

## HUMANE TREATMENT FOR THE SOLDIERS

Interesting Topic in German  
Military Circles.

### BAVARIA SETS EXAMPLE

Reports of Gross Cruelty to  
Recruits Show Deplorable  
Conditions.

Berlin, April 9.—Will Prussia follow the lead of Bavaria in insisting on humane treatment of soldiers by their superiors? This is the leading topic of the day in military circles, and has a very important bearing on the relations between France and Germany.

The famous French Foreign Legion is recruited largely from German soldiers who have been driven to desert by gross inhumanity. This fact ranks in the breast of every German patriot. Emperor William feels deeply on the subject, and as far back as January, 1890, issued the order: "My soldiers shall be treated in accordance with law, justice and humanity, for such is the necessary foundation of contentment and love for the service, as well as of attachment to superiors."

This order was soon a dead letter. Weekly reports of cases of gross cruelty to recruits show deplorable conditions. At present there is only a small section of the political world that cares to show up such cases of gross brutality as appear from time to time, and I observe that the press, which is in closest touch with the powers that be, practically suppresses the reports of trials for cruel treatment in the army. For them such treatment scarcely appears to exist. On the other hand, they are not backward in encouraging most unprincipled attacks on the Foreign Legion, such as already within the last eighteen months have necessitated diplomatic representations.

**Appeal to Officers.**  
The Bavarian Minister of War's order, which may be the beginning of the wiping out of a standing German disgrace, is lengthy and fine-tuned.

Beginning by remarking that in spite of several ministerial orders brutal treatment has not diminished to any remarkable degree, so that a sterner form of address is necessary, the Minister, Baron von Kress, appeals to all officers to help in rooting out the abuses which greatly damage the name and fame of the army.

Not only actual brutality, but also bad language are to be forbidden with the utmost rigor.

Noncommissioned officers of the Bavarian army who abuse their authority will stand in danger of immediately losing their rank and their officers there also will remain the real risk of being cashiered.

Officers are to remove from their minds any old prejudice the brutal ways are necessary for discipline. Mean treatment, Baron von Kress says, is the greatest danger to real discipline, and all recruits should feel assured of just and humane treatment.

## SCHOOL TO TEACH LOVE, THE LATEST IN EDUCATION

Berlin, April 9.—Should love be taught? The idea is certainly gaining ground in Germany, and in German newspapers the curious may continually find stories of plans to found schools, colleges, and even universities of love. Even the highly dignified Frankfurter Zeitung published the other day an advertisement headed:—

"Wollen Sie Lieben?"

"Do You Want to Love?" that is, and this ended with the offer of a Dr. Franz Ruderer (in Prussia doctor is a real doctor) "to teach personally or by a course of correspondence on scientific principles, how to display and provoke love."

The latest professor of love is an Austrian, an unmarried gentleman, named Stiller, decorated with several university degrees who decided to start an institution where love would be taught. Dr. Stiller's one defect was his celibacy. He feared that people would conclude (quite wrongly, of course) that unmarried men know nothing of love, so he sought a married partner whose wife would act as chaperone.

He found one in a gentleman named Leonard. Herr Leonard came into the business and brought 7,000 kronen capital, which is \$1,500. The school of love was actually opened. It was not frivolously called a school of love, but an "educational institution for persons of both sexes who would love, are loved, or would be loved." To this title, which reads like an exercise in the subjunctive mood, was added "G. M. B. H., which is the equivalent of "Limited Liability Company." And so everything was in order. What is more, pupils came.

This Brunn plan did not realize the founders' notions. The pupils, for reasons of privacy, wanted separate lessons, and the notion of having a big class where all should be taught in common fell through. The plan ended in litigation over Herr Leonard's contribution in cash.

Instructive facts transpired about the organization of this school of love. The school proposed, if things flourished, to have an archive of love. The archive was to contain all the useful things said about love, from Plato to Paul Bourget; further, "a Bibliography of fiction, which shows love in a pure, true, impassioned light." It further proposed to deal with "love's artifices," which meant, it is feared, mere maneuvers.

The fate of the love school of Herr Stiller and Herr Leonard is as bad as the fate of the previous love university of Dr. Hassall, who could not raise the capital. But should these first failures discourage other men, and will anyone urge that they discredit generally the notion of teaching love?

**PREMIER ROBLYN RETURNS.**  
Winnipeg, April 9.—Premier Sir Rodmond Roblin returned this morning from the south in excellent health and spent the morning at his office in the Parliament building. In political circles it is believed that announcement of the date of the impending provincial elections may be made very shortly.

**MUST GUARD PUBLIC FUNDS.**  
St. Petersburg, April 9.—The Russian Minister of Finance, during the session of the budget committee of the Duma, today, drew the attention of the committee to the expediency of circumspection in the disposal of public funds, declaring that the money might be required for military purposes.

