

Y.W.C.A. Aid Necessary To French Women Workers



Y.W.C.A. SECRETARY HOLDS HALF-HOUR SINGING CLASS FOR CHILDREN

By BERNICE GRISWOLD.

FRENCH women have undergone stupendous suffering because of the war. True, but picture to yourself, if you can, their sufferings now that peace has come and labor is at a standstill.

Over a million French women were employed in munitions factories during the war, and already they are being displaced, not because men will take the work over, but because of a temporary clogging of the wheels of industry, according to Miss Mary Dingman, director of Y. W. C. A. work for French industrial women, who is in this country on a short furlough.

The barren, cheerless factory dormitory has been home to these women for the past two years. The cantonment compound, devoid of trees or grass, a sea of mud in rainy weather and a sheet of burning clay pitilessly scorching every one who crossed it during summer, has been their recreation ground, and they were thankful for even that.

The women who worked in munitions were mostly refugees. Now that war is over and the factories are closing down—for France was far ahead with its munitions program due to the tireless efforts of these women—women convicts, women from the oldest and most aristocratic families of France and peasant women are alike being turned out into a world which holds nothing for them—neither happiness, homes or loved ones. They were bound together by bonds of dull, dazed suffering before. A new sort of democracy holds them together now.

They have no place to go. Their homes were destroyed. Houses may be rebuilt, but without money, without family, without worldly goods, with a memory which is seared by four years of suffering, what hope is there for these women unless American women reach forth and prove to them the sisterhood of the world?

Factories, after the temporary lull in labor, will be reconstructed to produce the things which were considered necessary to comfort before the war swept all before it and munitions be-



Y.W.C.A. SECRETARY SERVING FRENCH MUNITION WORKERS ON TERRACE OF Y.W.C.A. FOYER DES ALLIEES, FRANCE.

came more important than silks and velvets. Undoubtedly women will operate a great deal of the machinery in these new factories. The return of men will displace a certain amount of woman labor. The return of men will, on the other hand, relieve a certain percentage of women from the necessity of supporting themselves and their children. But in the meantime something must be done to help these women keep their poise, to help them bridge the difficulties which confront them and to take care of them.

While the world rejoiced at the news of peace, while men and women of all ages and all faiths, cheered, sang, embraced and danced up and down Fifth Avenue, Piccadilly, the Champs Elysees and other streets of the world's main street of every town in the United States, these women went to the Y. W. C. A. secretaries, and, wringing their hands, cried: "The war—it is over—but we do not know where to go next! What is to become of us?"

Thousands of women are being released from war jobs every day, Miss Dingman says, and they literally do not know where to go next. Because of this Miss Dingman prophesies that the Y. W. C. A. will continue its work in France, though the matter is not definitely decided. French officials are requesting that the Y. W. C. A. continue to develop industrial welfare work for women—the first ever known in France.

The problem is one which has never been faced before in France. Women did not work in factories and an opportunity for social welfare work among women had not come as it had in England and America previous to the war. When women went into industry they were unused to it and forced to it. Employers were unaccustomed to it and therefore not able to cope with the situation. It was thus that the Y. W. C. A. was requested by



FRENCH MUNITIONETTES AT A PICNIC ARRANGED BY THE AMERICAN Y.W.C.A. SECRETARIES

MISS MARY A. DINGMAN, DIRECTOR OF Y.W.C.A. WORK IN FRENCH MUNITIONS FACTORIES. Miss Dingman has opened fifteen Y.W.C.A. foyers des Alliees.

'GRAN' MERE' A REFUGEE WHO HAS WON THE HEARTS OF ALL AT THE Y.W.C.A.

so the Foyer des Alliees, which means in English Heartstone of the Allies, became known as "the house with the light," for inside it was cheerful and it was bringing happiness back into the grief-stricken eyes of these unfortunate victims of the war.

Inside the Foyer during the two hour luncheon period there is always an entertainment by the girls themselves or by professionals. There is always music and always Blue Triangle paper, magazines and books, and at night the women may play games, sing, write letters, read, sew, wash or iron their clothes, for electric irons, boards, washbuds and sewing machines are an indispensable part of every Foyer equipment.

French employers began soon to realize the financial value of keeping women workers as comfortable and happy as possible and seeing that they

had proper recreation. Andre Citroen, the big French munitions manufacturer, was soon convinced of the practicality of the work and built or turned over a part of some building in each of his factories for a Foyer des Alliees, equipping each completely with anything which Miss Dingman felt was necessary. He has commended the work highly and advised that it be continued.

