

U. S. GAS FORCES SAVED THOUSANDS

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Efficiency
SAVED AT ST. MIHIEL
Division Awaiting 'Zero Hour'
for Offensive on Metz When
Armistice Prevented



LIEUT. HARVEY MOORE

Lives of thousands of soldiers were saved by the efficiency of gas officers of the United States army, many of whom were killed while looking after the welfare of their men, according to Lieutenant Harvey Moore, son of Congressman J. Hampton Moore, who arrived in this city today from France. Lieutenant Moore, who was a battalion gas officer attached to the Fifty-fifth Infantry, Seventh Division, told of the work accomplished in the front line trenches in the St. Mihiel sector. He is now at the home of his father-in-law, Everett M. Matthews, Thirteenth street, near Chelton avenue.

"I was the only one of the four gas officers in my regiment to escape being gassed," he said. "Fortunately, none of them lost their lives because of their gas officer, or, rather, gas defense officer, occupies a rather dangerous job. He is trained to familiarize himself with the various kinds of gases and their effects, and when a gas attack is imminent he must go right into it, find out what kind of gas it is, and then take the proper steps to protect his men."

He tests the gas, examines the ground and arranges to sterilize it so that it will be safe when the men pass over it. Any number of officers have been gassed and many have lost their lives because of the work is exceedingly dangerous and in many instances they have to take their masks off for a few moments. These few moments cause the fatalities."

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"It's no soft job," he added, "and the officers who were engaged in the work were efficient and conscientious."

"The gas officer, according to Lieutenant Moore, is not alone responsible for seeing that the men are thoroughly instructed in gas defense work, but is responsible for all gas casualties and fatalities."

He did not have a single casualty in my battalion," he said proudly. Lieutenant Moore praised the assistance given him by his sergeant and three other non-commissioned officers engaged in the work.

The Seventh Division, which relieved the famous Nineth after the St. Mihiel drive, was ordered to go on to Metz, where the armistice was signed according to Lieutenant Moore.

"We lay in front the trenches between October 9 and October 20, when we were ordered back to the rear area," he said. "On the 10th of November we had completed our preparations for a huge offensive on Metz and were waiting for the zero hour, which was scheduled for midnight. When orders were received to cease preparations, the next day the armistice was signed."

The regiment participated in several local attacks, but no offensive. It advanced three-quarters of a kilometer and captured an officer and sixty-eight men and twenty-eight machine guns. The losses were few.

Pennsylvanians in Regiment
Other Pennsylvanians in the regiment which, while a regular unit, was commanded by reserve officers were Lieutenants R. S. Thompson, of this city, formerly with the Victor Talking Machine Company; William Greene, Pottsville, and F. J. Hohenstein and Shallenberger, whose homes are near Allentown. The latter two were killed—Lieutenant Shallenberger while going over the top at the head of his men and Lieutenant Hohenstein while leading a patrol into No Man's Land.

Deaths of a Day
REV. J. D. ACKER
Father of Former Sheriff A. Lincoln
Ackers Dies From Pneumonia
The Rev. James Daniel Ackers, one of the oldest ministers in this city, died yesterday at his home, 362 Shedaker street, Germantown. Although he was eighty-eight years old, Mr. Ackers enjoyed excellent health until two weeks ago, when he contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia. On Sunday, January 25, he preached a sermon in the Primitive Methodist Episcopal church, Twenty-sixth street and Lehigh avenue, where his funeral will be held on Friday, at 11 a. m.

RESAURANT KITCHEN MAID BECOMES SUCCESSFUL MILLINER WITH THREE STORES

Helped by Doctor Conwell
to Know Just What She
Wanted, She Proceeds to
Make Good

Wished to Become a Painter
but Consented to Com-
promise by Making Ar-
tistic Hats

This is the third of a series of articles by Doctor Conwell, telling of the birth and work of Temple University.

