## WO WOMEN IN FRANCE SEE SOMETHING OF WAR—WAY TO CUT COST OF FOOD

### DESCRIBED BY TWO WOMEN Madame Waddington and Mildred Aldrich Have Seen and Experienced Much in Region Where the Battle of the Marne Was Fought

"No READING man can escape the Ambassador Herrick, her visits to the hos-

HOW WAR MOVES PEOPLE

bimself to books written prior to 1914." Owen sat up in his chair, "Escape the war?" he exclaimed, "Who wants to escape it? No more stupendous event has happened in the history of drilization than this conflict between the

idea and theories of democracy and the practices of autocracy. It is happening mder our very eyes. We are part of it. thank God. I wish I had nothing else to do but to watch the fight and to read slighat is written about it. I do what I can to keep up with what is going on. War books, which tell anything about it, and the poorest of them help one to under stand the situation, are more interesting to me than the best novel ever written They tell of heroism and unselfish sacrifice which make me have a profounder respect for my fellow men, and they tell of German brutality and the insane egotism of Prussia in a way to make me wonder why the world did not perceive long ago what the German war party was planning. I should be ashamed of myself I did not give all the time I can spare to the study of this great conflict,"

"Bravo!" said Doctor McFabre, who had been watching the younger man as he glowed with indignant enthusiasm, "If you can talk like that I think I shall have to ask you to address my men's club. The war has lasted so long that we are he danger of taking it as a matter of course and forgetting its significance."

"Owen can do better than that," said "But I was not saying that I wanted to escape the war. I was only trying to Intimate that the war is coloring almost everything that is written. So much blood has been spilled that all our thinking is tinged with it. I have just been reading two war books that have come out of France which have left me with a warm glow about the heart. They are not trench books, nor books by soldiers. They contain the story of what two American women have seen in Paris and on the edges of the battlefield about the Marne. One is by Mary King Waddington. It is her diary from August 1, 1914, to the end of February, 1916.

"Is it the Madame Waddington who rrote 'My First Years as a Frenchwoman'?" Doctor McFabre inquired.

"Yes, she is the same woman. You know she is the daughter of Charles King. who was president of Columbia College from 1848 to 1863. She went to Europe to live in 1865 and in 1874 married William H. Waddington, the son of an English cotton manufacturer doing business in France. Young Waddington was educated in England, but he became a naturalized Frenchman when he was twentythree years old was a member of the French Senate, served in the Cabinet as Foreign Minister and spent the last ten years of his life as French Ambassador in London. Madame Waddington occupies s high position in French society. She has an apartment in Paris and a chateau at Marcuil, not far from Meaux. Her son was called to the colors when the French troops were mobilized. She busied herself with caring for the families of the s both in Paris and at Marcull. her activities, with her interviews with

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pitals and the workshops and descriptions of the manner of life in and out of the war zone. She gives us pictures that draw us close to the French in an intimate sympathy with their struggles and their sufferings."

"They certainly have struggled and suffered," said the clergyman,

"She tells, for instance, of the apologles for being late offered one morning by the cashier at one of her workshops." went on. "The woman said she was standing at the door of her house with a shawl over her head looking down the street. She saw a hearse approaching with a child's coffin in it. A soldier was walking alone behind it, weeping. She did not know what impelled her to do it, but she ran out into the street, slipped her arm in the soldier's and walked along beside him. A fat old conclerge next door saw her and followed, stopping at a stand to buy some flowers before joining them. Other people followed, and by the time they reached the cemetery there were a dozen or more in the little procession formed spontaneously in order that the man who was fighting for them all might not feel that he was alone in

"Thank God for such women," said Doctor McFabre with a little catch in his

"France is full of them," said I, "and if we are ever put to the same test we shall find that America does not lack them either. There are unpleasant things in the book, for Madame Waddington tells how the Germans sacked her chateau at Marcuil before they were checked in their rush toward Paris. She was at the chateau with her daughter-in-law and her two young grandsons when the war broke out. She tells how the little boys on the first night prayed that God would bless their father and mother, both grandmothers and all who loved them. Then after a pause they went on, Bon Dieu, preservez ic France.' They were less than ten years old. Later in the evening, at a time when the children should have been asleep, soldiers marched by in the road. The family went out to look at them, and soon two little forms in white nightgowns were seen running across the lawn barefooted shouting 'Vive l'armee! Vive la France!' It was not long afterward that the children were taken to Paris because they knew only too well what would happen to them if German soldiers should have appeared and the boys should have once

more shouted 'Vive la France!' Madame Washington gives a most vivid picture of the effect of war upon the life and temper of the people. She does not generalize, but tells what happened ir this place, how that woman acted when her son was killed, how another kept her smile until her husband was out of sight on his way to the front and then burst into tears. It is a most interesting vol-

"Her method seems to be like that of Zola, as she piles up a mass of details

illustrating her point," said Owen. "I would hardly say that," said I. "The effect is the same, but there is no conscious method. She is merely writing down the story of things that she heard Her diary is filled with the accounts of and saw in order to keep a record of them.