**GUNMEN'S WIVES FAIL.**  
Albany, April 9.—The wives of Rosenbergs (Lefty Louis) and Harry Horowitz (Gyp the Blood), and the mother of Jacob Seidenshner ("Whitey Lewis"), failed to obtain an audience with Governor Glynn today when they came to plead for the lives of the four gunmen.

## AMERICAN WIDOW WILL MAKE SOCIAL SPLURGE



Special Correspondence of The

Advertiser.  
London, April 9.—Lovelier than ever, and with a fortune running into millions, Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, first wife of Col. J. J. Astor, Titanic victim, will begin a dazzling social campaign in London this spring. After the wedding of her son Vincent in April, Mrs. Astor's social splurge will begin.

## TAKES LESSONS FROM TAFT AND REDUCES WEIGHT

Mayor of Cambridge, Mass., Tells How  
to Lose Flesh.

Cambridge, Mass., April 9.—Mayor J. Edward Barry, who weighs 250 pounds, has started on a diet recommended to him by William H. Taft. In reply to a letter from Mayor Barry the ex-president wrote: "I have lost 75 pounds since March 4. My diet has not been severe. I have not drunk a great deal of water; not more than a glass of water at my meals. I have given up bread and toast and all farinaceous food, all butter and fat; confined my meat to beef and mutton and fowl and eschewed pork and veal; have omitted fat fish like salmon and have taken no sweets of any sort."

"You can eat all vegetables but potatoes and fruit that has not too much sugar."

"You ought to take moderate exercise every day. I have tried to play a game of golf or walk four or five miles each day."

"You ought not to lose too rapidly, because it is likely to injure the muscles of your heart if you do so; and, above all, you ought to be examined by the best physician you can get."

"I don't smoke or drink intoxicating liquors."

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will be forwarded to the secretary of state at Ottawa, to be considered by the Governor-General in open court at Ottawa. When action will be taken I am unable to say. At the same time I want to avoid holding out false hopes over what action will be taken. I advise you to employ the intervening time at your disposal in preparing to meet your doom. The sentence of the Court is that you be taken from hence to the provincial jail of the eastern judicial district at Winnipeg, and there confined as the law directs, until Thursday, the ninth day of July in this present year of Our Lord, and on that day between the hours of 6 in the forenoon and 10 in the forenoon, you be taken from your place of confinement to the place of execution and there be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul."

As he slowly and solemnly pronounced the dread sentence, his lordship's voice sank low, but it was always distinct. He was very much affected, but the quiet tones reached every corner of the hushed courtroom.

The Court was then declared closed, and thus ended one of the longest trials known in Western Canada, a trial which opened on March 18 and ended on April 9.

**Story of the Tragedy.**

The homicide and bank robbery for which John Krafchenko has stood his trial at Morden, Man., occurred December 3 last, in the little town of Plum Coulee, situated on the Deloraine branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway, about 65 miles southwest of Winnipeg. The place has a population of 400.

Shortly before noon that day, a man disguised with black false whiskers and moustache, was seen on the streets of the town. He was wearing a black cap, and had the fur collar of his long black overcoat turned up around his ears. It was a fairly mild day, which made his wrapped-up appearance the more conspicuous. He was observed by many witnesses to be wearing tan boots. About 12:30 (noon), when the two bank clerks had gone to lunch, the bandit entered the Bank of Montreal, and held up Manager H. M. Arnold, who was alone in the premises at the time. It appears that he was interrupted in his work, almost before it was started, by a woman who called to cash a cheque, but on her retirement, the manager was forced to hand over bills and currency to the extent of over \$4,000. While this was going on another witness stated that he looked in the door, and saw the manager with both hands held up, but took this as a signal that he was not wanted.

**Arnold Shot Down.**  
The bandit then rushed out of the bank with the money in his arms, and was pursued by the manager, as he rushed around the rear of the bank. One witness stated that he followed him to the door, and saw the manager with both hands held up, but took this as a signal that he was not wanted.

After this the desperado sped through the vacant lot at the rear of the bank to a lane, along which he proceeded one block to where an automobile was awaiting, with the engine running. Two commercial travellers were standing by the machine at the time, awaiting to hire it to take them to Morden, the next town.

**The Escape by Auto.**  
On arrival at the car, the bandit jumped in with the words: "I am ready," and at the command, the car jumped forward and disappeared behind some buildings at the next corner, going in an easterly direction. The man with the black whiskers, in his haste to board the car, dropped a package of \$1 bills, which was picked up by one of the commercial travellers, and returned to the bank.

