

# Mother-Love and Hate Struggle on Faces of French Women Carrying Boche Babies

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Perhaps the poor repatriés—as the people who are sent back from Germany are called—at Evian give me a picture that stays persistently in my memory, because at Evian I got my first idea of the hell that war makes.

It was here I saw women coming back with a look of despair and shame contorted with mother love on their faces, as they held in their arms boche babies.

In each convoy that comes to Evian out from behind the German lines, you will find from 10 to 25 women who have babies under two years old, and all these children must have German fathers.

"Do these women love their children?"

Most of them do, but one out of every 10 you will find has been so abused by its German father that she can hardly treat the child as her breast kindly.

"No boche has any respect for a woman," declared one young mother in whom love of her baby and hate of its German father struggled for mastery.

Don't Love Families

"When a boche soldier gets his 'permission,' he often stays back of the lines instead of going home to his family, because he knows that his family does not have the food to eat that the soldier does. He really does not care for his family as do the men of France."

And she is right.

When a French soldier receives his eight days' "permission," he gets back as soon as he can to his family, and if he was a cab driver, you will see him driving a cab the entire time, that he may pick up a few francs for his family.

If he has a little piece of land, he will be cultivating that. Every

French soldier tries to make his wife and children a little more comfortable while he is home, and as he gets only 5 cents a day he always tries to make a little money when he is on "permission."

Old Folks Pitiful

At Evian the old people seem to me the most pitiful, for the children have a future, they may grow into strong men and women. But the old—my heart was breaking for them—a great many of them are so worn that the joy of getting back to "la Patrie" is too much for them, and they die within 24 hours after arrival.

The real old people are taken to the Convent of Joan of Arc, where the gentle mothers and sisters care for them. But I felt that on the door of this place should be written, "abandon hope all ye who enter here," for only those without friends and only a short time to live, are taken here.

While I was at Evian, two sisters, who had gone mad from the cruelty of the Huns, were brought here to die. I would not like any woman to have heard their cries for mercy from their captors, it was horrible.

System Wonderful

The system of finding relatives and friends for these poor repatriés is so wonderful at Evian that most of them are sent away within the day to someone who is waiting for them.

But the poor old woman whose picture is printed here was lame and all alone. Evidently in all the world she had no one whose eyes would brighten for her.

After all the others had left, she still sat there for hours, patient but hopeless. I went over to her and asked if she wanted me to do anything for



Idah McGlone Gibson and an aged French "repatrié" she found at Evian.

her. She answered—"I am so tired, so tired"—all I could get out of her was "I am so tired"—and truly, she looked "so tired," as she sat there, with only the knowledge that she was back in her beloved country to sustain her.

Shows Spirit!

"Will you have your picture taken for me?" I asked, at last, for I wanted to show to Americans a type of these thousands of old people that have been sent back

to France by the Huns to live as best they can the few years remaining to them.

She looked at me a moment, and then, apparently seeing the Red Cross on my hat, she knew there was nothing to distrust, and she answered "Out."

And right here I had a most wonderful illustration of feminine nature.

The dear old woman, whose only possessions in life were the bag and crutch that stood beside her—who knew that she would never see this picture, and who did not know where she would be sent to finish her life—who did not even know where her next meal was to come from—sat up a little straighter, brushed back the stray locks of white hair that were blown about her wrinkled face, and asked me if I would tie her bonnet strings a little tidier.

Brave old soul!

It was the spirit that cannot be crushed, whether it rests in the body of an orphan child, a crippled soldier, or the worn and weary frame of a woman who must patiently wait until the end. We know the French have it. God grant Americans show up as well where they are tried.

## HARRY ROSE IS LIBERATED

Harry W. Rose, who was arrested here Friday on a charge of kidnaping, was freed Tuesday upon a writ of habeas corpus brought by his attorney, Frank Riley.

Rose was arrested here in response to a telegram from Boise, but as no further charges were filed against him he was allowed his freedom.

Attorney Riley said that Rose and Mrs. Williams were married some time ago at Vancouver, B. C., and that they had shown him the certificate.

## CLUB FAVORS SERVICE BILL

Members of the Tacoma Commercial club who met Tuesday night for the monthly rally, went on record as strongly favoring universal military service. The resolution was drafted as a protest against the resolution now before congress against military training, and will be sent to Congressman Albert Johnson at Washington, D. C.

