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### JOOK NEWS-WAR AND FICTION AMONG THE NEW VOLUMES-PHOTOPLAYS **DORAN BOOKS**

# WAR'S DEVASTATION **POWERFULLY DEPICTED** BY RUSSIAN WRITER

Doroshevitch Gives Faithful Ac-. count of Poland's and South Russia's Plight in "The Way of the Cross"

In the midst of all the tinnel and glamour of the literature which has emanated from. Europe since the war began, painting in brilliant reds and greens the "light-hearteditesm" of the civilians during their hours of sorrow, "The Way of the Cross" (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York), stands out in a different tone, challenging with Its gray the romete hues of other tales. V. Doro-shevitch, a noted Russian journalist, is the man who has dared to describe the plight of a war-stricken people. How he succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the Russian censor is a mystery.

"The Way of the Cross" presents a ter ribly poignant picture of the Russian and Folish fugitives fleeing from the German invaders in the autumn of last year. There are no charges of atrocities by the Teuton hordes, no "crime against humanity" is alleged; in fact, the Germans nover enter ato the narrative. But the mass, the grief, the isolation, the desolation of the peasants, artisans and tradesmen driven from everywhere to anywhere by the exithe narrative. But the minery, the gencies of a war which is not theirs, is described with the horrible realism so characteristic of the Russian writer.

The author, writing in short, menacing sentences, does not stop at the more this of the long river of broken-down human-ity, whose banks are lined with white, fresh-hewn crosses. He assails the lack of interest of official Russia.

"We are by no means a cruel people, he writes. "But dreadfully cruel things happen in

our country. We can make penal scrvitude into hell, and life into penal servitude."

The author calls this picture of the feeing peasants "the retreat of the great ricultural army." "And with what, and iow, shall we pay for it?' he asks. It is impossible to describe the tremen dous power of this book, which through-out is of one tone-dull-and of one color -gray, Stephen Graham has written an

introductory note which is poor as lit-erature and worse as an introduction, to The Way of the Cross."

Miss F. Tennyson Jesse, author of "The Milky Way," a novel, and "The Black Mask," which has lately been on the stage in New York, has published (G. H. Doran Company), these new short stories of southern England and southern France under one title. a tender but tragic love story and de-scribes incidentally many of the sensations

She has combined a style full of ro-mantic description and touched by some-thing sinister, with a maturalistic ten-dency to emphasize the fundamental in-stincts of men and women. Miss Jesse has, to a remarkable degree, the power consciousness the things that sho wants sounds and feelings do not merely appeal to the imagination, but strike us with for force and inevitability of actual per-

In "The Great Maze" (Macmillan Co., New York), a poem in five parts, by Mr. Herman Hagedorn, the author has treated a very old subject in a very new way. He has worked out the theme of Clytemnestra and Agamemnon in the romantic style. Modern realism and description, rich in sound and sight pictures, have made the ancient Greeks over into rather modern people, with the result that perhaps a lit-tle of their dignity is gone. This is no doubt owing to their nearness to us, as well as to the complexity of their feelings. Mr. Hagedorn has remarkable descriptive powers and tells the story in a way which holds one's interest.

In the same volume is published "The



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IANE MENTEONING FLACE CHARLES HANSON TOWNE The author of the new volume of poetry, "Today and Tomorrow" (Doran Company), as sketched by James Montgomery Flagg.

# **'FRANK DANBY'' DIES** AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Julia Frankau, Who Just Published Her Book "Twilight," Succumbs

Frank Danhy (Mrs. Julia Frankau), the novelist, died on March 17 in her home in London. Mrs. Frankau, who wrote under the name of "Frank Danby," was born in 1864, the daughter of an artist. She was educated at home by Mme. Paul Lafargue, and early in her life began writing ro-mances and short stories. Her first novel was published in 1887. Two years later Mrs. Frankau abandoned writing fiction to take up the study of engraving, con-

erning which she wrote several important works. In 1902 she returned to writing stories, and since then has published a ore of novels and several important bl

ographical studies. Her last work, "Twilight," issed short-ly before her death, was written as the result of her experiences during her long illness when she was almost continuously under the influence of morphine. It is

produced by drugs. Just before her death, Mrs. Frankau, realizing her approaching end, sent a message of good-by to the American public in which she stated that "Twilight" was her swan song.

The following books are announced for April publication by the Century Com-pany: "America's Foreign Relations," by Dr. Wills Fletcher Johnson, a two-vol-ume history of our international relation-ships and foreign policy; "Children of Hope," a novel by Stephen Whitman, de-

scribing the adventures of three beautiful American girls who have gone to Europe to study art; "Come Out of the Kluthen!" a romance, by Alice Duer Miller, the story of what befalls a young Northern man who has rented an old Virginia manor house for the hunting season; "By Mo-tor to the Firing Line; an Artist's Notes and Sketches With the Armles of Northern France," by Walter Hale, and "Golden Lads," observations of an American stretcher bearer with the Belgian first line, by Arthur Glenson, with a preface by Theodore Roosevelt, and a chapter on "How War Seems to a Woman," by Mrs. Glenson, who, as a Red Cross nurse, was decorated for gallantry by the Belgian King.