The driver of the car was William Dyck, the proprietor of the Exchange Livery, in Plum Coulee, and he states that he was forced, at the point of a revolver, to drive the bandit a distance of 35 miles to a point opposite the town of Osborne, which is 30 miles south of Winnipeg. He then returned home, arriving there between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening. Dyck told the story of two men being in the car, but later on made the statement that there was but one man, and said that his life had been threatened if he did not agree to tell the two-man story. On the return of Dyck from the drive, his automobile was searched, and a bag was found under the front seat containing \$3,000 in silver. A further amount of \$150.00 in silver was found in his overcoat pocket. Two days afterwards a gold watch, said to have belonged to the bandit, was found under the rear seat of the car, and 15 days later Dyck led the police to where an overcoat had been hidden in some willow bushes along the trail. He said it had been placed there by the bandit. The right hand pocket was badly torn.

**Arrest of Krafchenko.**  
The arrest of John Krafchenko occurred December 10. He was apprehended in a house on College avenue, Winnipeg, where he had been posing as a professor. An outfit of woman's clothes, including a wig, was found in his rooms, also two automatic revolvers. No Bank of Montreal money was found on his person, but a roll of bills of this bank was found under the fence in front of the house. Krafchenko immediately upon his arrest professed his innocence, and stated to Chief Elliott, of the provincial police, that he could prove an alibi. He continued to assert his innocence, and according to his counsel, he was confident all through the present trial that he would be acquitted.

It was exactly one month after his arrest, on the early morning following his commitment for trial, that Krafchenko escaped from the third floor of the central police station in Winnipeg, where two guards were watching over him. He was seriously injured at this time by the breaking of the rope with which he was letting himself to the ground, which prevented his complete get-away, but he was eventually recaptured a week later in the Burris block on Toronto street, and did not resist arrest, although he was found to have a gun close by him in a wastepaper basket. Constable Reid, of the Krafchenko's guard at the central police station when he made his escape, subsequently pleaded guilty to complicity in the escape, after a sitting of a royal commission appointed to probe into the sensational disappearance of the bandit. Percy Eldon Hazel, counsel for Krafchenko, John Westlake and John H. Buxton were also held by the police, the latter turning King's evidence, which led to the recapture of Krafchenko and the conviction of the other three confederates. Hazel and Westlake were recently sentenced to three and two years, respectively, at the Winnipeg assizes, for complicity in the escape, while Buxton is still in the hands of the police, but will not be convicted on any count.

**Wife Lives at Graham, Ont.**  
Suspicion attached to Krafchenko from the fact that he had been living around Plum Coulee just prior to the robbery and murder, although for one year previous he had been living a

## MEXICAN REBELS PEPPER FEDERALS FROM BEHIND WALL OF RUINED 'DOBE HOUSE



Photograph shows party of rebels in possession of a house in Gomez Palacio, which Villa's bombardment had previously all but ruined. The front wall and roof had been blown off. The rebel soldiers are firing at the federal ranks, which had been driven nearer to Torreón.

straight life with his wife at Graham, Ont., on the Superior branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, working in the railway shops there as a mechanic. A son was born to the couple last October, and was named John, after his father.

The trial opened at Morden on Wednesday, March 18, and has proceeded continuously since. Nearly one hundred witnesses were heard, the great majority being for the crown, in the attempt to definitely establish the identity of the "Man in Black" as being Krafchenko. Chief Justice Mathers presided, and W. H. Hastings acted as crown prosecutor, while Krafchenko was defended by J. D. Suffield.

## WOMEN WILL PREACH AND TAKE COLLECTION

No Man to Have a Hand in Administration of Unique Church.

London, April 9.—A women's church, with women officers and a woman minister, is to be established in Wallasey, Cheshire, very shortly. Women will preach the sermons, offer the prayers, provide the music, and take the collection, and no man is to have a hand in the administration of the church.

This unique scheme has been evolved by a band of Mersey-side ladies interested in the women's movement, among whom Miss Hay, of Wallasey, who acts as honorary treasurer, is a leading spirit. Already considerable support has been secured.

The inaugural service will take place in the Liscard Concert Hall, when a Congregational lady preacher, the Rev. Hetty Baker, who was ordained twenty years ago, will speak upon "Women in the Church."

