

COULD THE EUROPEAN WOMEN HAVE AVERTED WAR?

"HAD THEY UNITED THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO WAR," ASSERTS MRS. KATE W. BARRETT, JUST RETURNED FROM A STUDY OF EUROPE'S NATIONS, AND MRS. CATT CORROBORATES HER.

WHAT is the sentiment of the women of Europe? Their men have decreed war, and a ghastly state of warfare has ensued. Men have assembled and indulged in expressions of patriotic sentiment. They have marched, and sung, and cheered, and been thrilled with the glory of the approaching struggles. The accounts of these demonstrations have been interesting, as somewhere in some dispatches has crept in a meek paragraph mentioning as an expected fact that the women gathered in the streets weeping. But strife is continuing in spite of their weeping, and one wonders what efforts they made to ward off the catastrophe, or whether they were simply resigned to the hopelessness of their opposition. Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, who has just returned from Europe, where she has made an extensive tour through the Balkan States, studying the women there and their conditions, and who was an American delegate to the In-

ternational Council of Women at Rome, has had ample opportunity to know them from the temperamental and cultural point of view. War Appeals to French Women. "All women, I have not the least doubt, are actively against this war," Mrs. Barrett began. "Perhaps least of all do the French women oppose it, for their exuberant and optimistic patriotism allows them to enter into the spirit of all plans with a wholehearted abandon. The emotional glamour of world-wide war has appealed to them in the past, and now awakens similar feelings in them. They have not the vast incentive of a Napoleonic era, but their emotional loyalty is quick to be aroused. "In direct contrast are the English women, who are fighting valiantly for peace, and it is partly due to their efforts, no doubt, that England hesitated so long before it lighted its torch. If the Austrian and Hungarian women had been as much interested in political affairs they might have exerted some influence at this crisis. "They do not want war. But they have not yet learned to impress the men with their opinions. The entire social scale of that Dual Monarchy is curious. There is the city population and the country population, two entirely dissimilar masses of people. Austrian Women the Most Brilliant. "In the cities we find that the upper middle class is the most influential and brilliant. I have never seen more charming, cultured, and beautiful women than the Austrian, indeed, they surpass the French and the English. "They interest themselves in welfare work, and have done estimable work in this field. They were well represented at our International Council, although it was only after a struggle that the government permitted them to form themselves into a National Council. Curiously, there were very few of the titled women so represented. "They are behind in the wider interests. But no women were interested in politics or state matters. "Somewhat analogous is the position of the German women. They, perhaps, are least in favor of the general war.

They have the calm, common-sense, peace-loving temperament of the Teuton, and their intellect and emotional understanding cry out against the blood that is being shed, the property that is being destroyed, and against the tremendous set-back to civilization which this war must bring. The League of Death. "And the Servian women. We hear on one side that they are kindly, home-loving women. On the other, we see them playing the role of cruel, harsh and unforgiving warriors, who have organized themselves as the famous League of Death, wherein every member swears death to Serbia's enemies. There is truth in both statements. They are a warlike race of women, and they will fight with their men to the death. The mass is totally ignorant and unmoral according to our standards. With the coming of the recent peace the Serbs saw the beginning of a period of hope for the future.



HERS IS THE ERRAND OF MERCY

HERS THE ERRAND OF DEATH

A FULLY ACCREDITED MEMBER OF THE SERVIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF DEATH

NOW, HOWEVER, FRENCH WOMEN LIKE WAR, GERMANS DEPLORE IT AND SERVIANS GO TO BATTLE WITH THEIR MEN.

a difficult and laborious process to accomplish this. It meant much traveling from place to place, and innumerable delays. But in an international city, where all sciences had their headquarters and distinguished representatives, this search for varied and valued doctrines would be enormously simplified. "I have attended conferences all over the world, and have felt the difficulty that is entailed in gathering the people together. And another curious fact, the old adage of the prophet in his own country, which I have often found too true, would be almost eliminated, for when the international city has put its stamp of approval upon any person, that person must receive a certain amount of recognition. "Very often when we go to small towns for conventions, the authorities coerce us to observe what is their especial pride, whereas we know that another possession of theirs is far

