved the problem of what to do with the tenantless jails of the country. The local city jail, a comfortable cement structure, has been without an occupant for a year or more. A transient case of smallpox decided the authorities to turn the jail into a pest house.

Governor Will Address Graduates at Geneva

Geneva, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—S. R. McKelvie has been obtained by Superintendent Weisel to deliver the high school commencement address May 14. On that date a class of 30 will receive diplomas.

Elect York Man to Head Nebraska State Jewelers' Association



Fort Omaha Officers Prepare for Rapid Expansion of Post

As a result of the visit of Lieut. Col. Harold Geiber of Washington, acting chief of the balloon and airship division of the army, Fort Omaha officers are preparing for a rapid expansion of their post into the largest experimental balloon center in the country.

Colonel Geiber left for the east Friday night after inspecting Fort Omaha and assuring Col. Jacob Wuest, commandant at the post, that all development work relative to the balloon will be conducted at Fort Omaha in the near future.

This assurance means that work will start immediately on the development of four new types of balloons, and that the new helium gas will be used entirely, and incidentally, that a force of civilian engineers will be employed at the fort, officers say.

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GENERAL WOOD TO SPEND SUNDAY ON VISIT TO OMAHA

Will Speak at Presbyterian Church—Campaign in South Dakota.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, candidate for the republican nomination for president, will arrive here from Chicago this morning to spend the day as the guest of John W. Towle, chairman of the Douglas county "Wood for President" club and to speak at the First Presbyterian church, Thirty-fourth and Farnam streets, at 8 p. m. on "The Value of Character."

General Wood will be accompanied by Mrs. Wood, Colonel and Mrs. Dorey, Col. C. B. Baker, Lieutenant Osborne and Ed Clarke, his publicity manager. They will stop at Hotel Fontenelle during their stay here.

The General and Mrs. Wood and staff members will be entertained at dinner at the Towle home, 3602 Pacific street.

General Wood leaves here Monday morning for Lincoln, where he will inspect University of Nebraska cadets, address the constitutional convention and speak at a dinner of Sons of the American Revolution. He comes through Omaha Monday night on his way to Yankton, S. D., where he will open his campaign Tuesday for the South Dakota preferential vote for president.

Man Electrifies the Court With Prayer on Being Called to Testify

Aurora, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.) Raising on the witness stand, when called upon to testify, closing his eyes and reverently clasping his hands, Emil A. Fleming yesterday delivered a fervent prayer for his brothers, sisters and everybody in the court room, instead of testifying. The court was electrified and the attorney for the opposition bowed to the strange attitude of the man and refrained from pushing his inquiry.

Fleming is co-defendant with Jennie F. Black in the famous "suit brought by Mrs. Minnie Lyon, a sister, who alleges that the family farm was decided by her mother, to Fleming and Jennie Black merely to facilitate getting a loan on the property, and that since the death of the mother they have claimed and held sole ownership.

At the close of the plaintiff's case and Attorney E. J. Haier started to question him. With the first question Fleming started suddenly to his feet and delivered the following prayer:

"Dear Heavenly Father, I ask thee to help everybody here to realize they are all included in the wonderful promise you gave when you so loved the world that you gave your only begotten son that whosoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Amen. That is all the testimony I have to give."

Judge Good told Fleming to answer the questions that were there-

after put to him but he sat mute. Rather than see Fleming punished Mr. Haier declined to further press his questions.

Nebraskan In the Aviation Service Drowned at Sea

Tecumseh, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Roxie E. Aitken, who lives west of Tecumseh has received official information from Washington that her son, Chief Quartermaster Oscar F. Aitken of the aviation section of the United States navy, had been lost at sea. The officer had been stationed at Rockaway Beach, Long Island, New York. He made an ascension in a balloon and a strong wind blew the balloon seaward. Aitken cut loose and made a parachute drop into the ocean. The body has not been recovered.

He is survived by his mother, two brothers, James Aitken of Omaha and Courtney Aitken of Tecumseh, and a sister, Miss Darlene Aitken, who lives at home.

Flags Presented Schools By Garfield Circle, G. A. R.

Garfield circle No. 11, Ladies of the G. A. R., commemorated Washington's birthday by the presentation of two beautiful silk flags, one to Beals school and the other to Saunders school, Friday afternoon. The flags were presented to the schools by Mrs. Camilla Elliott.

Wheat Good at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Farmers in this section of the state report that winter wheat is looking fairly good. In some places where it looks dead they say favorable weather will straighten it up.

