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A Page's Impression of the 27th Continental Congress of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

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The 27th Continental Congress opened Monday morning, April 15th, at the usual hour, ten o'clock, to the familiar sound of the bugle call by Mr. Arthur S. Witcomb, of the United States Marine band, with the Pages forming a line of march down the aisle, escorting our president general, Mrs. George Thatcher Guernsey, to the platform.

My trunk not having arrived, I had the opportunity for the first time in five years of being Page, of seeing from my seat in the gallery, ourselves as others see us as we march in. This year the Pages wore a uniform of white tailored skirt and shirtwaist with over-blouse of pongee, some of Belgian blue, others of bright rose, and as they marched down the aisle, first a single Page in blue blouse bearing aloft our glorious flag, followed by the other Pages two by two, in blue blouses, then those in the rose ones; the effect of the red, white and blue was startlingly brilliant and beautiful and I could not help but join in the exclamations of delight I heard on every side.

When Mrs. Guernsey took her seat on the platform and struck the gavel, the Page carrying the flag mounted the platform and the entire audience rose and recited "The American Creed," after which they saluted the flag, which was most impressive.

Mrs. Guernsey called the Congress to order and after reading of the Scripture, prayer, and singing of "America," gave the greeting of welcome to the Congress in a splendid and stirring address in which she rebuked those people in America who criticize England; pronouncing them pro-German, and said in fact that any who criticized any one of our Allies was not true to the cause we are fighting. Kaiserism must go down before the righteous and outraged democracy of the world, was her keynote.

On stepping into the hall on Monday morning, I was greatly impressed with the wonderful order and system in which every detail was planned and carried out and this impression grew as the days went by. In all the Congresses I have attended not one has moved off with such order, harmony, promptness and justice. Members were unanimous in their feeling that the Congress was most efficiently conducted, the most important and most productive of results of any in the history of the organization. Many innovations were made, as for instance in the regents' report limited to five minutes; this was rightly enforced. A red and blue light was on each side of the platform steps. When the blue light came on it indicated the reader had one minute more. When the red light flashed forth it indicated to the reader it was time to stop and no leniency was shown to any one. Five minutes meant five minutes, which was a pleasant change to those of us, Page or delegate, who have sat sometimes until midnight listening to reports of interesting individuals, but collectively very wearisome.

The attendance this year was only 800 less than last year, which was the largest Congress ever held.

Of course the whole atmosphere of the Congress was war, and it was inspiring to hear of the work we, as Daughters are doing. \$9,418,043.50 is the total of war expenditures of the D. A. R. for the past year; over \$7,000,000 of it in Liberty loan. 1,060 French war orphans are being cared for. 63 members of the D. A. R. are now in active duty near the front serving in canteens, hospitals and cafeterias. A motion was made that a resolution be sent to Congress requesting that a service flag similar to that now in use for men be given to homes that have women in war service.

Among the most interesting reports were Mrs. George Maynard Minor's on the Magazine, and Mrs. Matthew T. Scott's on War Relief Service. Mrs. Minor gave a full, business-like report of her work in getting the magazine on a business basis and it is now for the first time since its inception, self-supporting. It has a subscription of 8,407. Every Daughter was urged as her patriotic duty to take the magazine. Mrs. Minor paid a high tribute to the editor, Miss Natalie Sumner Lincoln.

Mrs. Scott said in her report: "We are not so much helping our Allies, as our Allies are helping us." She paid a tribute to the armies of France and England and to the British Fleet, stating that we owed our present security to them. The following are some of the resolutions adopted by the Congress: Any Daughter uttering any disloyal word against our government shall be punished by the National Society by being expelled and by having her badge forfeited. A case of the kind having come up. Condemning the use of the German language in the schools. To endorse the Rankin Bill in the House which will permit American women married to aliens to retain their American citizenship. To observe May 12th, Mother's day, as a day of prayer for the mothers of our service. To adopt a distinctive marking for the graves of Americans fallen in France. To urge Congress to adopt "The Star Spangled Banner" as our National anthem. To send a vote of thanks to the women in a seaside village in Scotland who set up all night making an American flag to fly over the graves of the men lost in the torpedoing of the Tuscania.

The most brilliant reception in the history of the organization of the D. A. R. was given in the Pan-American building, the capital of the western hemisphere, Mrs. Guernsey and the wives of all the cabinet officers receiving. This is the first time the Pan-American Union has conferred this honor on the Daughters or any other organization; the building having been used only for Presidential receptions, etc., but the governing board

unanimously voted to have the reception held there because of the high respect in which they hold the Daughters for the place the Daughters hold in the work of the government. They are considered along side of the Red Cross and it is said, ahead of it in the work they do. On the heatless Mondays, the ban was off Memorial Continental Hall because of its place in government work. An interesting item about the beautiful banquet or council room of the Pan-American building, where the ambassadors of the various countries meet once a month about the table to discuss the affairs of their nations in the interest of peace and friendship, is that this room has been the means of preventing six wars in the western hemisphere, and that Joffre and Balfour on their visit there said if England, France, Germany, Belgium and Italy had a room like that, this horrible war would never have been.