In "God's Puppets" (MacMillan Com-pany, New York), William Allen White does on a reduced scale what he achieved in "A Certain Rich Man." It is a collec-tion of five short stories, two of them ample enough in motif, situations and characterization to furnish forth many a full learch work of Betton. full length work of fiction.

Mr. White has a remarkable construc-live faculty; his dovetailing is neat; his beams give the firmest support; his tim-bers are stanch; his details are related; bers are stanch; his details are related; his use of decoration is just and economic. So "A Social Rectangle" and "The One a Pharkee," are well-builded, sightly, seemiy. They fulfil the primary domand of flotion with conflict at their base, in a way not discoverable in "A Prosperous Gentleman" and "The Strange Boy." These latter two, indeed, have much of the familiar serve avecal involved on a

These latter two, indeed, have much of the familiar essay appeal, pivoted on a character and moving by leisurely descrip-tion, not the rush of action. Where Lamb, Irving and Hawhorne were idealistic and "conceited" in their like sketches, Mr. White is modern enough to be realistic, particularly in "A Prospecous Gentie-man," which relates the life-long rotribu-tion berg within and esting outward, of tion, born within and eating outward, of

tion, born within and eating outward, of a man, later successful in all worldly ways, who in his youth has deceived a trusting girl. It is a sombre study in conscionce, psychologically acute. "The One a Pharisee," "dekaisomines" a whited copulchre. The magnate and monument

rules town hall, newspaper offices, the banks; his tentacles reach out to the rail-roads, the State Legislature and other exterior activities which influence or af fect the community, He is the greedy spider centred in the eivic web, luring and consuming his prey. Himself and his family are his most nota-

ble victims. He is unsatisfied always; his family are selfish always. Callousness and corruption bring their own worthy re-ward in a business and domestic cataciyem. This story is chiefly valuable for its photographic etchings of certain nocial

and financial portraits. "A Social Rectangle" points another moral drawn from a tale of current Ameri-can life, the dangers of which are keenly analyzed. It tells of a girl who is un-scrupulous, clever, merciless. She ruins three men, attracted by her brilliancy. She ruins The tragic tales preach a powerful ser-

mon on the text of false ideals which ani-mate a certain section of Americans who have reached social or business success.

In the early chapters of Eleanor Mar-vin's now book, "Mary Allen," illustrated by Allce Heard (Doubleday, Page & Co. Garden City, N. Y.), there are practical suggestions on decorating the home. It is the redecoration of Mary Allen's house that finds it a ready tenant, and with the that finds it a ready tenant, and with the money derived from the rental she pays her tuition in an art school. A competi-tion for a school prize, carrying with it a year's study in Paris, furnishes most of the material for the story. Mary is ac-cused of having stolen the idea for her winning illustration from another student. It all acids hermity, however, and with the Winning Histariou hold another states. It all ends happily, however, and with the assistance of her friends she is enabled to take her mother abroad. Although the author says it is intended for girls be-tween the ages of 16 and 20, students of art of all ages can enjoy this delightful atory.

The humor of John Kendrick Bangs is the kind that never grows old. If it



fails to produce spasms of laughter and contoitons of mirth, it at least furnishes a very agreeable relaxation, and it will be just as diverting and just as pleasant to read 10 or 20 years from now as it is today. This is one quality that distin-guishes "From Pillar to Post" (The Cen-tury Company, New York) from the éf-forts of most humerists of the present day. It contains little or no contem-poraneous slang, with its necessarily tranporaneous elang, with its necessarily tran-sient appeal, but its fun has a more solid foundation. Mr. Bangs tells some of his

experiences as a lecturer-real and, pre-sumably, imaginary. If he resorts to hyperbole with great frequency that fact detracts in no degree from the quality of wist all American "funny men" from time immemorial have felt privileged to do. but he does it with a keener artistic sense than most of them have been able to boast. The illustrations by John R. Neill add not a little to entertainment to be

found in this volume Under the title of "The Beter Man" (D. Appleton & Co., New York), Robert W. Chambers presents a collection of short stories of the approved Chambers style. Everybody who knows Mr. Chambers appreciates the fact that he is capable of really excellent literary work when he really tries. But so long as a certain portion of the public is satisfied with the kind of yarns that he has been telling most of the time for the last 10 years, it appears that he is quite satisfied to go on

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t their conquerors. Such a cry for protection will bring out of degradation and disgrace a white main who has seemingly lost all sense of decency and respect. In "The Aryan," the new Tri-angle-Kay Bee film, a white man, who through the trickery of a dance hall girl through the trickery of a dance hall gift has had his fortune stolen, swenrs ven-geance on the whole white race. He gathers around him a horde of halfbreed and Indian outlaws. They build the town of "Hate," and from this stronghold prey on the white travelers. His redemption is due to the influence of a white gift who rouses to life the Aryan code of decenc and uprightness.

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