be astonished to know how many women foolishly deceive their husbands about their bills, and like frightened children put off the awful moment of disclosure as long as possible. There is nothing men hate as much as an unscientific and unbusiness-like manner of managing the home. They do not want stupid, doll-like and inefficient partners. "And in the matter of working efficiency we women are deplorably behind hand, simply because we are too lazy and too unobservant to actually study conditions, and devise remedies. The international city would be an enormous help in even this supposedly limited and uninspiring field. We could come into contact with women who have worked out their own problems and learn much from them, and, doubtless, they from us. Learn From Serbs. "The Serb women could teach us many things. I found them, at the conference at Rome, as enlightened and progressive a body of women as I have ever come in contact with. We might learn many things from the Dutchwomen, who are famed as housekeepers, but, nevertheless, are not at all imitated. Mrs. Barrett said she was sure the homes in this proposed ideal city would be managed in the most approved manner. They would be all model homes. You see we women have lots to learn from each other in the humblest spheres, as well as in the highest things for which we are now reaching out. "The working out of the higher things would be materially aided by a community of the kind I am advocating. For example, every welfare society that possibly could would have a representative home there. And then,



THE TYPE OF WOMEN WHO IN THE BALKANS DARE ALL FOR FREEDOM'S SAKE.

AN AUSTRIAN RED CROSS NURSE LEAVING VIENNA FOR THE FRONT



A GERMAN RED CROSS EXPEDITION LEAVING BERLIN FOR THE FRONT



MME. ELLKA PERRAN N. TAMBORASKI SERBIAN FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

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Not a Serb that I spoke to but mentioned with joy the splendid things his nation was going to do. "They had set about upbuilding their country, and one saw that with peace they might have become, what they are not yet—a wholly civilized people. They were overjoyed that they might have a taste of quiet, when their weapons might be laid down, and this new outbreak of strife is fiercely unwelcome to them. The women have taken up their arms, and are fighting in their masculine uniforms. "I saw so many signs of mingled hatred and fear of the Turks that I went to Turkey, curious to see the latter people at home, and to view their beautiful city, Constantinople. "I have all the respect in the world for these people, who have clung with such high and martyrlike devotion to the ideals of their religion. "The men have beautiful faces, and one does not see the 'Cruel Turk' one hears about. Their habits and instincts make them uncongenial neighbors for the Europeans, so I wondered if it would not be better for all, if they withdrew from Europe. And then it occurred to me that this would be a wonderful spot for the International City. Perhaps: "This seems to be a peculiarly inappropriate time to discuss a proposed community of such a nature, but perhaps if there had been a city where the science, art, literature and civics of all the countries maintained common headquarters, we might not now be engaging in civilized warfare. "The purpose of this proposed city, as fostered by the council, however, is not to create world-wide peace. That has been left to The Hague. But we feel that peace would be a concomitant of its success, for much of our personal hatred is due to ignorance, and where we know one another thoroughly we find hate disappearing. "In a city of this sort there would be every opportunity for properly acquainting nations with each other. We should discover so many desirable and enviable points in communities hitherto deemed hostile that we

"The subject has been discussed mainly by women who met at the International Council. We learned so much from meeting our peers from all over Europe and America, that we felt that conferences of workers of all nations should become a general and established custom. All branches of human interest and welfare would be tremendously assisted. "Just imagine the beauty of a community where the best men and women of the world might convene at any time and be sure of finding companionship of the sort they seek. For example, there would be a building devoted to the study of architecture. There the Slav, the Greek, the Mexican, the German might meet, and from the common knowledge gained from one another might evolve a new and high form of architecture. "There would be laboratories for research work. Then we could come

intimately in contact with all branches and schools of learning. National distinctions would fade, for the people would soon have demonstrated to them that science is universal. "The value of broadening our viewpoint educationally has always been acknowledged. But it has always been

tests of the mothers, the judge explained that he was not there to deal with the child, but with the act, and that the act tended to endanger the rights of property. Even with this the mothers were not content. FIND THE FALLACY. "Street cleaning is just housekeeping on a large scale."—Commissioner Fetherston. Politics are no affair of women. Street cleaning is politics. Hence Street cleaning is no affair of women. Street cleaning is housekeeping. Hence Housekeeping is no affair of women. BLIND TO HIS MERCIES. A captain in the United States Marine Corps protests bitterly that the laws of sixteen states disenfranchise him on account of his profession. We are sending him a pamphlet entitled, "Indirect Influence More Potent Than the Ballot."

