

ROLES WHICH THE WOMEN WOULD PLAY IF WAR CAME

Of Course There Would Be Nurses, as Always, Big Blond Dolls as Traffic Cops; Wives Running Husband's Offices

What can women do to serve our country in case of war? asks Jane Dixon in the New York Sun, and answers:

There has been a well established rule running all the way down through history to the effect that the female of the species shall not fare forth to battle.

It has been indelibly written that when the dogs of war slip their leashes it is not the part of woman to try to beat them back with bayonets.

Why this we do not know. Long ago we learned that when any great vital task must be undertaken by humanity the men folk appropriate for themselves such portion of it as offers the most adventure, excitement, action. Indubitably the physical fitness of women is another big barrier. And so it is that "Sister Sue's sewing shirts for soldiers."

The question is, What can Sister Sue do to serve her country besides sewing shirts?

There is the relief work first. The hand that rocks the cradle is the same hand that soothes the sick soldier's burning brow and laves his wounds with healing lotions.

As Nurses and Traffic Cops Given the remotest hint of hostilities, see what happens. Debutantes desert their dances and devote the vitality previously expended in the fox trot to rolling sanitary bandages. Time which went to idling over chocolate, lavender literature and pink cocktails is spent in learning first aid to the injured.

I asked a girl who goes in for athletics and walks miles every day rain or shine where she thought she could serve.

"I'll bet I could be a bear of a policeman," was her reply. "Feel that muscle," doubling up her arm. "Nothing flabby about that, is there? I've played at least seven sets of tennis a day for the last six summers with that arm and believe me it could lead a lawbreaker to the police station so quick it would make your head swim."

"I'd like a nice post along Fifth avenue, where I could grab any slacker who sneaked out of enlisting. Wouldn't it be great to get some of the spinesless fellows who never do anything but light cigarettes and draw drafts on dad? A few months in the trenches would be just what they need—kill or cure."

Picture to yourself a blond doll with Mary Pickford curls peeping out from under her cap standing in the traffic cop's place. She would probably be forced to use the nightstick to drive back the crowds of men citizens beginning to be arrested.

On the Subway Trains "I'd like to serve in the place of a

subway guard," chose a girl who lives far enough uptown to be classed as an underground commuter. "Things would change a heap if women were left to operate the subway trains."

There is no doubt women could keep transportation up to its present standard. The thought of boarding a surface car and finding a perfect thirty-six at the helm, while a girl who once drove her own motor requests you to "drop the fare in the box, please," may seem strange as things are now, but it is by no means beyond the realm of possibility.

Imagine having the dust whisked from your topcoat as you are pulling into Chicago by a titian-haired "flapper," who holds out her hand for the rap as natural as life. You would raise the accustomed quarter to a slip of green paper printed by the government. And it is a 10 to 1 shot you would never again miss that train.

Women would be invaluable as messengers in war time. Here is a work which requires not so much strength as alertness, energy, endurance. It is a fact that when it comes to endurance in times of great stress a woman can outlast a man. Not only would she be able to substitute as a messenger in civil life, but within the military lines as well.

As Makers of Munitions Munitions factories would claim thousands of patriotic women here as in Europe. So, if the battle cry is heard, we will see the lady of leisure and the girl who works for a living trudging side by side toward the factory, anxious, eager, burning to do their part toward victory. The danger of it will affect them no more than it does the soldier who turns back through a curtain of fire to rescue a wounded comrade left on the field.

The wife who could keep the wheels of her husband's business whirring, albeit slowly, while he was at the front would be serving not only the nation, but her home and her family both wisely and well. Moreover, the change would eliminate at least one social parasite—the girl who, when she strolls into the office at 10 o'clock in the morning, hangs her coat on a hook, straightens her diamonds, takes the cover off the typewriter and spends the rest of the day scheming how she can get the boss to take her out to dinner.

When Johnny goes marching away it will be to the tune of "The Girl I Left Behind Me," but when Johnny comes marching home it will be to the tune of "The Woman Who Replaced Me."

GOVERNOR URGES TREE PLANTING

A Treeless State Is a Cheerless State Says Governor Brumbaugh to People

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh makes a plea for reforestation of Pennsylvania and urges that the children of the State be taught the meaning and value of trees in his annual Arbor Day proclamation. The Governor says: "A treeless state is a cheerless state," and urges that not only should waste lands be replanted, but that trees be placed along the highways, in the school yards, about the public buildings and wherever one will grow and be of value either for shade or water supply.

The proclamation fixes April 13 and 27 as the spring Arbor Days. The Governor says in his proclamation: "Whereas, Pennsylvania was once the home of vast forests of deciduous and evergreen trees, whose values to our people can never be fully reckoned, and, whereas our people now have set aside above one million, two hundred thousand acres of land as a State forest preserve and are steadily adding to this vast public domain and are giving increased attention to the conservation of her depleted natural resources and are making commendable efforts to restore, as far as possible, these gifts of God to our people;

"Now, therefore, that we may wisely promote in the minds and hearts of our people a knowledge and love for trees and in order that the generations to follow may enjoy the blessings of forests and the good of our country designate and set aside Friday, April 13, and Friday, April 27, 1917, as Arbor Days.

"Our people have been prodigal, even wasteful, of the great forests, symbolic of our name. Instead of the wondrous woods rich in green and silence we have the fire-swept wastes that add to the menace of our people and industries. Where once we had the sylvan streams, beautiful and entrancing, we now have the destructive flood and the famished land. To face the task of restoring these forests is a duty both imminent and practical. We must plant where God once planted the native trees of our State and by careful and conserving concern restore to our mountains and remote valleys the essential good that trees secure to a people. A treeless state is a cheerless state. A sylvan scene is an inspiration and a blessing. We need not fear the future if we do our part in our day wisely and well. The restoration of our forest fastnesses and all the attendant good is the task not of a day but of centuries. Our forefathers are as years in the span of a continuing commonwealth. Ours is the duty of giving to our children a more valuable, a more beautiful, a more healthful Pennsylvania than we possess.