"Striking" Nurses to Leave City, Leaders Of "Walkout" Declare

No change was reported last night in the strike situation at the Birchmount hospital, Thirty-fourth and Farnam streets, where 22 pretty student nurses "walked out" Friday morning and yesterday packed their trunks preparatory to leaving town. "Unbearable conditions" at the hospital, which apparently consisted principally of a lack of training, was said to be the reason for the "strike." The nurses stated yesterday that they had been studying only two subjects and that classes in these were held irregularly.

Robert McClellan, proprietor of the hospital, and his daughter, Miss Myra McClellan, give a "general spirit of unrest" as the real reason for the action of the nurses. Graduate nurses have been obtained and with volunteer help are taking care of patients at the hospital.

Council Gives Permission To Return German Prisoners

Paris, Feb. 21.—The repatriation of the German war prisoners now in Siberia was authorized by the council of ambassadors at its session today. The action of the council provided that the repatriation be by way of the far east.

SOCIAL WORKER IS FOUND GUILTY OF SYNDICALISM

First Woman Arrested in California On Charge of Advocating Violence, Convicted by Jury.

Oakland, Cal., Feb. 21.—A verdict of guilty was returned last night by a jury which tried Miss Anita Whitney, social worker, writer and lecturer, on a charge of criminal syndicalism. The jury was out more than five hours.

Miss Whitney was the first woman arrested in California under a law which makes it a felony to advocate violence as a means of accomplishing a political or industrial change.

It was admitted by the defense during the trial that Miss Whitney was a member of the communist labor party, but it was denied that she or the party advocated violence. The verdict found Miss Whitney guilty of but one of five counts contained in the complaint, that of "being a member of a criminal syndicalism organization."

Four Armed Bandits Bind 8 Persons and Rob House of \$800

A gang of four armed bandits obtained more than \$500 in cash Friday night at the dairy home of Alfred Hansen, Forty-eighth and Spring streets, after binding and gagging six grown persons and two children, and locking them in the cellar.

Mr. Hansen, Miss Mary Jensen housekeeper, Peter Jensen, Edward Larson, Carl Holm and Peter Erickson, all hired help; Alice Hansen, 12 years old, and Smith Hansen, 10 years old, were the persons bound and placed in the cellar.

The small boy succeeded in slipping his bonds and released the other persons a half hour after the robbers escaped. They had been in the house for two hours. They discovered the telephone wires had been cut on attempting to call police.

