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### WILLIAM FREW.

## War and the Russian Women.

The Russian army sent many thousands of its wounded to Petrograd to save them from the German and Austrian military prisons, and among these wounded there have been discovered so many women that one hospital in the Russian capital has been set aside for them.

It has been known for some months that several hundred women were probably fighting shoulder to shoulder with their husbands and brothers, but the actual number is very much larger than was suspected.

The commander-in-chief admitted them to the ranks of various regiments from the beginning, so it is announced now, and there was no necessity of concealing their sex if they were willing to be assigned to duty in the transport and commissary services and to keep away from the fighting line.

But as they saw the men fall in the regiment the women rushed forward and filled up the gaps, afterward being allowed to keep the position won with so much bravery.

Made Officers for Bravery. A number of them have been promoted and have become full-fledged officers, and others have been decorated for gallantry with the Military Cross of St. George.

The youngest perhaps is an 18-year-old Vilna schoolgirl, Kira Baskirova, who enlisted under the name of Nicholas Popin. Her feet became frozen but she continued fighting until she was wounded and taken to a field hospital, where it was discovered that she was a woman.

Alexandra Kokovtseva also enlisted under an assumed name in the Ural Cossack regiment to which her husband belonged, and in which he had fought in the Russian-Japanese war.

After having been wounded twice in the East Prussian campaign, she showed such extraordinary courage that she was recommended to be promoted to become a colonel, although her sex had been found out, and as a colonel she has served ever since.

Her soldiers are devoted to her and none of them can sit a horse with more ease than she can or endure longer hours in the saddle. She was born in the Ural Mountains, and spent most of her life in the open.

"Yellow Martha" a Veteran. In the cavalry operating around Grodno, a woman of the district, Olga Jophsis, was of the greatest assistance to the Russians, and after she was regularly installed in her regiment, wearing its uniform, it was learned that she was an experienced warrior, having fought under General Rennenkampf in the Manchurian campaign.

Her comrades have christened her "Yellow Martha," on account of her hair, and "Yellow Martha" has to her credit, one of the most brilliant signal acts of bravery.

Seeing the standard bearer being surrounded by Germans, she rushed to his assistance, and although he was killed, she secured the flag by shooting two Germans who were attempting to seize the flag.

In the Russian Flying Corps operating in Poland, a girl from the Petrograd high school was a hero. She flew over the Austrian army until her machine was fired upon. She was wounded in the arm and leg, but she kept control of her aeroplane until she had landed in the Russian lines, when she collapsed. She is now in the hospital at Kiev.

As Russia was the first country where women were given control over their inherited property, and as Petrograd had had for some years the largest medical college for women in Europe, it is not strange that women have taken such an active part in the military campaign.

In all the revolutionary movements the women students have been more dangerous perhaps to the government than the men. It is believed that the majority of the women Amazons are revolutionists and that their military experience was sought for the opportunity it gave them to spread their doctrines.

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### ANNOUNCE SUCCESS OF ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN.

New York, Dec. 15.—The managers of the syndicate which underwrote the Anglo-French \$500,000,000 five per cent external war loan announced today that \$280,000,000 of the issue had been withdrawn for investment at the syndicate price of 95%, and that \$40,000,000 had been sold at public subscription for 98. The unsold balance of \$180,000,000 will be distributed this week among members of the syndicate, which expired yesterday, according to a previous agreement.

The syndicate also announced that the managers are distributing to those who did not withdraw their bonds for investment cash amounting to between 10 per cent and 11 per cent of the amount of their participations.

Representatives of the syndicate declared that the result established the success of the flotation, particularly in view of its foreign character, and the fact that it was the largest venture of its kind ever undertaken by American bankers.

Of the \$280,000,000 withdrawn from the market, it is estimated that at least \$100,000,000 was taken by manufacturers and dealers in war-supplies. The largest subscribers of this class include interests identified with the Bethlehem Steel Company, the Dupont Powder Company and its affiliated industries, and several wealthy individuals, including some of the more prominent shareholders of the United States Steel Corporation.

It is noteworthy that while Anglo-French bonds were being offered at concessions, war bonds and other issues of the German, Austrian and Hungarian Governments, which are traded in here to a limited extent, were offered at further recessions from original subscription prices. The decline in these securities was attributed chiefly to another break in marks or German exchange to the low record of 76% against the previous minimum of 77%.

On the basis of four marks as the unit of exchange, the present value of that currency, normally worth 23% cents, has depreciated to a fraction above 19 cents.

## Piano Players.

By GEORGE FITCH,

Author of "At Good Old Slivash." Thanks to the advance of science there are now two varieties of piano music—handmade and feet-made.

Fifteen years ago the only way to make music on a piano was to hammer it out by hand. The product was often very crude and to obtain even a fair to medium grade required years of practice and a very durable neighborhood. Then the mechanical player was invented and the only requisite for the making of sublime music became a pair of stout, long-winded ankles. Thanks to this contrivance, it is now possible to buy divine melody by the roll and carry it home at night along with the steak for supper.

The mechanical player gives the musician a chance to attack the piano with hands, feet and knees in a most effective manner. The machine does all the key pounding, while the musician merely starts and stops the music, throttles down in the soft parts, accelerates on the crescendos and puts on the emergency brake when needed. A mere child can feed one of these machines sonatas, overtures and operas; and thanks to its work, the earnest young lady who crones over a hopeless piano and beats out Beethoven with a bating average of one fair hit in ten is not receiving much encouragement in her nefarious business nowadays.

The mechanical piano player is bringing joy to great numbers of people who formerly had to depend on others for their music. The piano no longer stands slight and dusty in the home of the new-laid millionaire. The owner now climbs aboard the driver's seat of the mechanical player each evening after supper, and cranks off twenty-seven yards of Liszt, forty-three yards of Mendelssohn, nineteen yards of Brahms and 2,745 yards of Laders, thus enabling him to soak his soul in music and at the same time brace up his liver for another hard day on the stock exchange. The tired merchant no longer invests \$2,500 in a musical daughter and then has her purloined by a dry goods clerk before she has worn out a single piano. He blows \$400 in on a quiet and polite machine which doesn't need a new dress every week, and which always feels like playing right after supper when requested to.

The piano player is rivaling golf as an exercise and the Marathon as a sport. There are men nowadays who can do the Tannhauser overture in three minutes flat, while the man who cannot knock off two hours of comic opera without stopping might as well sit back and let some real athlete tackle the job.

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