

An American Woman at Front



Descendant of Robert E. Lee Has Famous Hospital in France ::

Wounded Poilus recuperating at Mrs. Bradley Lee's hospital. Mrs. Bradley Lee is shown in first row dressed in white Red Cross nurse costume.

THE publication of statistics of all army hospitals shows that an American woman—Mrs. Zalma Bradley Lee, formerly of Baltimore and New York—operates a hospital having the lowest mortality rate of all the institutions in France.

Although the hospital of Mrs. Bradley Lee at Creil is for contagious cases—and nearly every patient is also suffering from a wound or from gas besides—the death rate is only a little more than 3 per cent.

Having received the bronze and silver medals of honor for services for the Patrie, Mrs. Bradley Lee has now been promoted for the gold medal and will be decorated with it when she takes possession of her new hospital.

French army engineers are building this hospital with a capacity of 500 beds, on the hill just south of this town, which is the principal base and depot of the Army of the North and Centre.

Nearly 5,000 men have passed through Mrs. Bradley Lee's hospital during the three years she has had it, and the beautiful American woman has been seen at the bedside of every one of the hundred-odd men who have died there, ministering to him until the end.

Mrs. Bradley Lee is the widow of David Bradley, and a descendant of Gen. Robert E. Lee. She has lived in France for some years, owing a handsome chateau near Chantilly. At the beginning of the war she served as a nurse and assistant on an army automobile carrying a portable X-ray machine.

from Calais, could change cars and take through express trains for the Riviera, for Switzerland or for Germany. The great steel bridge across the Oise, which the retreating French blew up in August, 1914, before the battle of the Marne, is still resting in the river bed, and traffic is carried on by several smaller bridges thrown across the stream by army engineers.

Introduced American Methods.

"What sort of diseases do we get here?" she repeated in answer to a question; "why, everything from smallpox and typhus down to scarlet fever and measles, with diphtheria and typhoid and bronchitis perhaps the most prevalent. And whatever success I have made of this hospital is due primarily to the fact that I have used American methods everywhere. I have scandalized the patients and shocked the French doctors, but at the beginning they were kind with me and let me have my way. Since they have seen the results that have followed the application of our American treatment and methods they have been willing for me to do so, and a few of them—a few of the more advanced physicians—have followed my example and have instituted American practices themselves in other hospitals.

"I have had wonderful success with my typhoid cases, using the ice-bag method instead of the hot bath treatments that they wanted to insist on giving. And I have always specialized on fresh air and cold air, too, except under certain circumstances, and cleanliness everywhere.

"No patient has ever used a handkerchief in this hospital, and no one ever will while I have anything to do with it," continued Mrs. Bradley Lee. "Science knows that nearly all contagion is spread through the nose and mouth. Well, none of the soldiers here are given handkerchiefs or are permitted to wipe their noses or mouths with anything but little squares of gauze which they throw into closed receptacles immediately after they use them once.

"That is one reason why this is the only hospital in all of France in which no member of the staff, no physician, no nurse, nor even an orderly or scrubwoman has ever caught a disease here. I have never had anything worse than the cold and the sore throat that I have now since I have worked on men suffering with typhus and smallpox, and been with them for days and nights, hour after hour.

"There is not another hospital in France that has that record, and I have only lost one typhoid patient in all these three years, just by strictly following the American method of treatment all the time.

Patients Frightened at First.

"The poor patients were a little frightened at first; they who have been taught that fresh air means a draught and who have never become too intimate with soap and water, especially during cold weather.

"Today I received a Kabyle—a native from the French colonies in northern Africa—and that man finished my collection. I have had a man from every nationality fighting in this war during the last three years. Chiefly my patients have been French, of course, but I have also had a good many Belgians and British, sent down on the main line railroad through Amiens. Then when the Russians were on the front I had a number of them with scarlet fever. We had Senegalese, the black troops from Central Africa; we had Moors and Algerians, Italians and Romanians from the foreign legion, a Portuguese aviator, and the chauffeur for the king of Montenegro. Many German prisoners of war have been brought here, and I had an Austrian aviator who was with the German flying service and had been shot down on this front. Then a Turk who had escaped from a concentration camp was picked up here with diphtheria, and finally a Bulgarian who had smuggled his way

from Greece to Marseilles and had wandered all the way up here. The two Americans who were just released after getting over the mumps were the first Sammies I had.