The patriotic evenings and an "Evening with Our Early Members" were most interesting. In the first, greetings were given from some of the Allies; Ambassadors of France and Italy, and Ministers of Serbia and Belgium and the Military Attache of Great Britain, interspersed with music by the United States Marine band and national hymns of the Allies. Every allied diplomat who spoke, voiced the message of good cheer, given by Ambassador Jules Jusserand, of France. "Be of good cheer; we will not be dismayed. We have faced worse crises than this in the past and have come through victorious. We will not be discouraged. We are in the war to fight to the last ditch, the last gun and the last man." Secretary of State Lansing said, "We must, win, win there can be no other end to this war."

Among the most interesting addresses in the "Evening with our early Members" was that by Mrs. George Maynard Minor on "The Deeper Meaning of Our Daughters of the American Revolution Organization," which was most inspiring. She said: "We are not here to scrape the moss from off our ancestors' tombstones, but to stand for the ideals they lived and died for." A motion was made and carried that her address be printed and given to every Chapter Regent, as still under the spell of the red and blue lights, I fancy I see the blue light flashing out, which means only one minute more, so I'll close before the red light signifies my time is up.

May Name State Troops in Action is New Ruling.

The American people are to be given information on the exploits of the troops in which they are most interested, when disclosure of identity of units will not give valuable facts to the enemy, Secretary of War Baker declared.

Secretary Baker has communicated to General Pershing a desire to make public the names of State troops which take part in operations with the enemy and where possible to announce the names of individual commanders whose men distinguish themselves.

It is Secretary Baker's hope to give out the names of organizations which participate in actual fighting as soon as it is established that the enemy is aware that such units are in action against him.

Under this program it will be possible to state that such and such a Pennsylvania regiment was in a particular action, and the American people will be able to judge of the fighting ability of the men of the different States.

The Adjutant General's office issued a statement explaining the unusual efforts that are being made to notify promptly relatives of soldiers appearing in the casualty list of the American expeditionary forces.

The statement, in part, says: "Relatives of soldiers named in casualty lists forwarded from France by General Pershing ordinarily are notified by telegraph within twenty-four hours. Most of the exceptions to this rule are caused by circumstances over which the Adjutant General's office has no control. Delays usually are due to these causes:

"First. Clerical errors, caused by the fact that names and addresses must pass through so many hands in France and America.

"Second. Incorrect street addresses turned in by soldiers as their emergency addresses. These mistakes occur frequently in cases where soldiers have been away from home and do not remember street numbers or street names.

"Third. Removal of families to addresses other than those listed by soldiers.

"Fourth. The occasional necessity for cabling back to General Pershing to verify a name or to obtain an address.

"Each contingent sailing to join the American expeditionary forces carries a copy of its roster to the Adjutant General, as it goes on shipboard.

"After the completed casualty list is ready with the emergency addresses, it is withheld from publication in the newspapers for a reasonable space, out of respect for the feelings of relatives. The Adjutant General's office allows ample time for the relatives to receive the telegrams, so that they may have the news before it is given to the general public.

"Aside from the four causes of delay already mentioned, the only reason for the failure of relatives to receive word at once is military consideration. General Pershing may at his discretion withhold a casualty list until he is positive it will have no military value to the enemy."

The Blood and the Brain.

Among the many important physiological facts that should be as well known by people generally as they are by physicians, is the dependence of the brain for its proper action on the vitality of the blood. If this is impaired, the blood affords an imperfect stimulus to the brain, and, as a necessary consequence, languor and inactivity of the entire nervous system follows, and a tendency to headache or faintness makes its appearance.

It is probable that no other medicine ever produced has done more in the way of revitalizing the blood, making it pure and rich, than Hood's Sarsaparilla, which should certainly be given a trial where there is any reason to believe that the blood is defective or deficient in quantity.

FARM NOTES.

—The sheep is a native of high, dry surroundings, therefore we must imitate nature in the care of the flock to obtain the best results. In order to keep the animal's vitality at the highest point, exercise and abundance of fresh air should be provided.

—Now that the whirl of the lawn mower has begun its all summer music one of the best and one of the cheapest of all poultry feeds is available, and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is giving wide publicity to the great value of lawn clippings as chicken feed.

There are millions of bushels of lawn clippings wasted or destroyed annually by property owners not owning or keeping poultry and such will save many thousands of bushels of chick feed and grain and mill feeds if they will see that their neighbors feeding chickens get these clippings.

Blue grass lawn clippings have almost the feeding value of wheat and besides this have a unique value in the effect they have for good on the appetite and general health of the chickens.

They wilt, heat and spoil very quickly and in such state are absolutely valueless as poultry feed. Only enough for the day's use should be cut at one time and this immediately sown in the water of the drinking pan thus keeping the clippings fresh and available for the entire day and allowing a maximum quantity to be used. Chickens will feed on such "preserved" lawn clippings all day.

If chickens have access to young growing grass or even weeds they will not need lawn clippings especially in such case they should be carefully dried, in the shade if possible. Bagging after drying is equally important with drying in the shade for good results. These dried lawn clippings make the best possible winter green feed.