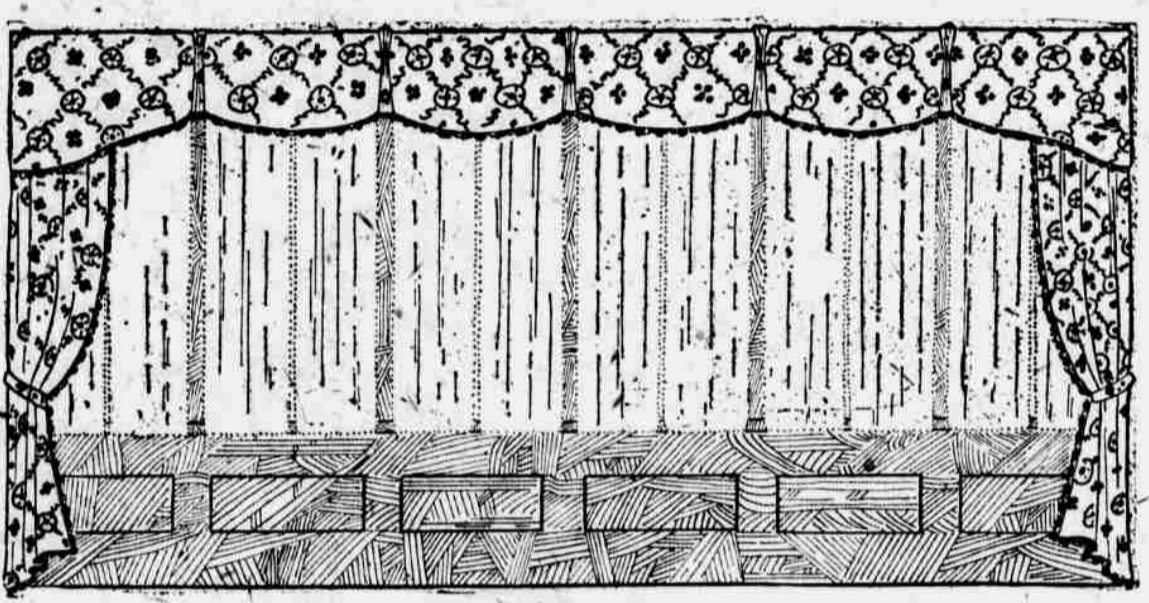
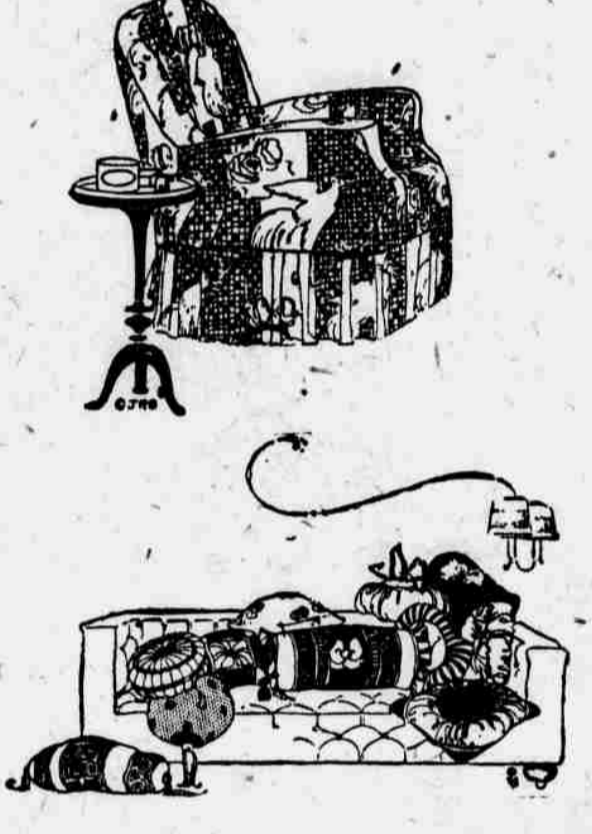
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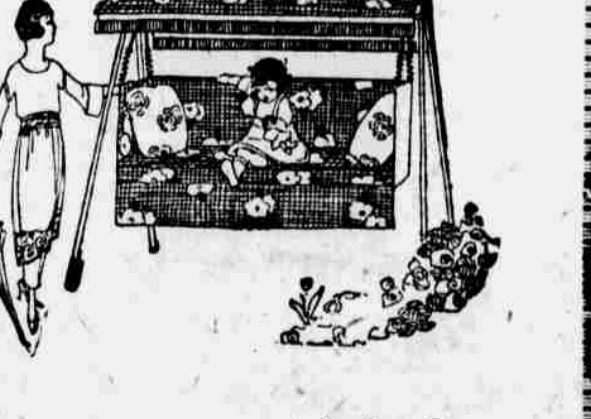
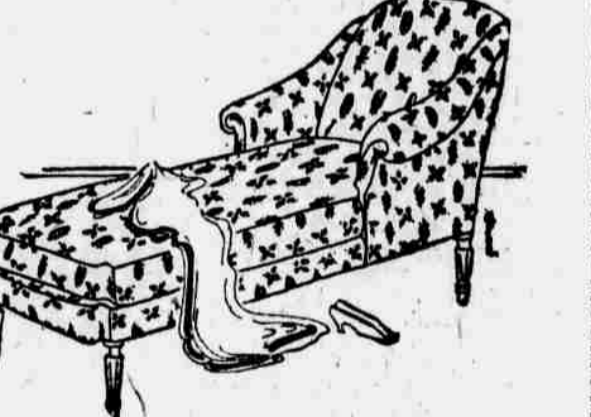
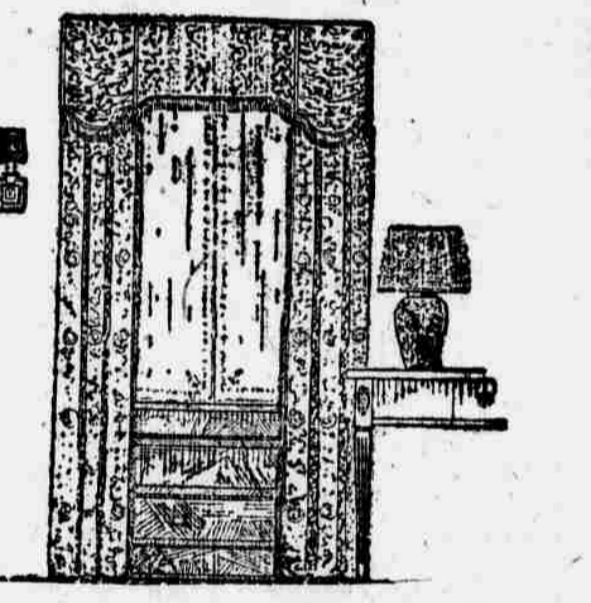
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