"During the first two years I was here it was mighty exciting, particularly at night, when the German airplanes used to fly over and bombard the town. Recently they have not come very often."

Sister is German Countess.

Mrs. Bradley Lee is a sister of the beautiful Mary Lee, who married Count Waldersee, former chief of the German general staff. She was formerly the intimate friend of the kaiser, and is rumored to have "taught religion to the kaiser" several years before the war.

Mrs. Bradley Lee often visited her titled sister in Berlin or Altona before the war, and had a large acquaintance in the German "army set," among which Countess Waldersee moved.

The German army under Von Kluck occupied Chantilly, after Creil and Senlis, during the first weeks of the war, and a German general and his staff stopped in Mrs. Bradley Lee's chateau, doing no damage there, although the Rothschild estates and the property of Duchesse de Chartres, adjoining were looted by the invaders.

This fact, together with the fact that it was known that Mrs. Bradley Lee had a sister married to a German field marshal, caused considerable gossip, and there have been many unfounded rumors current that the beautiful American woman who has operated the hospital at Creil for so long had been arrested for giving intelligence to the enemy.

WAR AIDS GENERAL HEALTH

Sight of Sturdy Soldiers and Sailors on the Streets Declared to Have Had Good Effect.

An observing physician says that the presence in New York's streets of many soldiers and sailors has an indirect effect on the health of civilians. He believes that most persons become imitative when they see one of Uncle Sam's men with head erect, shoulders back and chest thrown out. The natural result is deep breathing, and from this comes improved digestion and circulation, thus causing better health.

The doctor called attention to the fact that Poe in pointing out the psychological effect of one person on another in regard to acts and mannerisms said he could figure many thoughts of persons in the streets by watching their actions. As an illustration, Poe told of a man hurrying along in a slouchy manner until he approached a hunchback, when he immediately straightened, the similarity of carriage causing an unconscious effort at the instant the hunchback's misfortune was flashed to the brain of the normal man.

Still another influence affecting the general health of the public, due to the war, is the increased number of patriotic men who have gone into training after rejection by army or navy surgeons due to minor physical disability. Others, too, have undergone lesser surgical operations, long neglected, so that they might pass.

Money in Snails.

An investment of ten cents three years ago in two red snails has netted a profitable business for Mme. Veronica Varje Scrimshaw, who is known to hundreds of school children as "The Snail Queen."

The snail investment brought thousands of snails, which Mme. Scrimshaw sells to school children 50 for five cents; and the madame throws in a bit of seaweed and sand. The children are so eager for snails that the madame's profits sometimes reach \$12 a day. She is said to be the only woman known to raise snails.

DISEASE SPREAD BY ANIMALS

Scientists and Physicians Have Prepared a Strong Indictment Against the Beasts.

Although animals are not affected by the sickness and communicable diseases of man, yet, for some unexplained reason, the scientists and physicians declare that a whole host of diseases fatal ailments of mankind are transmissible to the beasts, says Popular Science Monthly.

The horse is blamed for spreading rabies, lockjaw and other diseases of five or more syllables. Dogs and cats are branded as the circulators of rabies, parasitic worms of different kinds, fleas and ticks.

The cow is the worst offender. The diseases laid at her barn door are tuberculosis and grows constantly more blood-curdling, until one wonders why physicians and scientists consent to the use of milk, butter and cheese which still lead the diet list of nutritives.

Rats, squirrels and fleas spread the bubonic plague. We are prepared to believe that lice and bedbugs, flies and mosquitoes are the rapid transit lines for yellow fever and malaria. We are willing to forego the luscious oyster for the year around, if need be, to avoid typhoid fever.

Potatoes Unknown in Ireland. "We speak in this country of the 'Irish potato,'" remarked H. O. Conroy, a native of Ireland, at the Raleigh. "Nobody in Ireland would know what is meant by an 'Irish' potato. There are five distinct varieties of potatoes in Ireland—the Champion, which we call in America the 'Irish potato'; the White Rock, the Queen Coat and the Skerry, which is known between the so-called Irish potatoes and the yam."—Washington Star.

Japanese Teas the Best.

The feature which marks tea curing in Japan is the proverbial cleanliness which is characteristic of the Japanese people. The rules of sanitation are strictly observed by the tea growers of Japan. Not only the health and sanitation of workers are strictly examined by local tea associations, but also the process of curing is inspected with the most care. Japanese teas have never been artificially colored as have been those from some other countries.

