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MISS RANZ LEAVES FOR FRANCE-RECEIVED CALL

Social Service Nurse Here Will Depart at Once for St. Louis to Join Red Cross Unit There

ONE OF FIFTY U. S. NURSES

Half a Hundred St. Louis Nurses in Party—Miss Ranz Stood Examination in St. Louis Mon.

Miss Cordelia Ranz, social service worker and visiting nurse in this city, leaves for St. Louis at once to join a Red Cross unit of 50 St. Louis nurses who sail for France at once.

Miss Ranz was in St. Louis Monday and stood the physical examination, as well as was inoculated against typhoid and vaccinated against small pox, all necessary requirements of entering the service.

Miss Ranz, who is of French-German descent, has made many friends during her stay in this city. She was brought here by the women of Mexico and her work in every department has been most efficient.

Miss Ranz expressed herself as having enjoyed her stay here, but more than glad to serve her country. Miss Ranz received a message from St. Louis Wednesday morning, telling her to come to St. Louis at once and be ready to leave there for the East Saturday.

Miss Ranz said Wednesday that she did not think the entire unit could prepare to go at one o'clock.

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The procedure of receiving the members into the service of the Government will start as soon as an army officer is detailed to St. Washington University Medical School. The administrative personnel of the unit is composed of about 150 persons, who, so far, have just been enrolled in the service of the American Red Cross.

Dr. Fred T. Murphy, who is head of the unit, was swamped with work Tuesday in his office in the medical school. He was busy making arrangements for the mobilization of the surgeons and nurses and directing the gathering of equipment for the unit.

Many More to Ft. Riley Several hundred more Missourians, outside the regular quota, will be accepted at Fort Riley, which opened May 14, than was anticipated. This is due to the fact that the applicants from Wyoming, who were to have gone to Fort Riley, have been transferred to the western division. This word was received Tuesday night in St. Louis from the Central Division Headquarters at Chicago.

MISSOURI TO SUPPLY 17,500 IN FIRST DRAFT

This Will Mean About 150 Men From Each of the Counties Within the State at First Call

VOLUNTEER SYSTEM TOO SLOW

In 30 Days of Volunteer Recruiting Only a Small Number of Men Have Been Secured

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—Missouri's quota of the first force of 500,000 men to be raised by the selective draft system under the legislation now being enacted by Congress will be 17,500 men.

The plans of the War Department contemplate the raising of about 1,000,000 men in addition to those in the regular army and the National Guard. On the basis of its population as compared with the total population of the continental United States in 1910, when the last Federal census was taken, Missouri would raise 3 1/2 per cent of each armed force raised by the Federal Government.

This is the relation that the population of Missouri, which was 3,293,335 in 1910, bore to the population of the entire country, which was 91,982,260. On this basis of arriving at the State's quota Missouri would supply 35,000 of the force of 1,000,000 men to be raised the first year of the army.

In 30 days of recruiting under the volunteer system for the regular army, Missouri shipped 1,665 men out of a total of 40,235 recruits obtained from the entire country for April. The average rate at which men were accepted for the regular army from those who offered themselves voluntarily Missouri was 55 1/2 men a day.

Turner Lewis, junior member of the firm of George Lewis & Son, of Audrain County, Mo., had the honor of a distinction of marketing a load of 140 head of clipped Western lambs, averaging 71 lbs, sold to Armour & Co. at \$14.25 per cwt.

Young Mr. Lewis was very enthusiastic regarding the prospects for the season's crops. He stated that every effort is being made to plant all available land, and that he did not believe that there would be a piece of tillable soil but what would be in cultivation in one respect or another during the coming season.

A number of delegates from the school districts of the county met at the city hall Wednesday with C. R. Moulton, a representative of the Extension Department of the College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri.

The visit of Mr. Moulton was a part of a campaign being conducted by the Extension Department throughout the State. An effort is being made to form County Organizations so that they may have representatives upon the County boards of defense which are to be established in many counties of the State.

For one hour I was out of the hardware business, the first time in 23 years, having sold out in Meads, Graham, Gooch and Perkins. After considering the matter seriously, have decided to buy an interest in the firm. We will add new hardware, a large stock of furniture, carpets and rugs. It is our intention to grow into a first class department store. We earnestly solicit any portion of your business you may see fit to give us.