Capt. Jackson commanding the Camp Lewis remount station, and Col. Cavanaugh, in command of the 363rd infantry, addressed the gathering.

## JUST PAYING OFF M. P.'S

Somebody tried to kid the Times reporter Tuesday night by telling him that a bunch of soldiers were "raiding police headquarters."

Hatless, breathless and with fire in his eye, the reporter rushed around to "get the story"—only to find that companies A and B of the military police were assembled in the lobby "drawing down their stipend."

## HAIR CLIPPED

(United Press Lensed Wire.)

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., May 8.—Henry Zang, a native of Switzerland, was found late last night tied to a tree in the courthouse yard and with his hair clipped in the form of a cross.

He said 25 masked night riders had clipped his hair and threatened him with more serious injury if he made any more pro-German remarks.

## POUNDRING THE FOE'S POSITIONS

(United Press Lensed Wire.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN PICARDY, May 8.—The American artillery throught the night was pounding the German positions at Cantigny, Courtemanche, Fontaine-Sous-Montdidier, Mesnil-St. Georges, and all roads and woods in the vicinity.

Under the extremely heavy fire the Cantigny-Francourt wood has been torn up by high explosives. Enemy supply trains were subjected to a deluge of shells. The sky was ablaze with the light of the American artillery fire.

Front a Sea of Mud.

The boche guns replied against our rear organizations.

The clearing weather has enabled excellent observation. French airplanes hover over the German lines in flocks.

The front is now a sea of mud and conditions are similar to the early stages of the war, when there were no shelters and men were living in mudholes.

Six more Americans have been decorated with the Croix de Guerre.

Cited For Gallantry.

Capt. Sydney Graves, Lieut. Paul Daly, Sergt. W. B. Connel and H. R. Webb and Privates E. F. Bennett and J. A. Mendenhall.

Bennett, a motorcycle courier, drove thru two enemy barrages to carry out a mission. Connel and Mendenhall, members of the signal corps, maintained telephone communications with the rear during a gas attack, despite a heavy bombardment. The others were cited for gallantry and efficiency in patrolling.

Graves is a son of Brig. Gen. Graves of the national army.

## CALIFORNIANS DIE IN ACTION

(United Press Lensed Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—Today's casualty list contained 75 names, including 12 killed in action; three missing; two deaths from accidents; three deaths from disease; 13 wounded severely, and 41 wounded slightly.

Sgt. Joseph Stonina, previously reported missing, is now known to be a prisoner in Germany. His home is Webster, Mass.

Killed in action—Lieut. Egbert Williams Beach, Piedmont, Cal.; William Phinnig, Los Angeles.

Wounded severely—Alexander C. Hipes, San Francisco.

Wounded slightly—David R. Goertz, Los Angeles.

## METAL UNION MEETS HERE

Representatives from Washington, Oregon, California and British Columbia are in attendance this week at the convention of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades workers, which opened Tuesday in the offices of the Central Labor council here at 13th and Commerce and is expected to continue all week.

Labor men in attendance include R. W. Burton, San Francisco; William P. Bowser, Los Angeles; V. Young, Vancouver, B. C.; H. Nightscapes, Vancouver, B. C.; H. W. Shaw, H. A. Elder and J. Reed, all of Portland, Ore.; S. L. Boddy, J. W. Kelly and A. P. Mulligan of Seattle, and C. Roy Fleming, J. Dymont and C. R. Barrett of this city.

## SOLDIERS TO SPEAK HERE

Two or three American soldiers who have been fighting in France with Gen. Pershing will probably come to Tacoma soon to speak on the war from the viewpoint of a soldier. About 50 of these fighters are at present stationed at Fort Myer, Va.

## RANDOLPH FUNERAL

Funeral services for Catherine Curry Randolph, mother of Rev. Randolph, pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church, was to be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at St. Paul's. Interment will be at Mountain View cemetery. Mrs. Randolph, who died Sunday, had lived with her son, 1209 So. 43d street.

## COLLEGE FORCED TO CLOSE BY FIRE

OAKLAND, May 8.—St. Mary's college today suspended for the remainder of the spring term, following the fire yesterday afternoon which practically destroyed the main building of the institution. Loss to the building and library was estimated at \$60,000.

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