By DR. RUSSELL H. CONWELL
"This interview took place in 1884 between Miss Emily Norton Speer and the writer while waiting in the railway station in Philadelphia. Questioner—"Can I get a recommendation to some firm in Philadelphia which will be willing to give me employment which would give me the opportunity to do what I want to do? I want to save the street car fare? I'm doing work now for \$3 a week, but it is very hard to walk such a long distance and my present employment is too wearisome to allow me to give much time to the housework when I get home at night. Mother's health is not such that I can do none of the hard work, and father has been unfit for bric-a-brac by an abscess in his hand caused by a rusty nail. Our family consists of father, mother, two boys, a younger sister and myself."

Questioner—"What kind of occupation do you expect to enter?"
"I am at present working in the kitchen of a restaurant and doing generally rough work. I have tried to do cooking, but I found I did not understand it well enough to cook for the public, and so accepted any other work which would give me the opportunity to do what I want to do. I do not know what to apply for, but suppose I must go from place to place and find what is open to such a girl as I am, for I have very little education and only a very limited experience."

Questioner—"How old are you?"
"I am only sixteen years old, but the people all tell me that I am old for my years, and I have had to work either in a home or for an old uncle since I was ten years old."

Questioner—"I could not write a recommendation for you under these circumstances, because I could not honestly say to any employer that you would be worth the money which you must ask for wages. It seems to me that general housework or a place in some factory would not give you the opportunity you wish for. But those places are crowded just now and the wages are very low."

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Doctor Conwell in his parlor at home with his dog

would find employment at once. But there seemed to be no opportunity for her to secure such instruction, as it would take much of her time and the expense would be beyond her means.

A young woman to whom Miss Speer was introduced and who had heard that she was in need of money incidentally remarked that it might be there was something Miss Speer could do in a millinery store where the young woman worked. Miss Speer at once stated that she had always been anxious to learn the millinery trade and had enjoyed very much making the hats for her mother and herself at home, and for the younger sister when she had the time and material. She said she had not yet been furnished with such material as she needed to make a first-class job of it, but she had succeeded so well with the simple materials they could buy that many persons had told her that she ought to be in the millinery business.

To Learn Millinery
This suggestion led the writer to visit a millinery store doing a large business on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, where he told the circumstances and asked if some reasonable opportunity could not be given Miss Speer to learn the millinery trade. An arrangement was soon made, on terms that seemed very generous then, so that Miss Speer could work in the basement of the store and have an hour or two each day in which she could assist in the manufacturing department for the purpose of gaining experience as a milliner. She received \$4.50 a week and was given a commission on any hats which were sold which she made up at her home evenings.

It was nearly a year after this opening opportunity when the following interview with her occurred. She may see, when she reads this article, that the writer has overlooked something, but it is as clear a statement as can be recalled of her early life. It has been very deeply impressed upon the writer's mind because of the great influence her example has had in bringing a practical education to thousands of needy young women.

Questioner—"Miss Speer, how have you prospered in your millinery undertaking?"
"Oh, you think of some place where I can work near home at something, no matter how hard it is; for some of us must work or apply for city charity. I would not want to be the kind of people who go to my father and mother in an almshouse. Please try and find some place for me and give me a letter of introduction, for I can't get any help or support from my mother. There surely must be some place for me."

Two or three weeks after the interview with Miss Speer, we met in a market and she informed me that she had obtained a position in the railway station, cleaning certain rooms every morning, and that she was receiving for the work \$3.10 a week. She said that the pay was, of course, very small for them to live upon, but it gave her all the hours after 3 o'clock in the afternoon to attend to the housework at home, and sometimes to help her father, who had secured a newspaper route and was delivering an evening paper.

Sought in Vain for Job
Two of my friends and myself made a diligent search for a few days in the market of the city to find some place where Miss Speer could earn more money and our efforts were futile. A young woman without education was not wanted in any situation, unless she would accept wages upon which it was impossible for even one person to live. Fortunately for Miss Speer that happened to be the result of our efforts, for it set us to thinking very seriously of the condition in which thousands of girls must find themselves in a great city, and awakened a very strong sympathy for such a class of persons who were willing to work and yet who could find no profitable occupation. We found that if Miss Speer could attend some business college and fit herself for some office work or stenographic reporting she would be able to do so.