> "Is the other book you mentioned as good as this one?" Doctor McFabre asked, "It is good in a very different way, Mildred Aldrich, who rented a house near Meaux, not far from Madame Wadding ton's chateau, told the story of the battle of the Marne, a part of which she saw from her grounds. It was published a year or so ago. She has now continued the story of the war as it affected her life in her house on the hilltop. The Germans did not come back, but the French soldiers were continually moving about the country. Some of them were quar tered in her house for a time. Others of them came to her for books to read. The current of military life ebbs and flows about her all the time, and she describes it in a series of letters beginning with September 16, 1914, and ending with April 8 of the current year, after America had entered the war. As she is an American who has become saturated with the feel ing of the French, she rejoices with the other Allies at the action of Congress. She says that the only thing that is important now is that 'the major part of the people of the world are standing upright on their feet, lifting their arms with a great shout for Liberty, Justice and Honor, and that a war of brute force for conquest has defeated itself.' You like that way of

putting it, don't you, Owen?" "Of course I do. If that is the way she feels I shall have to read her book.

GEORGE W. DOUGLAS. MY WAR DIARY. By Mary King Waddington. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50.

ON THE EDGE OF THE WAR ZONE. From the battle of the Marue to the entrance of the Stars and Stripes. By Mildred Aldrich. Boston: Small. Maynard & Co., \$1.25.

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What the Germans did in Belgium during the first weeks of the war will remain forever a blot upon the civilization of the twentieth century. If the German soldiers, both officers and men, had been savages, they could have been guilty of no worse atrocities. But they were members of a race that has produced some of the finest things in music, painting, literature and philosophy. Something might be offered in extenuation

and excuse if it were possible to assume that the army had gone mad, but the facts prove that the outrages were the result of deliberate planning. The story of them has been told in many ways and by many men. The latest summary comes from Arnold T. Toynbee, who has gone through the records and written a chronological narrative of what happened from the beginning of the invasion to the sack of Louvain. He tells how civilians were burned to death in their houses, how old men and women and children were bayoneted by the soldlers, how eirls were characted by the soldlers, how sirts were considered. gris were bayoneted by the soldiers, how girls were outraged, how priests were killed and how civilians who had received the soldiers with courtesy were murdered on the slightest pretext. He cites the evidence that proves design. He does it all calmly, letting the facts tell their own story of the most inhuman raid ever made by a nation that has any pretext of sinkly letting. has any pretense of civilization. His book ought to be read by every American who wishes to know something about the char-acter of the Imperial German Government with which we are now at war. It will convert the lukewarm into ardent supporters of the cause of the Allies, which is the cause

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we cry with a curiosity born of sheer ex-asperation. "Oh, come, my little gentlemen." says our would not have me divulge my secrets?
How, then, could I amuse? Is it my fault the hand is quicker than the eye? Look, Behold." And before a bewildered audience he walks to where our friend Smith is

seated, and, while that astonished person is wondering what is going to happen, produces from his coat collar the missing rab We laugh and applaud while Bunny is carried wriggling to the stage and given in harge to the magician's attendant. observe he is not got rid of this time save in the most material manner. One indulges in a somewhat similar rum!

nation while reading Adele Luehrmann's new mystery story, "The Other Brown." In it there is a murder, an unexplained young man named Brown and the beautiful

We read a bit. "Ah, villain, now we have you." is our cry. But, no. It is not Miss Luchrmann's intention to finish this interesting book for some hundred or more pages. And so the literary prestidigitator ingenuously insinuates a thought of mission of the state of taken identities; several circumstances intervene between our suspected murderer and his capture; a few new characters ap-

one of these murdered the unfortunate Welles-Hewitt, about whose unmely demise there is such uncertainty. We do not care for Welles-Hewitt anyhow, he was not a good man; perhaps a judgment descended upon him so that he fell dead and was not murdered. "But," observes the author, "there really

is a motive, you know, Take, for instance, this character; recall how his mother was treated by Welles-Hewitt." "But," we argue, "he could not have done it; he is not that kind, and besides, he can prove an alibi."

Thus we go on, alternately accusing and relieving from blame every suspected character in the book. We arrive at the invitable standstill. "Madam, for heaven's sake, produce this murderer or we shall go mad."

"What?" exclaims our author in sur-prise. "Why, you should have had him long ago. He has been scurrying across long ago. He has been scurrying across these pages in the most excited fashion. Here, you"—this to a trembling bank clerk whom we passed some pages back as a respectable citizen—"don't dare to leave this country. How about that counterfeit money you passed on then tried to steal from him on the night of his death?" The wretch turns pale. He cannot answer. He makes a movement. We jump to prevent, but too late. Bang! He falls a suicide at our feet and the murder mystery is solved

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HOW TO CUT FOOD COSTS, By Lenna Frances Cooper, R. S. Rattie Creek, Mich.: The Good Health Publishing Company.

Until the Government, or some other potent force, brings down the price of food very housewife will be interested in any every housewife will be interested in any theory or practice which will enable her to feed her family for the sum of money which can be used for food. Alice Gitchell Kirk, who has been lecturing on home economics for years, has put the substance of her lectures in a book. Her advice is not intended for the family of the working-man on a small income, but for the families of the well-to-do, who are accustomed to dinners of four or five courses. Her pes provide for the use of Bar-le-Duc lies and luxuries of that kind. ence which she addresses will find her book most helpful and instructive.

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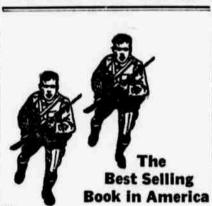
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