INTERESTING EXHIBITS FOR BABY WEEK HERE

Awards Made Tuesday for the Best Poster on Baby Week—Other Exhibits at Library

TO HAVE FOOD EXHIBIT

Miss Reitz Has Exhibit Showing the Things That Are Good and Those That Are Bad for Baby

A number of interesting and instructive exhibits and demonstrations have been arranged for the Baby Week program which is being conducted at the library under the auspices of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Tuesday the awards were made in the contest for the best poster on Baby Week, the three points upon which the posters were judged were: (1) the advertising value; (2) the interpretation of the subject as shown in the art work and (3) the lettering.

Miss Reitz, head nurse of the Mexico Hospital, has arranged a most interesting and instructive display of the things that are good and bad for the baby. There is also a model bath-tub for the baby and a complete set of night clothes and bed clothing.

Miss Reitz, in his talk on Measles, Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever, laid special stress on the necessity of keeping the children suffering these diseases quarantined as absolutely no danger was being transmitted.

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MANY MOTHERS HEAR LECTURES BABY WEEK

Miss Ronzone of University of Missouri, Tels of Proper Food and Clothing for Children

PHYSICIANS MAKE TALKS

Campfire Girls, Under Direction of Miss Coralee Lake, Give First Aid Demonstration

On Wednesday afternoon the Campfire Girls, under the direction of Miss Coralee Lake, gave a demonstration in First Aid to the Injured.

Dr. M. P. Ravenel, who was to have spoken at 8 o'clock, failed to come and his place was taken by Dr. J. G. Moore.

In her talk at the Library Tuesday afternoon, Miss Ethel Ronzone, of the Home Economics Dept. of the U. of Missouri, speaking on "The Food and Clothing of Growing Children," laid special stress on the necessity of the food of the little ones being as simple as possible and as flavorful.

Dr. Fred Griffin, in his talk on Adenoids and Tonsils, spoke of the bad effects of adenoids on the mental and physical growth of the child and urged an examination of all school children.

Dr. J. F. Jolley, in his talk on Measles, Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever, laid special stress on the necessity of keeping the children suffering these diseases quarantined as absolutely no danger was being transmitted.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Susan Woodward, 78 years old, died at her home on East Promenade street early Friday morning, after an illness of several months.

She was born in Kentucky in 1839 and when a child came to Missouri with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rodman. In 1869 she was married in this city to D. D. Woodward, who died twenty-five years ago.

She is survived by three children, C. K. Woodward, of St. Louis; W. M. D. and A. G. Woodward, both of whom live in Mexico. She also leaves one half-brother, Dr. R. W. Bourne, who lives in Mexico.

Mrs. Woodward and Dr. Bourne were the last of a large family. The funeral was conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. H. Pearce Atkins, of the Christian Church, of which she had been a member for many years. Burial was made in Elmwood Cemetery by the side of her husband and daughter, Miss Fannie, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Woodward was a noble Christian character and had many friends in this city who will mourn her death. The Ledger joins in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

The funeral services of Mrs. Susan Woodward who died at her home on East Promenade street Friday morning, were held at the home Sunday afternoon by the Rev. H. P. Atkins, of the Christian Church, assisted by Rev. A. Wallace, of the Presbyterian Church. The pall bearers were C. E. Leeper, Charles Harrison, Eliza Harrison, Elton Deering, Ross Cauthorn, and Wallace Deering. Burial was made in Elmwood Cemetery.

G. E. Sneaker, living south of Mexico, received a telegram last week from Long Beach, Calif., stating that John Mulholland had died there. Mr. Mulholland was a wealthy banker and real estate dealer of Long Beach, and was a brother-in-law of Mr. Sneaker, having married Miss Myra Sneaker, Mrs. Mulholland's well known in this county, having visited in this vicinity.

Mrs. T. F. Montgomery died at her home on her son, T. Montgomery, on South West street at one o'clock Tuesday, May 1. She had been ill for about two weeks.

Mrs. Montgomery was a member of the Methodist Church and was a woman of fine character. She had made her home with her son for about eleven years.

After a few words of prayer by the Rev. S. W. Hayne, at the home Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, the body will be taken to Norme, Mo., where the funeral service will be preached. After which the remains will be interred in Stone Cemetery of that place.

The Ledger extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends.

