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## The Real Workers.

By RUTH CAMERON.



RUTH CAMERON

In my little country village where I spent part of my summer, the Red Cross holds its weekly meetings to sew and knit for the soldiers, Tuesdays. On Thursday the Library Sewing Circle holds a meeting for the same purpose. I was talking to one of the village women about the work one day and asked her which organization had turned out the most work.

She laughed, "There isn't much difference," she said, "for the good reason that almost the same women come to both. There's about twenty women who show up at every meeting of both."

### Isn't It So In Your Town?

"There certainly are," she affirmed, "and some of them come once in a while, but lots of them never can manage to find the time, somehow. We have a Ladies' Aid in both churches besides the Library Club and the Red Cross and its just about the same twenty women that are the backbone of all of them. Queer, isn't it. I often wonder if its the same everywhere else."

Naturally I couldn't speak for everywhere else.

But I could speak for half a dozen places and I could tell her that it was emphatically the same there.

I once worked in a Woman Suffrage organization. I was asked to apportion out some work among the members and was given the membership roll as a basis. I was delighted to find it so large. "This ought to be very easy," I thought.

Plenty of Names But Not So Many Workers. But the secretary, who helped me, was a wiser and less optimistic woman. As I suggested name after name, she would say "Oh that woman doesn't ever work." Eventually it

boiled down to a comparatively small crop of workers. Again and again these women responded splendidly to the heavy calls made on them. From the rest you could scarcely get casual help.

Look about your own town. What percentage of its population is really active in the public business of the town, the Committees of Public Safety, the Church work, the Red Cross, the work for the Old Folks Home, the Womans Club and all the rest. Probably one small and overworked tenth. Some of the rest I know are truly too busy. Some are too lazy, some too self centered.

### They Lack Self Starters.

And more,—and this I consider a valuable hint—are just too lethargic. They would work if someone made the effort to get them started but they don't have the self starters.

It is easier for one of those natural born workers to do a thing herself or to persuade one of her kind to do it than to get a lethargic person started. But in the long run she does everyone,—the lethargic person included—more service by following the line of most resistance.

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### Household Notes.

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## To-day's Tabloid.

THE BULLETIN BOARDER.

Pauncefoot Swatts dearly loved to collect a crowd about him in front of a bulletin board and discourse learnedly, dogmatically and passionately on vital questions of the day.

By a strange coincidence, that is precisely what he is doing as our story opens.

"I tell you, men," he is crying with clenched eyes and sparkling fists, "if I had the running of this world things would be different. Things are in a muddle, men, a mizerandrius, measily muddled! And why, men, why? I'll tell you why. Because the chuckle headed, chibbenary fools who have things in charge don't know enough to come in out of the rain, that's why!"

"Men, listen. If, when the first war clouds began to stormer, Russia had been partitioned off according to races among the Finns, the Slovaks and the Poles, and Austria-Hungary had been divided justly among the Splurks, the Choochies and the Gracie peoples—if the Strait of Gratin had been given to Greece, and the Pholick Mountains to Germany and the Sidgie Islands to England, there wouldn't 'a' been no war, men, there wouldn't 'a' been no war!"

And, amidst the hearty applause of the intelligent crowd, he stalked off to the next bulletin board.

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"Pauncefoot," said his wife when he came home that evening, "I declare I don't know what to do with the children. Their Uncle Wimby gave them a dollar to divide among them, and Harold says he ought to get most because he's the oldest, and Edgar says he ought to get most because he's the youngest, and Evelina says she ought to get most because she's a girl. Won't you arbitrate the thing for them, Pauncefoot?"

"I will not," snipped Pauncefoot Swatts. "Do you think I'm a public accountant? Why is everything always shoved off on me?"

Turn a plate upside down in the bottom of any vessel in which you are cooking any food a long time. The plate will prevent any possible scorching.

## Infantile Paralysis in Cold Weather.

An outbreak of poliomyelitis which occurred in West Virginia in the winter of 1916-17 served to correct the impression which has prevailed that this dread disease is confined to the warm season. According to Dr. J. P. Leake, of the U. S. Public Health Service, other winter outbreaks have occurred in the United States, though the recent one was the first to assume anything like epidemic proportions. Winter outbreaks have also occurred in Sweden, Norway, Germany and Austria. Dr. Leake has examined the statistics of the weather prevailing at the time and place of each winter outbreak on record. Some of these occurred far north of the Arctic Circle. In some the thermometer remained below freezing during practically the entire time of the outbreak, and in 15 outbreaks the temperature fell below zero Fahrenheit. In one instance, at Misvar, Norway, it fell to 29 below.

