

SCENES SHE WITNESSED IN THE WAR ZONE

Well Known Singer Spent 5 Months as Red Cross Nurse.

OPTIMISM KEYNOTE ALL THROUGH FRANCE

Cheerful spirit of the wounded and desire to return to firing line show great patriotism of the Nation.

After five months' service as Red Cross nurse with the French army, during which she observed harrowing scenes which shattered her nerves and forced her to take a rest, Mme. Stolle-Pourtet, widow of Eugene Pourtet, art critic, who died in Paris several months ago, recently returned to New York after twenty years' absence.

Soon after the start of the war Mme. Stolle-Pourtet, who is well known as a dramatic soprano, gave up her professional engagements and joined the Red Cross as nurse. She served in hospitals near Bourget, Soissons and Arras.

"Do I believe Germany will lose in this struggle?" said Mme. Stolle-Pourtet, in answer to a question at her home, at No. 332 West Eighth-street, last night. "There can be no doubt about it, in my opinion. The Prussian Empire had reached the apex of its growth and it was bound to decline. There is no overcoming the determined spirit of the French, the sublime devotion to their cause, their intense patriotism, their loyalty to principle. With the aid of the British and Russians defeat of the Allies is impossible, and I believe the Germans are beginning to realize that they are up against a stone wall."

Mme. Stolle-Pourtet said the French were ready for war two years ago, and that she realized that a gigantic struggle with Germany was only a matter of time. If the people could have had the deciding vote on several occasions within the last five years when the dominating policies of Emperor William practically were forced down the throats of the French, there would have been war, she said, but the government placed its veto upon that course.

"When Belgium was invaded the spirit of patriotism spread over France like wildfire," she said. "The son of a woman employed by me who had been rejected as a soldier because of a disabled elbow, sang with joy when he was permitted to join the colors. In no place in the world were so many regiments of troops formed as in Paris and the French women were noble in the extreme. I do not recall a mother or young man's sweetheart who wept because of their sons and fiancés went to war. Those who wept did so because they themselves were not permitted to carry guns and go upon the firing line."

Wounded Are Cheerful Ordered to Bourget, where the French wounded were brought, Mme. Stolle-Pourtet was assigned to the care of wounded before they left the trains. She paid a tribute to the fullness of the French soldiers, even when so badly wounded that if they recovered they would be crippled for life.

"I saw young men with one or both arms shot off who laughed and sang as if they were the happiest persons in the world," she said. "I saw men so frightfully wounded that I thought their lives were forfeit, but they joked with the surgeons and nurses about their condition. They were content to suffer anything so long as the invading Prussians were held in check. One young man who had both hands shot off by a shell lamented his loss only because he could not hold and fire a gun.

I saw another young man whose back had been sheared off almost to the bone from the shoulders down, and who recovered by a miracle after scores of his fellow soldiers had given up outside in a skin grafting operation. Yet one did not hear a single complaint from this young man. I saw Algerian soldiers smoke calmly and smile when the surgeons told them they would not live forty-eight hours. When armies are made up of such material there is no such term as defeat."

Referring to the wounded German soldiers who came under her observation near Arras, Mme. Stolle-Pourtet said they generally lacked the true spirit of patriotism and were selfish, irascible and stubborn. She told of one officer who became peevish when a nurse offered to him a plate of soup which he disliked and threw it into her face. Several wounded French troops who witnessed the incident shouted, "Death to the scoundrel!"

"I told this German officer that he was a shameless creature," she said. "He sneered and turned his face to the wall. Despite his conduct he was well treated, but when he was well enough to be sent to Paris, where he now is probably. The average German soldier I talked with proved to be selfish, spiteful, filled with hatred of all who

TAKING NO CHANCES ON ESCAPE OF GERMAN SHIPS INTERNED IN U. S. PORTS

Fear that captives may make dash for open sea, and thus violate American neutrality, leads to greater precautions on part of authorities.

Washington, Mar. 21.—Not a German ship now in New York or Boston harbors will be allowed to put to sea. They can get no clearance papers from the government, and if they persist, after warning, in any attempt to leave port, they will be sunk.

The German commerce fleet, up to this time held in these neutral waters by fear of hostile war ships, will remain from now on because the United States will not let them go.