Facts About Prolific Fish.

The cod is estimated to yield 4,000,000 eggs each season. As many as 100,000,000, and even nine and a half million eggs have been found in the spawn of a single cod. An eel was caught in Scotland some years ago which was 100 inches long and weighed about two pounds. The ovary was about 12 inches long as it lay in the fish, but when opened out it was nearly 30 inches in length, and it was calculated that this contained upward of 10,000,000 eggs, rivaling, if not surpassing, the cod in this respect.

ENJOYED SIGHT OF CROWDS

British Soldier, Home on Leave, Avers That Even to See White People is a Luxury.

The man who thinks he has the loneliest job in all war was recently on leave in London. There he was spending all his walking hours walking the streets and looking at the crowds.

Three years ago he was a cog in London's commercial machine. Then he went to Gallipoli. Now he is attached to the Sudanese army near the Abyssinian and Belgian-Congo frontiers. He is the only Englishman in an area of 200 miles and none of the native troops in his command speak English. He has a smattering of Arabic and his only conversation is in that language. Some of his men, who, he says, are fine soldiers, were enemies not many years ago.

In an interview reported by the Manchester Guardian he remarked that the very sight of crowds was a luxury after his experience. His

chief diversion in Africa is playing "patience," although this is diversified by incidental lion hunting and the casual chance of shooting other big game. None the less he could say that while "the loneliness gets on my nerves occasionally, on the whole I like the job, and we get some jolly little scraps which are not reported in the newspapers. Still I should welcome the society of a war correspondent or two.

Which possibly goes to show that even in the desert the newspaper has its uses.

WOMEN MUST HELP RAISE WAR FUNDS

Lovers of Home and Country Called to the Colors.

ALL CAN BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Wives, Sisters, Mothers, Sweethearts Never Before Called Upon to Play Such a Vastly Important Part—Lend Your Money.

(By DOROTHY DIX.)

Buy a Liberty bond, ladies. No matter how many you have bought before, stretch a point and buy another.

You can't shoulder a gun and go off and fight for your country, as the men are doing. You can't put on a nurse's uniform and go and nurse wounded soldiers or drive an ambulance or work in a munition factory, as many other women are doing, but you can do your bit by backing up these other men and women, who are risking their lives to defend you with your money.

Without guns and munitions, without food and clothes, without hospital supplies, the army in France is just so many sheep led to the slaughter; if we let them die for the lack of the things that money buys, their blood is on our heads, and our crime against them will be blacker than the Boches, because they trusted us.

It takes money, money, money and yet more money to carry on war, and this war is to be the war of the longest pocketbook. It is the last ton of bombs, the last load of shrapnel, and the last big gun that will thunder out victory. Therefore, if we want to win this war, we must find more money, and it is particularly up to us women, who can fight with our hands, to fight with our dollars, and pour them like water at Uncle Sam's feet.

Women's Greatest Sacrifices.

In no war in all history have women been called upon to play such a tremendous part as in this war. Never before have women had to give so many of their husbands and sons and brothers to be cannon fodder. Never have women before gone into the trenches and fought side by side with men. Never have they gone into factories to make munitions of war with their own hands. Never have they had to take upon their shoulders the heavy burdens of hard physical labor that men laid down when they went forth to battle. And never before did their country call on women to make such sacrifices as they are called on to make now.

It is because this war touches women more nearly in every way than any other war has ever done, because more women's hearts have been broken by it, more women impoverished and made homeless, more mothers have seen their babes slain before their eyes, more mothers have beheld their young daughters ravished, that women must use their utmost effort to put an end to war.

Women must see to it that there is never another war to lay waste to the world and drench it with women's tears, and this can only be accomplished by our winning this war.

And to do that we must have money. So, let every woman who has some loved one at the front buy a Liberty bond. Let every woman who has a hearthstone that she would keep safe buy a Liberty bond. Let every woman who has a babe that she loves, or a young daughter whose purity she would guard, buy a Liberty bond.

Reasons Are Numerous.

Let every woman who has a particle of sympathy in her soul for the forlorn women and children of Belgium and France buy a Liberty bond. Let every woman who believes in justice, and freedom, and right buy a Liberty bond. Let every woman who hates war and craves for peace buy a Liberty bond.

The trip that you had planned, the new frock you were going to get, how pitifully small is the sacrifice of these for the sake of those who are sacrificing their lives to protect you and yours.