Careful tests have convinced the poultry experts of the Department that while the actual amount of feed saved when feeding lawn clippings green or dried is not so much, the amount of growth made or eggs laid are enormously increased.

—A movement for increasing the raising of sheep in this State is being suggested to the various farmers' organizations.

The world faces a very serious shortage of wool as the result of the war. The total annual clip were equally distributed over the world each person would have only 36 ounces for wearing apparel. To clothe and equip the millions of American soldiers who will be called to the colors will increase the demand tremendously. Never in the history of this country has the commodity commanded as high a price as is now paid for it.

Lambs and sheep have a food value that is not surpassed, and the world is short of meat. In spite of this increased demand both for wool and mutton, American farmers show a reduction in the number of sheep raised and this at a time when both wool and mutton are indispensable. It would seem, therefore, that the Pennsylvania farmer who has the land and labor to do so, can safely and profitably increase his flocks; and that others who have discontinued sheep-raising may safely renew the practice, in the knowledge that both demand and price are sure to justify his enterprise.

—The United States Food Administration for Pennsylvania has issued an appeal to the motorists of Pennsylvania on behalf of the hen and her brood. It says that one of the most serious losses to the poultry industry of late years has been the mortality

of hens and broods of little chickens on highways where there is considerable motor traffic. This loss is estimated to be greater than the depreciations by hawks and with the steady increase in the number of motor cars is now an important factor in the food situation.

Motorists are asked to exercise care and use their influence to prevent the killing and crippling of poultry which have wandered into the road. An injured fowl or young chicken is usually unable to hunt its feed and either dies or becomes a runt.

The chick that you spare today may be your Sunday dinner a few months hence.

—The cost of producing pork this coming summer will be directly dependent upon the amount and kind of feed provided for growing pigs. The biggest factor in keeping the feed-bill at a reasonable cost is the use of green feed for the "young porkers" throughout the growing season, says H. H. Havner, of The Pennsylvania State College.

The use of pasture crops is not an entirely new scheme for producing pork economically. This method of feeding has been used by the leading swine growers of Pennsylvania with very satisfactory results both as regards both as regards gain in weight and cost of gain.

Green feed to replace a part of the high-priced grain in the ration is a dollar and cents proposition for the small producer of pork as well as the owner of several litters. The grain feed cost per pig will be from \$5 to \$8 lower if forage crops are used instead of an exclusive grain ration. One-half acre of good forage will carry from fifteen to eighteen spring pigs for six to eight weeks. A second strip of ground slightly larger in area ought to be seeded the latter part of June for midsummer feed.

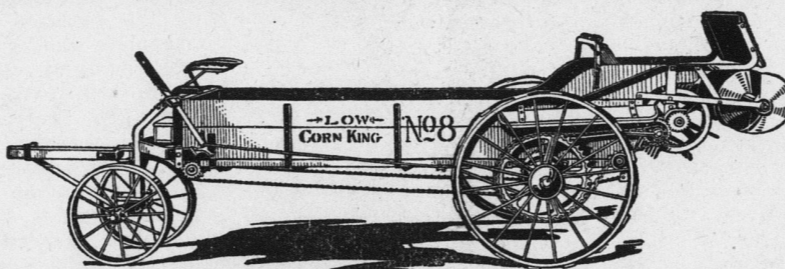
A combination of soybeans and rape or rape alone is suitable for green feed for the months of August and September. Owing to the scarcity and high price of grain it will be most profitable this year to limit the ration to the approximate standard of two pounds per 100 pounds live weight daily to pasture-grown pigs after they have reached the weight of forty pounds apiece. This will insure a maximum consumption of green forage. For the major part of the fall finishing feed, a strip of early maturing corn should be planted.

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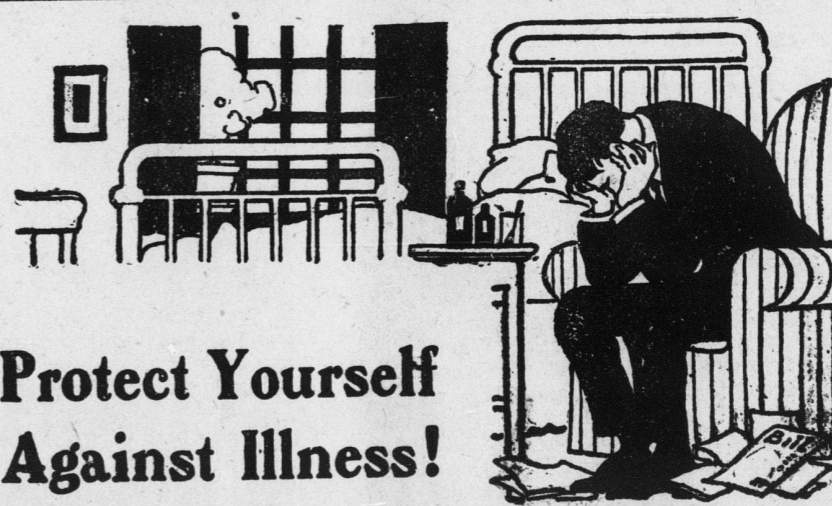
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