Recently M. Loucheur, the French minister of arms and munitions manufacture, wrote Miss Dingman as follows: "I must express to you the very great satisfaction and most sincere gratitude of the French government for the service rendered to the women working in government factories through the establishment of Y. W. C. A. Foyers des Alliees.

"These Foyers have been an excellent means for bettering the physical conditions and the morale of our workers. They have been constantly used by the women workers who have found new elements of dignity and social education. "I must thank you for bringing this to pass, and I hope that Y. W. C. A. work will not disappear with the war, but will be carried on in order to develop the principles of social solidarity which it has inspired."

And from M. Firmin Ros of the Commissary General's office: "After visiting two of your Foyers des Alliees allow me to tell you how much I admire your excellent organization and the happy results which it produces. I have never seen brighter faces than those of the young French women to whom you extend such beneficial, cordial and gracious hospitality.

"I was particularly struck by the singing and dancing classes. The young girls who were seated quietly at their needle-work also seemed so satisfied at being there, that I understood, merely on looking at them, how you had changed the ordinary course of their days in affording them so agreeable a rest during their hours of recreation.

"It would, indeed, be unfortunate if such an organization were to stop with the war. I am quite sure you can find French ladies who are competent to continue your work if you will stay long enough with us to train them and inculcate them with the spirit of the Y. W. C. A. "We have in France nothing com-

parable to your work. Consequently it is absolutely necessary that our women enjoy the benefit of a social work such as yours. All those who have seen your Foyers think as I do and very much hope that the Y. W. C. A. will leave some of its members here, now that war is over, so that their example may be followed in France."

Such tributes are typical and explain why four departments of the French government—Finance, Commerce, War and Labor—requested the Y. W. C. A. to do social and recreational work for the girls and women employed by them and why they assisted the women at Y. W. C. A. headquarters in Paris in getting buildings for Foyers and parks, such as the island in the Loire at Tours, for recreation centers last summer.

The needs of the reconstruction period—while these French women are readjusting their lives to a new order of things—greater even than during war. While they are learning to begin a lifelong work in factory or office such as was unknown to women in France five years ago, it is more necessary that American women stand by them and help them than it has been during these eighteen months past, says Miss Henrietta Roselofs, director of Y. W. C. A. in France. It is because of this that Miss Dingman is returning to France at once to develop the work which she began and to tell these women that the women of America are stretching forth their hands in sympathy and encouragement to the women of France.

Members of Y.W.C.A. Foyer des Alliees for munition workers, at Lyon, France.

French girls who work on shells with heavy machines, buying flowers on the terrace at a Y.W.C.A. Foyer des Alliees.

MURDER CHARGE MAY YET GROW OUT OF FIGHT

Roy Hicks in Serious Condition After Being Badly Beaten and Clubbed

A searching police investigation of the causes that led to the almost fatal injuries to Roy Hicks, aged about 30 years, 524 Forrest street, will be made by the police department in answer to the repeated statements by residents of the neighborhood of Forrest and Turner streets, that his injuries are the result of an assault by two companions with whom he had been drinking. Hicks was discharged from the hospital late yesterday. His condition was so bad, however, that he faintly in Market Square, and was carried to a nearby store until a taxi could be summoned. Terribly Clubbed. His injuries were sustained in a fight. Neighbors of the corner on which he was found, about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, declare he was

State "War Board" Will Revoke Action Making Governor Historian

The State "War Board" will not meet until after inauguration, it was said in Capitol Hill today, and when it does its previous action electing Governor Brumbaugh to the position of state historian for the war will be revoked. The membership of the board will change next Tuesday by the substitution of Governor-elect Sprout and Lieutenant Governor-elect Middleman for Governor Brumbaugh and Lieutenant Governor McClain. State Treasurer Kephart is authority for the statement that the Governor has no chance of retaining the office of historian.

RESCUED FROM DROWNING

Four children were rescued from drowning in the Susquehanna river here yesterday. Benjamin Grier, 11; William Grier, 7, and Betty Grier, 5, were pulled to safety by Charles Rebuck, 15. Lieutenant Charles E. Streich, Philadelphia, just returned from France, jumped into the icy waters and rescued John Schultz, aged 10.