Buy all the Liberty bonds you can, and then go in debt for some more, so shall you prove yourself a worthy daughter of Uncle Sam.

This is a time when money talks and tells the kind of a patriot you are. The woman who hasn't a bunch of Liberty bonds is she's rich, or who isn't paying on a Liberty bond if she's poor, is a traitor to her country and should hang her head in shame every time she passes a man in khaki or feels the fold of the red, white, and blue floating over her unworthy head.

The Badge of Citizenship.

The Liberty Bond button is no longer a mark of liberality or even of patriotism; it is the badge of citizenship. Are you wearing one?

Letter Perfect.

"How is Jibway at telling a story?" "Not bad."

"I presume that comes from practice?"

"Yes. He's been practicing on the same story for nearly twenty years.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Not Valued Highly.

Drowning Man—How much do you want to save my life?
Sailor—Ten dollars.
Drowning Man—It ain't worth that much.

NERVES GAVE OUT

Serious Kidney Trouble Had Made Life Miserable, But Doan's Removed All the Trouble. Hasn't Suffered Since.

"I had such severe pains in my back," says Mrs. Albert Alkroyd, 304 W. Indiana Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., "that they almost doubled me up. Many a day I could not do my housework and at every move it seemed as if my back would break in two. My feet and ankles swelled until I had to wear large-sized slippers and sometimes I couldn't stand up."



"I had dizzy spells and dreadful headaches and every day my nerves passed before my eyes. Had a heavy weight been resting on my head, the pain could not have been more distressing. The least noise startled me, I was so nervous. I couldn't control the kidney secretions and the pain in passage was awful."

"It began to look as though my case was beyond the reach of medicine until I used Doan's Kidney Pills. The first box benefited me and four boxes cured all the troubles. I have had no further cause for complaint."

Sworn to before me,
Thos. H. Walters, Notary Public.

Get Doan's at Any Store, or a Box
DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
POSTER-MELBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

All Knitting.
Jane—Do you knit?
Susie—No.
Jane—Get busy, kid; even bones knit.

FRECKLES

Now Is the Time to Get Rid of Those Ugly Spots

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription ointment—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots. Simply get an ounce of ointment—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.—Adv.

Bitter Thoughts.

Mrs. Pester—Have you forgotten that this is our wedding anniversary?
Mr. Pester—What a pessimist you are to brood over such subjects.

LEMONS DO MAKE THE SKIN WHITE

HOW TO MAKE A CREAMY LEMON BEAUTY LOTION AT HOME FOR A FEW CENTS.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply you with three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Squeeze the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle, then put in the orchard white and shake well. This makes a quarter pint of the very best lemon skin whiteners and complexion beautifiers known. Massage this fragrant, creamy lotion daily into the face, neck, arms and hands and just see how freckles, tan, sallowness, redness and roughness disappear and how smooth, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless, and the beautiful results will surprise you.—Adv.

The Logic of It.
"It is odd that gossips are so often given as authorities."
"Not at all, for what they say goes."

The birds sing sweetly at morn and eve—but do a lot of scratching between.

If you happen to find your feelings all worked up, order a fresh supply.



Red-blooded men of courage are on the firing line—and there are many anemic, weak, discouraged men and women left at home.

At this time of the year most people suffer from a condition often called Spring Fever. They feel tired, worn out, before the day is half thru. They may have frequent headaches and sometimes "pimply" or pale skin.

Bloodless people, thin, anemic people, those with pale cheeks and lips, who have a poor appetite and feel that tired, worn or feverish condition in the springtime of the year, should try the refreshing tonic powers of a good alternative and blood purifier. Such a one is extracted from Blood root, Golden Seal and Stone root, Queen's root and Oregon Grape root, made up with chemically pure glycerine and without the use of alcohol. This can be obtained in ready-to-use tablet form in sixty-cent vials, as druggists have sold it for fifty years as Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is a standard remedy that can be obtained in tablet or liquid form.

A good purge should be taken once a week even by persons who have a movement daily, in order to eliminate matter which may remain and cause a condition of auto-intoxication, poisoning the whole system. To clean the system at least once a week is to practice health measures. There is nothing so good for this purpose as tiny pills made up of the May-apple, leaves of aloe and jalap, and sold by almost all druggists in this country as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, sugar-coated, easy to take.