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WON'T HEAR PEACE PLEA Briton Says German Overture Now Would be a Trick

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The Entente Allies are flatly opposed in advance, to any peace plea Bethmann-Hollweg may make in the Reichstag Thursday, it was stated by a high authority in the Balfour commission, "because it would not be genuine and would mean victory for the Teutons and a menace to the civilization of the world."

Any move for peace by Germany at this time," said the authority, "can be only an attempt to cut the Teuton losses. The most seriously menaced part of the world under a peace made at this time would be South America. Germany sees the advantage of throwing a sop to the liberty loving portion of the world in offering peace at this time on probably these terms:

"Giving up Alsace and Lorraine to France; clearing out of Belgium; relinquishing all conquered territory in the west. They can make a great play on this, but the world must not be deluded.

First Submarine Sent to Bottom by American Ship

LONDON, April 26.—Captain Rice of the American steamship Mongolia, which arrived at a British port, says the Mongolia had fired the first gun of the war for the United States and sunk a German submarine.

The submarine, Captain Rice said, was about to attack the great liner, in British waters on April 19. He declared there was absolutely no doubt the U-boat was hit and there was every reason to believe it was destroyed. The shot struck the u-boat's periscope at 1,000 yards, displaying the accuracy of the U. S. jacks fire. It was sent to the bottom in two minutes' time.

The U-boat was sunk on April 19, anniversary of the battle of Lexington, by a gun that had been named Theodore Roosevelt by the gunners on board.

The Mongolia is one of the biggest of American merchantmen and was on its second trip since arming of the United States steamers. It sighted the U-boat dead ahead and tried to ram it. Submarines disappeared and came up behind, when it was hit almost immediately by a shell from the steamer.

The captain and big force had kept their clothes on five days and nights awaiting just such an experience.

SANTA FE SURVEYORS MAY STOP WORK BECAUSE OF WAR (Moberly Democrat) Santa Fe locating surveyors and engineers, working in Randolph county at present and working on the large reservoir near the point where Moberly Junction is to be established about three and one-half miles southwest of Moberly, have expressed the belief that they will receive orders similar to those received by the Burlington surveyors last week, stopping the work on the proposed construction of mileage through this community. The Santa Fe men expect they will be withdrawn from their work the latter part of this week.

The withdrawal notice is expected to be made as a result of the present crisis between Germany and the United States. The war is responsible for the withdrawal notice given by the Burlington workers last week. Burlington men pointed out that work will be resumed on the proposed line from Moberly to Moberly Junction as soon as international affairs are adjusted. They stated that there is plenty of work for them in the engineering department of the company and none of them are being taken out of service. When they return to Chicago they will be sent to other points along the line to work until headquarters are re-established in Moberly.

PRISONER CONFESSES SCHEME TO IMPRISON PRESIDENT IN MEXICO NEW YORK, April 27.—An amazing plot to capture New York, Washington and Boston, kidnap Wilson and hold him a hostage in Mexico, and invade Canada from the United States, was barred to Judge Otto Rosack, in New York General Sessions Court by a convicted bigamist, who offered to tell the entire story for his liberty.

The judge gave out a short statement, but the details are being hushed up by the authorities. "Cum" Lynar-Lowden, who tells of the intrigue, declares the entire plan was hatched in Germany, and that Friest, the leader, was to raise an army of 300,000 men to move on Canada.

Von Papper, former German Embassy attaché, was one of the leaders in the plot, according to the prisoner. Morris and Howard Keith returned to Columbia Sunday.

Mrs. John D. Saylor, of Montgomery City, 58 years old, died at the Hospital here Tuesday night of a complication of diseases. She had been in the Hospital for the past week. Her daughter, Mrs. Sid Gremmon, came from Montgomery City and accompanied the body back for burial Wednesday. Mrs. Saylor, besides her husband, is survived by several children. The Ledger extends sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

The President's Appeal to Farmers In his proclamation President Wilson says: "Upon the farmers of this country, therefore, in a large measure, rest the fate of the war and the fate of the Nation. * * * The time is short. It is of the most imperative importance that everything possible be done and done immediately to make sure of large harvests. I call upon the young men and old alike and upon the able-bodied boys of the land to accept and act upon this duty—to turn in hosts to the farms and make certain that no pains and no labor is lacking in this great matter."

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