### A WINTER DAY.



It is a bitter, roaring day, the wind comes whooping down the hill; the skies are of a leaden gray, and I would give ten cents for May, with azure sky and babbling rill. The winds colder grow, that through my whiskers blow apace; and there are symptoms now of snow; my cordwood pile is getting low; such weather is a rank disgrace. It's sad to see the furnace eat the costly coal, and call for more, then shed around some sickly heat, not strong enough to melt the sleet that's drifted underneath the door. It's sad to shovel in the coal, and know that each expensive lump, diminishes your hard-earned dollar, and puts you deeper in the hole, and brings you nearer to the dump. My scanty wages I have earned by labors fierce, that made me yell; it's hard to see such money burned, to see one's savings hourly turned to ashes, which one cannot sell. An ashpile's all I have to show for long weeks in the clanging mart; for endless journeys to and fro, for weary trips in rain and snow, and things that rend the human heart. The day wears on to evening, each minute brings an added jar; I sit as gloomy as a king, while the girls wait round and sing, "Brighten the corner where you are."

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## Murdered General.

Dukhonin's Terrible Death at Mob's Hands.

The Stockholm correspondent of the Paris Matin quotes an eye-witness for the following account of the murder of General Dukhonin, the late Russian Commander-in-Chief at Mohileff:

The general appeared at the window of his railway carriage. "Throw us your epaulettes!" shrieked the soldiers, "or we'll kill you," and they shouldered their rifles.

Krylenko (Lenin's Commander-in-Chief) begged the general to give way to them, but Dukhonin refused. "They can go to the deuce," he cried. "Let them kill me."

A bullet whistled by, breaking the window, then a second. General Oduzoff went up to Dukhonin and gently took off his epaulettes. They were thrown to the mob and were quickly torn to pieces and trampled underfoot. His two orders followed, and for a moment we thought he was safe. Then a handful of sailors jumped into the carriage. They seized Dukhonin by the shoulders and pushed him to the end of the coach and then on to the platform. Krylenko ran after them.

The general's appearance caused a great uproar. "Kill him right out!" they screamed. "Korensky and Korniloff got off. Men like him must be killed at once!"

As the mob pushed closer and closer upon the general, Krylenko stormed and shouted, but no one took any notice. With a single blow the general was struck down by a tall sailor from the rebel cruiser Aurora. Dukhonin got on his feet again at once, his face streaming with blood. He tried to speak, but a dozen bayonets were run through him.

Grotesque and horrible scenes followed. The corpse, stripped bare, was set up against a railway carriage and the mob, laughing like madmen, started a gruesome game. Sailors, Red Guards, and soldiers made snow and mud balls and flung them at the general's head. I could no longer look on and dashed back into the carriage, where I found Krylenko sitting in a corner, his face I saw he was as pale as death. "Look at them," he said in a whisper. "There's no holding them in now. I and all the rest of us must come to the same end."

## Household Notes.

Nothing so good for a sprain as bathing with very hot water, to which turpentine has been added, an ounce to a quart.

Apple jelly can be made at any time through the winter, and is particularly good in the children's school sandwiches.

To relieve the soreness of a painful soft corn, try binding it up each night with baking soda moistened with a little water.

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## To-Day's Cables.

HALIFAX DISASTER ENQUIRY.

HALIFAX, To-day.

Sensational revelations marked the evidences given yesterday to the commission of enquiry into the Halifax disaster. The evidence showed important instructions given to Pilot were left to a 15 year old boy to carry out, a fact upon which Judge Drysdale commented severely and stated that a royal commission will be appointed to investigate the pilotage conditions at Halifax, St. John and Sydney. The chief naval officers described to the court the precautions taken to prevent a similar accident. The oil tanker and munition ship were crossing in the narrows where the fatal collision occurred. Commander Wyatt's evidence was very contradictory and showed that he refused for information of the movement of ships on the pilots who hadn't been reporting for months. He admitted that he was advised by telegram, three days before the accident, all about the Mont Blanc coming and the particulars of her cargo.

LABOR CONFERENCE.

NOTTINGHAM, To-day.

Arthur Henderson announced at the Labor Conference to-day that he had received a letter from Premier Lloyd George, saying the views of the labor executive had been carefully considered, but that in consequence of the urgency of the problem and on advice of military experts it was impossible to comply with the executive request that the Government would not proceed with the man power act. The request of the Labor Executive was that the Government suspend consideration of the man power bill before the House until after the Labor conference here, so that members of the Labor Party in the Commons might be able to participate in the discussion of the measure. While condemning the votes cast in the Commons on some occasions by George Barnes and other members of the Labor Party, the Labor Conference today by a large majority shelved the resolution demanding the withdrawal of the Labor members from the Cabinet. Arthur Henderson, former member of the Cabinet, appealed to the convention not to pass the resolution, as he said it would break up the Government and would delay peace. Personally he would never again belong to the Government, he asserted, unless the Labor Party was predominant.

HOLLAND IS THREATENED.

AMSTERDAM, To-day.

The Cologne Gazette shakes the mailed fist over what it calls Holland's breach of neutrality in consenting to charter America 80 Dutch ships for American ports. Under the provisions of the declaration of London and according to the Anglo-American Marine, declares the paper, ships in the service of an enemy country become enemy ships, even though they fly neutral flags, and owners are neutral subjects; hence these 80 ships become enemy ships, it argues, and the nation sanctioning such a deal is guilty of a breach of neutrality. We shall remind Holland of this, adds the paper, when the inevitable happens and the demagogues raise the cry of by



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