President Wilson is greatly exercised over the danger of some of the German vessels in New York harbor making a successful break for the open sea to convert them into commerce destroyers of the type of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

The exact nature of the reports which have recently reached Washington regarding the schemes formed by the masters of these vessels to make a dash for liberty is being kept a profound secret by officials. But it is evident that the investigation conducted by the German craft by the Treasury Department's "neutrality squad" must have developed some startling information, for it has resulted in extraordinary orders to Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commanding the New York Navy Yard, regarding the steps he is to take if necessary to prevent these ships from gaining the open sea.

The United States war ships and coast guard vessels on patrol duty in New York harbor will not stop short of sinking these German ships if they persist in endeavoring to leave American territorial waters.

The despatch boat Dolphin and the destroyers now on guard will maintain a ceaseless vigil. It is not thought that any of the German merchant vessels will dare attempt to break through their patrol. But if they do, the United States will go to the most extreme lengths to intercept and stop them.

Mr. Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port of New York, discussed the situation personally to President Wilson. It is known that Mr. Malone presented the situation as a very critical one.

President Wilson later summoned to the White House Mr. Andrew J. Peters, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and went over the matter with him. Later Mr. Peters left for New York on a very mysterious mission.

Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, also discussed the subject with Rear Admiral Usher.

Probably the American public will never know how near the country came to permitting its neutrality to be violated by the clearance as commerce destroyers of these German ships from New York harbor. That would constitute a very serious violation of neutrality for which Great Britain could not only demand heavy damages, but which would result very probably in strained international situation.

It is evident that during the winter the administration became lax in its guard over these ships. The destroyers which were on guard all fall were withdrawn, as well as the battleship Florida, and the patrol was maintained by only a coast guard ship.

Apparently the German command are opposed to the Prussian idea of a dash and firmly convinced of the invincibility of the Kaiser and the cause for which they were giving up their lives."

Aged Woman Mistreated.

Mme. Stolle-Pourtet told of an incident in which the aged mother of Dr. Delbet, well known surgeon, figured prominently. Mme. Delbet was in her home on the Meuse when the Prussians appeared on their march to Paris and she was obliged by one officer to stand for three hours and watch troops file by. Meanwhile she was insulted, despite her eighty-four years, by scores of the troops. She told of cruelty to the peasants on the Meuse, and of the mistreatment of women in the villages through which the invading Germans passed.

"Despite the record of horrors this will unfold to the historian," she said, "I stand for the humane side. I used to visit the trenches near Arras daily, and often sang for the French troops on these occasions. There were two lines of trenches yards apart and there was a cow which the German and French soldiers treated royally. According to agreement, well known were to milk the cow in the morning and the Germans at night. While the cow was being milked not a shot was fired. I should like to know what became of that cow, but I'm afraid I never shall find out."

According to Mme. Stolle-Pourtet, the German love for sardines lost the Prussian army many men. The French would tie a box of sardines to a string and throw it between the lines, and the assurance being given that the Prussian who would go after the contents provided he agreed to become a prisoner. At least thirty Prussians were captured by a group of fifty French troops, she said, but the system fell into disuse when the supply of sardines gave out.

Mme. Stolle-Pourtet became a victim of insomnia as a result of her work on hospital trains, and this was aggravated by the thunderous reports of bursting shells. Her condition became so alarming that the chief of the camp to which she belonged ordered her return to Paris in January. She thereupon came to New York on the advice of her physician, but she ascertained that as soon as her condition would warrant it she would return to the firing line.

AVOID LABOR DISPLES UNTIL AFTER THE WAR

Labor Leaders Will Recommend Differences be Left to Arbitration Board and no Cessation of work

London, Mar. 19.—As a result of conferences with David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and a committee of the Imperial Defence, workmen's representatives have tonight decided to recommend to the members of their unions that during the period of the war there shall in no case be any stoppage of work, that all differences regarding wages or conditions of employment shall be referred to arbitration, and that a relaxation of trade union regulations be permitted, so as to allow the employment of semi-skilled and female labor.

An advisory committee from the organized workers will be appointed by the government for the purpose of facilitating the carrying out of these recommendations which are made on the understanding that the government will secure from employers assurances that the charges shall be only for the period of the war. Mr. Lloyd George will now confer with the employers.

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QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age and over, having made a discovery of quartz, may locate a claim 1,000 feet in length. The claim may be extended on the claim each year, or paid to the Mining Recorder. When \$500 has been expended or paid and other requirements complied with, the claim may be purchased at \$1 an acre.

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