ARE WOMEN PEOPLE? BY ALICE DUER MILLER

AND THEY THOUGHT THEY BELIEVED IT. Many of the wise men of Europe who to-day are advocating bloodshed were telling the English militants two weeks ago that "violence was never justifiable." ARE WOMEN PEOPLE, MR. HEDGES? "If nominated," says Job E. Hedges, in announcing himself a candidate for the Governorship, "my appeal for election will be to the people at large." "BUT DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER." The Mayor of New York is in favor of women delegates to the Constitutional Convention, provided that "they do not represent solely the interests of women." WHO DOES REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN? In addressing the Hoptown Picnic the other day, Governor Glynn said: "I am acting for the man in the city as well as for the man in the country." And he probably is. WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS, BUT MUSN'T SAY. "I don't pretend I'm clever," he remarked, "or very wise." And at this she murmured, "Really," with the right polite surprise. "But women," he continued, "I must own I understand: Women are a contradiction—honorable and underhand—Constant as the star Polaris, yet as changeable as Fate, Always flying what they long for, always seeking what they hate." "Don't you think," began the lady, but he cut her short: "I see That you take it personally—women always do," said he: "You will pardon me for saying every woman is the same, Very greedy for approval, very sensitive to blame; Sweet and passionate are women; weak in mind, but strong of soul; Even you admit, I fancy, that they haven't self-control?" "No, I don't admit they haven't," said that patient lady then, "Or they could not sit and listen to the nonsense talked by men."

more worthy of attention. Mme. Montessori Slighted by Factions. "For example, in Italy this year, most of us were anxious to hear Mme. Montessori, but on account of the rival factions she had been entirely omitted in the programme, and American women gave her a reception ourselves. "Women perhaps, at the present any rate, would benefit most by an arrangement of this sort. We recognize this, and it is the women who are doing all the work in the effort to make this hope a not far distant reality. Men are interested, and will help all they can, for men in these days are very good to us. They will give us almost anything that they possible can and that they think will not harm us. Sex Antagonism But a "Bogey Man." "They meet us more than half way in all that we demand, and as for that dread sex antagonism that we hear so much about I have failed to see any of it, other than in the imaginations of the morbidly antagonistic woman. "I am a suffragist, but I acknowledge with a bit of shame that I don't blame the men for not letting us have charge of national and state affairs. They judge our capabilities, and rightly, by the manner in which we govern our homes. And was there ever anything on earth so flagrantly mismanaged? Was there ever any industry run in such inefficient, clumsy, unmodern a wise as this? "There is no reason why the home should not be run on a strictly modern basis. And yet, how many of them are? Take the money consideration, for one. How many women are there who regulate their expenditures according to the necessities of their sex. think how simple it would be to compare methods, conditions and results, Studies Immigration Problem for U. S. "Nations recognize the necessity of worldwide observations, and the United States has sent me out to study the immigration problem and to look into the deportation conditions in Italy. And comparison and a more or less elective building up of methods would follow, with continual corrective checkings to prevent stagnation. For, of course, each country has its individual problems and must solve them for itself. "There will be many experiments in the education field, for there will be, after a while, a more or less permanent population. People will find it so desirable that many will make it their permanent home. Of course, it will be very heterogeneous, but that will teach the nations to associate amicably. "It is planned that the city have an ideal and model government, in which every nation is to have a share. And the city will be ideal, too, in the matter of its sectioning. There will be not only the main thoroughfares running at right angles, but there will be avenues running diagonally, so that one can use the shortest distance between two points. Everything will be planned in advance as far as possible so as to make everything conform to the public convenience and welfare. The City But a Dream? "We shall have a very fine community, without doubt, and it will be situated somewhere on the Mediterranean, or the Azores. And even if we never have it, the attempt will aid the universalizing of human industries,

WOMEN ARE SO LAWLESS. In 1834 in England five boys under fourteen were condemned to be hanged for stealing a shawl and some playthings. In response to the