5 MEN UNHURT AS AUTO GOES THROUGH FENCE

Driver Steers Car Off Road to Avoid Head-on Crash

Five men from the ordinance depot at Marsh Run, escaped serious injury at 7 o'clock this morning, when their automobile plunged through the fence and over the embankment of the Market street road on Island Park, and stood straight up on end. Private A. F. Kull, of the ordinance motor transport department, driver of the automobile, turned off the road and through the fence to avoid collision with an oil truck, which he declared was coming directly toward him. The other men in the automobile were L. E. Seitz, electrical superintendent at the depot, and Electricians Scott, Lucas and Maurwitz. All five men braced themselves in their car when it went over the bank, and the top kept them from being thrown out. Seitz declared that as they got across the Market street bridge going toward the Pennsylvania Railroad, another machine, owned by Samuel Miller, East Main street, Newville, standing in the stretch of road connecting the two sections of Market street bridge, as they approached the stranded automobile, the oil company truck, coming toward Harrisburg, is said to have turned to the left of the road, to pass it. To avoid a head-on collision, Private Kull steered into the fence at the side of the road and crashed over the embankment. The Miller automobile had skidded across the road and received a smashed mudguard and damaged front wheels. The ordinance department automobile was badly damaged and it was necessary to prop it on a truck and convey it to the camp at Marsh Run.

Prominent Churchmen Begin Organization of Federation of Churches

Organize at Annual Meetings

Prominent clergy and laymen of Harrisburg met at the Central Y. M. C. A. at noon today to formulate a plan for the organization of a Federation of Churches. The constitution proposed was read and in late to-day. The Rev. Edwin A. Pyles, president of the Harrisburg Historical Association, announced that a committee, composed of the Rev. W. A. Hanson, the Rev. L. S. Mudge and himself, had nominated a committee to nominate officers for the federation, with the following personnel: The Rev. Robert Bagnall, chairman; the Rev. H. A. Sawyer, the Rev. J. B. Markward, the Rev. G. E. Hawes, the Rev. A. E. Hansen, Mr. Clipping, Dr. G. G. Hartman, C. A. Meek and H. D. Jones. It is planned to raise a contribution of \$10,000 toward the state quota of \$100,000 for the work of the federation. The plans for securing this amount were discussed by the members present. Another meeting of the committee will be held February 10, when it is probable, definite arrangements will be made for the organization.

NATIONAL BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

Directors Elected Yesterday

The National Banks of Harrisburg and Dauphin county continued their program of organization to-day, with the election of officers by the directors chosen yesterday. A number of trust companies and commercial organizations also elected directors and officers at the same time as the national banks. John E. Fox was elected president of the Mechanics' Trust Company, to succeed Charles A. Kunkel, deceased. John C. Motter was elected vice-president and treasurer; John F. Sweney, trust officer, and W. V. Davies, secretary and assistant treasurer. Officers of the Harrisburg and First National Banks were elected at meetings of the directors scheduled for late to-day. The Merchants' National Bank directors will elect officers Friday afternoon. The Penbrook directors re-elected H. S. Plank, president; John A. Elmsole, vice-president, and I. L. Ungar, cashier. The directors are: J. H. Allwine, A. C. Beck, E. M. Crum, J. A. Ebersole, O. E. Good, I. D. Horstick, H. S. Plank, I. B. Swartz, William Look, S. Washington Shaeffer. The officers elected at the First National Bank of Elizabethville, are: President, I. T. Buffington; vice-president, S. B. Romberger; secretary, A. M. Hassinger; and cashier, I. T. Buffington. The directors are: I. T. Buffington, S. B. Romberger, A. M. Romberger, C. T. Romberger, S. H. Knisely, I. H. Ziegler and H. H. Hassinger. The bank has paid a dividend of eight per cent for the six months ending December 31, 1918, and adding \$4,000 to the surplus, making that fund \$50,000. The capital is \$25,000. The Gratz directors elected yesterday are: I. M. Buffington, J. A. Willner, E. E. Hartman, Harvey E. Miller, A. G. Gratz, C. G. Updegrave, Herzig, Abe Gross, Harrisburg, and S. B. West, Willow R. D. These directors elected the following officers: President, I. M. Buffington; vice-president, John A. Willner; cashier, R. H. Snyder, and assistant cashier, I. M. Buffington. The officers elected at the Lykens First National Bank are: President, R. Coble; John H. Eby, vice-president; J. M. Seibley, cashier; J. Eugene Duncun, assistant cashier. The directors are: R. Coble, John H. Eby, George W. Eby, J. S. Reiff, J. A. Bogar, W. H. Cooper, Charles A. Hoff, G. W. Myers and Frank W. Boyer. The First National Bank of Millersburg announced the election of the following officers by the directors: President, L. M. Shepp; vice-president, William Dougan; secretary, Charles P. Polk; cashier, J. W. Hoffman; assistant cashier, H. S. Hoffman; teller, S. B. Jury. The usual twelve per cent dividend was paid for the year and a substantial amount placed to the undivided profit account. Isaac W. Hoffman, after serving a number of years as director, declined a re-election. Mr.