Found Right Job at Last
Questioner—"It seems to me, Miss Speer, as though you had hit upon a bent of your genius which will give you much larger income and greatly widen the enjoyment of your life. It is

Liut. Col. H. J. Slifer
Announcement of the death in France of Lieutenant Colonel Hiram J. Slifer, Twenty-first Engineers, United States Army, who succumbed to pneumonia on February 3. When he joined the colors he was practicing his profession as a consulting civil engineer in Chicago.

Dr. Henry H. Bobb
Dr. Henry H. Bobb, aged seventy-two, who practiced medicine half a century in the upper end of Montgomery County and nearby parts of Berks and Lehigh Counties, died suddenly of heart disease on Monday night at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. J. Parsons Schaeffer, 464 Spruce street.

Difficulty of Finding Work
for Her Sets Group of
Earnest Men to Think-
ing

Convinces Them That a
School for the Poor but
Ambitious Is Vital Neces-
sity

joy art in dress and who naturally admire the beautiful in every place."

Answer—"This conversation has opened up to me a new idea, and I think it would be a profitable one for the store to adopt, although I think it will be hard to get women to depart from the mere whims of passing fashion. But I am sure something can be done to introduce more art into the female dress and I will do the best I can to put it into my life as a call direct from Providence.

Answer—"I am very much encouraged by what you say, although I do not see any possibility of reaching such a height of success as that which you mention. But I am determined to do my best at it. It makes me very happy to have an anticipation of something so much better, and I can work easier through the day and so much later at night without injuring my health, for I have something worth while before me. Do you really think that a woman has any opportunity to succeed as a painter or a sculptor?"

Question—"Of course, there have been many painters like Miss Homer and Rose Bonheur who reached the highest station in sculpture and painting, but the road seems to be a very difficult one for a woman to travel. So many of the customs of modern civilization, because I could not honestly say to any employer that you would be worth the money which you must ask for wages. It seems to me that general housework or a place in some factory would not give you the opportunity you wish for. But those places are crowded just now and the wages are very low."

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The Down Stairs Store Is Full of Spring

Spring Takes Many Materials

to fashion her attractive wraps, Capes, coats and dolmans are in the foreground and they are very pleasing to look at. There is serge, first of all, then the softer materials, such as polivia, duvet de laine, duvetone, silvertone and velour.

The serge cape sketched at \$19.75 is an attractive braided-trimmed model with a yoke back. It is special.

Other coats, capes and dolmans are priced from \$19.75 to \$67.50. Silvertone makes capes, coats and dolmans in many styles priced from \$35 to \$67.50.

Other beautiful wraps are priced from \$65 to \$135. (Market)

500 White Shirtwaists Special at \$1.85

This is a manufacturer's special lot of shirtwaists in innumerable models—all of them fresh and clean. All sizes are in the lot, but not in each style.

Embroidered organdie, plain organdie and voile are the materials, and they are surprisingly fine. You will find collarless blouses and waists with square necks, roll collars, flat collars, and so on. Embroidery and lace are used as trimming. (Market)

Practical Plaid Skirts—\$5.50

They are made of sturdy part-wool serge, some in youthful styles that schoolgirls want.

They are either box pleated with inset pockets or gathered all around with patch pockets.

A Rack of Silk Skirts All Wearing \$10 Price Tags

They are the skirts that women want to wear with fluffy blouses; made of taffeta, satin or silk in various ways. Plain colors predominate, but there are some plaids. (Market)

The Youtline Corset

for medium-stout figures is made of durable flesh coutil, well reinforced across the front. The broad front steels are graduated and have three hooks below. There is strong elastic over the hips and the corset has six good hose supporters. In sizes 24 to 36 it comes with a low or medium bust. \$5. (Central)

Beads Are Red

and, as a result, the collarless dark frocks are much more cheery. Particularly on women and girls with very dark or very light hair the effect is pleasing and flattering. Prices begin at \$1. (Central)

Spring Slips Into Silken Garb

varied here and there with frocks of serge. The lighter, soft silken things are gaining in popularity and the tide still sweeps on, with more Spring frocks being bought each day and new ones coming in.