"One needs to have a sincere love for the great out-of-doors, and a reverent regard for the great forests where in profusion and splendor grow the carpeted mosses and the frothed ferns, where flourish the wild flowers and the trailing vines, where bird and beast find shelter and rear their young unscared, where summer showers are refined into splendor and flow in health and blessing to the populous cities, where the wonderful machinery of sun and storm produce a scene so rich, so varied, so entrancing that the vision enralls the spirit and inspires the soul of him who by chance walks this way. We shall have increasing need of these gifts of shade and service as the years come on apace. I wish it might be possible to have every child of our cities as well as those of our countryside spend entire days in our Pennsylvania woods.

"If you want your children to love the beautiful and reverent the good, plant trees. If you want to add to the health and security of our people, plant trees. If you want to give the gifts of good to our Commonwealth, plant trees. If you want to see in the budding beauty of spring time an earnest of the gorgeous autumnal coloring, plant trees. If you want to add many songs to the bird chorus so sweet, so comforting, so welcome, plant trees. If you want to shower the earth with life, plant trees. If you want Pennsylvania to be the finest, fairest land in all the world, plant trees.

"Plant trees for shade and for food upon our fertile arable acres, about our schools and other public buildings, along our great and rapidly developing highways, and out in the great preserves where in time they will be the pride and glory of our State. As we increase our forest areas we shall increase our wild life in Pennsylvania and by natural distillation provide the greatest gift of our loving Father to his children—pure, wholesome, life-bearing water.

"Teach the meaning of trees. Study their habits. Observe the yearly transformations. Learn to know an oak, a locust, a poplar, a hemlock, a chestnut, a dogwood quite as fully by its outline, its bark, its habit as by its leaf or blossom. Consider what trees do for man in his home and industrial life, what rich shelter they provide for our song birds, what rich gifts of food and health they bear for mankind. Impress upon all children the humane treatment of animals, an unafraid attitude to the out-of-doors and the duty of preserving our beautifully throated songsters.

"Whose habitations in the treetops are half-way houses on the road to heaven."

"Gather on these days your own children about you in the home and teach them to love trees and all that attend them. In every pulpit may a lofty plea be made for the fragrant forests and the beautiful birds. In every school let the exercises of the day include such reference to the day as will quicken in the tender spirits of children a reverent regard for the things that God in his wisdom set upon the earth and that we should forever cherish and conserve. Then in the open air crown the exercises by planting trees.

"Thus shall blessings flow to us, good to those that succeed us, honor to the great Commonwealth we devoutly call our home."

RAILROAD CONGESTION IN MIDDLE WEST CLEARS
By Associated Press
Washington, March 2. — Conditions in the congested railroad yards of the Middle West were reported to-day to be rapidly approaching normal. A telegram from a special committee of operating officials at Columbus, O., to the Car Service Commission of the American Railway Association stated the situation at Columbus had been restored to normal. Reports received from Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh and other interior points contained the information that the recent war weather had enabled the roads to clear away much of the accumulation of cars and that progress still continued. At Atlantic and Gulf ports continued diminution in accumulations was reported.

Tells How He Deserted Profitable Saloon to Take Up Mission Work

An audience that filled the auditorium of Technical High School, last night, heard John Fulton, superintendent of Bethesda Mission, 107 1/2 South Second street, tell the story of his conversion, how he walked out of his \$50,000 hotel and saloon in New York, ten years ago and began missionary work in that city.

Mr. Fulton told of the needs of Harrisburg's rescue mission and made a strong plea for the public's generosity in helping to care for the homeless, who, in their journeyings, happen into this city. After last night's meeting opportunity was given to subscribe to a small fund which Mr. Fulton is raising to provide immediate accommodations for the men who are applying daily at the mission for lodging. The amount needed is \$2,500, and \$1,700 of this sum was pledged at a recent meeting. Superintendent Fulton explained his methods of securing work for these men and how he looks after their spiritual welfare. James W. Barker, president of the board of trustees of Bethesda Mission, presided at the meeting, and Mrs. Fulton, who assists her husband in the mission work, sang a solo. The Christian Endeavor Chorus, with J. Frank Palmer conducting, led the singing. Superintendent Fulton has just completed installing twenty-five beds in a building across the street from the mission and is making further preparations to care for his charges.

Suffragists Plan For a Great Demonstration

Washington, D. C., March 2. — Amalgamation of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and the National Woman's Party was planned at a joint convention of those organizations which opened to-day and will end Sunday with a suffrage demonstration before the White House gates. Leaders in the merger movement stated the new body would bear the name of the National Woman's Party. Plans were formulated for organized activity of women in war times, and for an accelerated campaign on behalf of a Federal suffrage amendment.

U. S. Consul Loses a Suit For 119,000 Crowns

Malmö, Sweden, March 2, via London. — Joseph Westerberg, American Consular agent here, has been adjudged by the municipal court liable for a penalty of 119,000 crowns in a civil action brought by Forenede Dampskibs-Selskab, of Copenhagen, to recover double damages under a contract. Mr. Westerberg imported a quantity of American pork last September through the plaintiffs and signed an undertaking not to re-export it to any country at war with Great Britain and to request a similar undertaking from his agents under penalty of forfeiting twice the value of the pork. The plaintiffs allege breach of the undertaking and the Court decided the allegations had been substantiated.

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