Deaths and Funerals

ROBERT HIPPLE. Robert Hipple died this morning, at his home, 428 Mahanongo street, after a one week's illness of pneumonia, aged 32 years. He was a foreman at the Pennsylvania Railroad. His wife, Mrs. Nettie Hipple, and one daughter, Edith Hipple, survive in addition to his father, two brothers and two sisters. He was a member of Capital City Lodge, No. 70, Independent Order of Foresters, Grand Lodge of Railroad Clerks, Camp Curtin Fire Company and Firemen's Veterans Association. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, at 2 o'clock, from his late home by the Rev. H. H. Baldwin, assistant pastor of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church. Burial will be made in the East Harrisburg Cemetery.

MISS SELINA BITTLE. Miss Selina Bittle died at the home of her niece, Mrs. W. L. Gourley, 892 North Eighth street, on Monday, aged 83 years. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday evening by the Rev. J. H. Baldwin, pastor of the Central Y. M. C. A. The body will be taken to Waterford, where burial will take place on Friday.

MRS. MARGARET MILLER. Mrs. Margaret Miller, wife of Charles R. Miller, died at her home, at 1727 Walnut street, on Monday evening, aged 57 years. Private funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from her home, conducted by the Rev. C. A. Smucker, pastor of Stevens Memorial Church. Burial will be made in the East Harrisburg Cemetery.

MRS. SUSAN L. LUPFER. Mrs. Susan L. Lupfer died on Tuesday evening at her home, 1492 Green street, aged 71 years. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert Watts and Mrs. John B. Hoyer, Harrisburg, and one son, J. Elmer Lupfer, of Altoona. Funeral services will be held on Saturday morning, at 9 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Alfred N. Sayre, pastor of the Second Reformed Church. The body will be taken to Liverpool by Hoover and Son. Burial will be made in the Liverpool Cemetery.

State Board Advises That General Electric Company Give All Employees Old Jobs

By Associated Press

Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 15. — Following a hearing before the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation into the strike of employees of the General Electric Company in this city, the board recommended that the company receive back within two weeks from this date all its employees who went on a strike on December 19 and that they be taken back without discrimination. Both sides were instructed to report to the board in writing at the expiration of the two weeks what progress had been made.

Y. M. C. A. Hard Put to Find Sufficient Room

The present membership of the Central Y. M. C. A. is 1229, an increase of twenty-three during the month of December. It was reported at the monthly meeting of the board of directors held in the "Y" building at noon today. Finances are in good condition and all activities are rapidly increasing. The present problem facing the officials is that of providing accommodations for the many members. Locker room is now very urgently needed, it was stated.

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Health and Happiness

Women of today seem to listen to every call of duty except the supreme one that tells them to guard their health. Home duties, church duties, war activities, and the hundred-and-one calls for charitable enterprises soon lead women to overdo. Nervousness, headaches, backaches and female troubles are the inevitable result.

Philadelphia, Pa.—"I was very weak, always tired, my back ached, and I felt sickly most of the time. I went to a doctor and he said I had nervous indigestion, which, added to my weak condition, kept me worrying most of the time—and he said if I could not stop that, I could not get well. I heard so much about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound my husband wanted me to try it. I took it for a week and felt a little better. I kept it up for three months, and I feel fine and can eat anything now without distress or nervousness. Health and happiness? Yes, I have both now."—Mrs. J. WORTHLINE, 2542 North Taylor Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The majority of women nowadays overdo, there are so many demands upon their time and strength; the result is invariably a weakened, run-down nervous condition with headaches, backache, irritability and depression—and soon more serious ailments develop. Avoid them by taking in time

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Here is how any woman can easily and quickly remove objectionable hairy growths without possible injury to the skin: Make a paste with some powdered delatone and water, apply to hairy surface and after 2 or 3 minutes rub off, wash the skin and the hairs are gone. This is a painless, inexpensive method, and excepting where the growth is unusually thick, a single application is enough. You should, however, be careful to get genuine delatone,

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