Brown or Navy Blue Taffeta

forms attractive and comfortable frocks with round necks piped in contrasting silk. There are broad panels in front and in back and the broad, gathered girdles fasten at the side. The skirts are narrow and display deep, pointed tunics. \$16.75.

The Old Reliable

and always-true friend is navy blue serge. This time it is in a trim little braided-trimmed frock that boasts many bone buttons. The wide, loose belt is embroidered in colorful silk, and the bodice is collarless, of course. \$23.50.

Five Models in Lovely Crepe Meteor at \$23.75

Black, Brown and Navy Blue

The bodices show collars of the material or of white satin. Two are elaborately beaded and several of the style show vestees. All have wide girdles. Some of the skirts have deep overskirts and others are made with panels. (Market)

Among the Women's Shoes Special at \$4.90 a Pair

you will find shoes of good gray kid skin with tops of cloth or kid to match. They have high, curved heels and will look well with the sprightly Spring suits.

Also dark tan calfskin shoes are special at \$4.90 a pair. They lace high and have medium or low heels. For walking and good all-around wear you would want nothing better. (Central)

Madras Curtains Special \$2.75 a Pair

Eccu or white madras curtains are excellent for bedrooms and living rooms. They launder so well and always look nice. There are four different designs to choose from. (Central)

These Windy Days

send out an urgent call for hair nets. There are plenty of them at 50c a dozen here. In black, light, medium and dark brown and blonde and in cap or fringe shapes. (Central)

Smart Veilings

in black, brown, taupe and navy are in large and small meshes. They have large dots and small dots and effective scrolls ornamenting them. 35c to \$1.25 a yard. (Central)

Little Week-Day Frocks for Wee Lassies

We have a new supply of gingham and chambray dresses for little girls of 2 years to 6. They begin at \$1.50—for the style that is sketched. It is in blue or pink gingham. Then prices go up to \$3, where you will find frocks with bloomers. But there are many, many good dresses in between for wise mothers to choose from.

Soft White Dresses for Baby 85c and \$1

Only the softest of white batiste is used in these frocks for babies of 6 months to 2 years. The dresses at 85c are shirred at the neck, and at the sleeves in a dainty fashion. There are several to choose from at \$1. Some are trimmed with embroidery and lace, and others show touches of hand work. (Central)

White Voile Special at 29c a Yard

Mercerized white voile is 40 inches wide. Think of all the pretty shirtwaists, dresses and children's frocks that will be made at a saving!

Durable White Poplin

is a favorite for kiddies' frocks and suits, nurses' uniforms and the like. We have it in three excellent qualities; 27 inches wide at 40c and 50c a yard; 33 inches wide at 50c a yard. (Central)

It's a Delight

to look at the dainty net neckwear that has just been lifted out of its tissue paper and put in one of the cases.

There are collars and sets—the collars in roll or round shapes—of dainty net, shirred and gathered, fine lace and often hand embroidery. A frock couldn't be dull with such a dainty collar topping it. Collars are \$1.25 to \$2.50; sets are \$2.50 to \$4.25. (Central)

Little Miss Springtime

is becoming concerned with her dress needs. The Junior Section in the Down Stairs Store is taking care of the girls' needs with more thought and care than ever.

Two New Frocks of Taffeta

are both for girls of 10 years to 16. One at \$15 is in plain blue or brown or in pretty plaid. The soft Georgette crepe frill flatters the round neck, and the belt ties in a rash in back. Tucks adorn the bottom of the skirt.

Another, at \$19.75, is of lovely blue or green taffeta. The bodice is straight in front and the skirt is straight in back, with three ruffles at the lower edge. (Central)

Silver-Plated Tableware at Savings of 1/4 to 1/3

\$1 for six: teaspoons, berry forks and nut picks.

\$2 for six: table spoons, soup spoons, iced-tea spoons, oyster forks, salad forks and butter spreaders.

35c each: pickle forks, sugar spoons and butter knives.

75c each: berry spoons, cold meat forks, pie knives, cream ladles and tomato servers.

A set of six dinner knives and forks is \$4.50.

The pattern is the same throughout, so you can pick a whole set. The plate is very good and quite heavy. (Central)