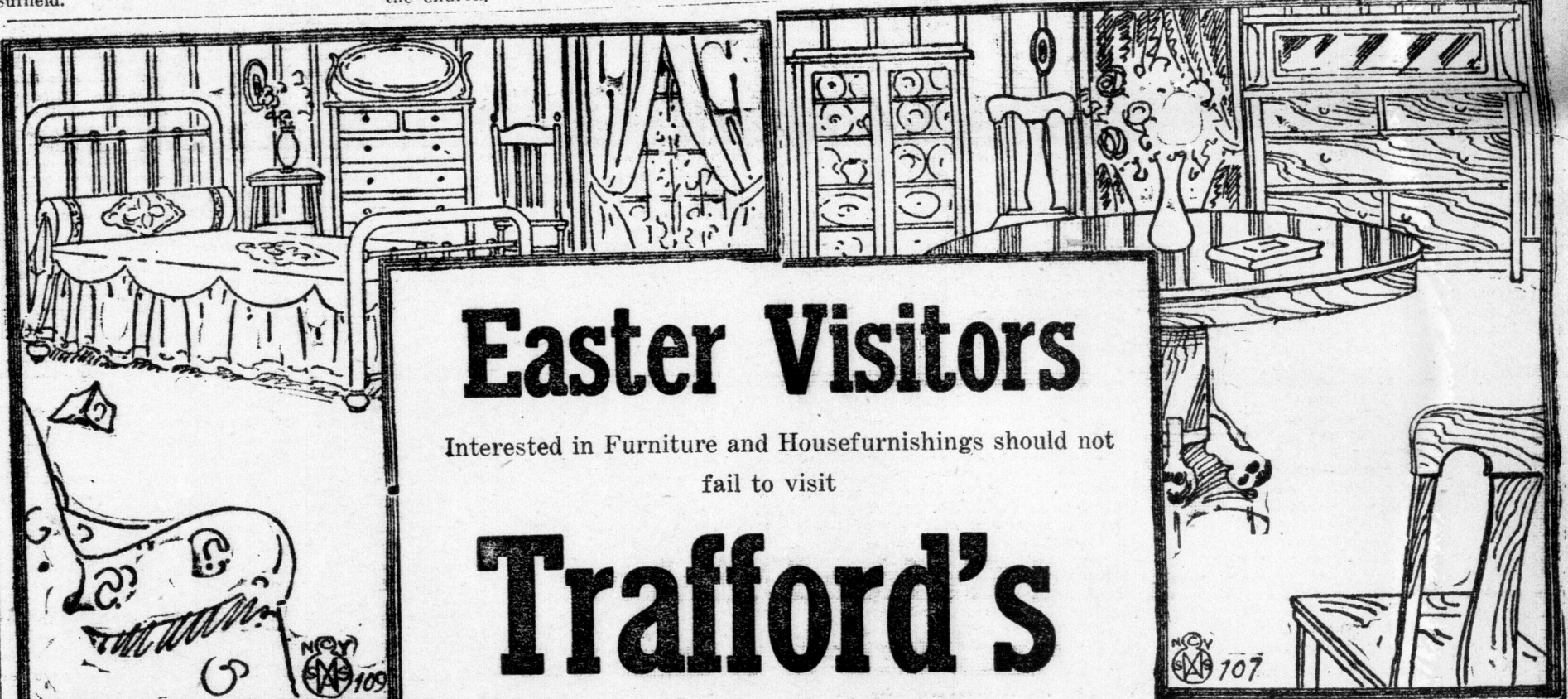
Miss Hay yesterday explained that the women's church was not going to be an anti-man church.

"Our women will be at our afternoon services, but both sexes will be able to attend those in the evening," she said.

"The majority of the women who are interesting themselves in the scheme are naturally women of progressive ideas, anxious to do good work, especially among those of their own sex."

"Up to the present we have not arranged for a resident lady pastor, but there are many women in the country interested in our movement, who have willingly offered to come and help us at first. The Rev. Hetty Baker has actually held a pastorate, but at present, she is not attached to any one place."

If the plan arouses any enthusiasm it is possible that a special church may be built.



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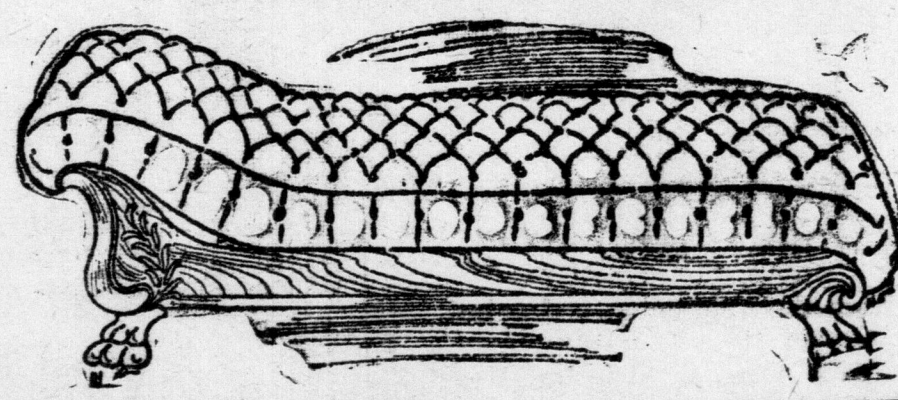
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