

# NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

## PREPARING FOR RELEASE OF MEN FOR THE FRONT

Emergency Corps of Women Formed Yesterday to Stimulate Recruiting.

### REACH THRU PROVINCE

Branch Organizations Will Be Formed at Many Points to Further Plans.

As a result of a luncheon tendered by the Central Ontario Branch of the Speaker's Patriotic League at the parliament building yesterday by 100 women representatives of various districts, women of the province will get into harness, and forthwith take an active part in recruiting work. On motion of Mrs. A. E. Goodenham the woman's Emergency Corps was formed with Mrs. A. M. Huestic as its president, vice-presidents, Lady Gibson, Mrs. A. E. Goodenham, and Mrs. Cutcliffe; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Sam Sharpe, Exeter, and secretary, Mrs. R. J. Fairbairn. All the women present, tho. will work on the executive until branch organizations throughout the district are complete. A Toronto branch, with Mrs. Willoughby Cummings as president, was also formed.

To Replace Men. Besides actively aiding recruiting the new emergency corps proposes replacing some thousands of men employed at light work with women. The ladies would even take 500 of Toronto's policemen off their beats and substitute lady policemen, bookkeepers, salesmen and clerks, street car conductors, not forgetting street cleaners, it was pointed out, might step into their positions in favor of the women. The opening of a registration bureau to this end was discussed, but not definitely decided.

With J. M. Godfrey, president of the recruiting league, in the chair, numerous patriotic speeches were delivered, and all emphasized the effort which must be put forth if the latest call for recruits is to be answered effectively. The chief speakers were Maj. G. A. Williams, chief recruiting officer of the division, and Mr. Justice C. A. Maaten, of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

### Toronto Branch Officers.

The officers of the Toronto branch are as follows: President, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings; vice-presidents, Mrs. B. W. Barker, Mrs. Adam Balmantyne, Mrs. Arthur Van Koughnot; secretary, Mrs. Hannah Court; hon.orary treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Green; executive, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. F. D. Mercer, Mrs. Horace W. Parsons, Mrs. A. M. Huestic, Mrs. R. A. Palmer, Mrs. S. Sharpe, Mrs. A. E. Goodenham, Mrs. John Bruce, Mrs. Campbell Meyers, Mrs. F. B. Petherstonhaugh, Mrs. J. M. Fairbairn, Mrs. E. L. Barry, Mrs. R. D. Fairbairn, Mrs. A. H. Abbott, Mrs. H. McMurche, Mrs. L. A. Gurnett, Mrs. Frances Trotter, Miss E. R. Boulton, Miss Copeland, Mrs. O. Hezlewood, Mrs. J. D. Chipman, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, and Mrs. H. B. Warren.

### FOR PATRIOTIC WORK.

Delightful Concert Was Given by Women's Auxiliary at Central Y.M.C.A.

A splendid concert was put on to a full house on Thursday evening in the Central Y.M.C.A. under the auspices of the women's auxiliary and in aid of their patriotic work. The program was furnished by Mrs. Leonora James Kennedy, Madame Bessie Bonnell, Hunter, Miss Cecile Williamson, P. Rederme Hollinshead, Arthur Blight, Horace Corner and Dr. Harvey Robb. Nothing but the very highest music was heard for the artists for the happy combination which made possible the program rendered, and every body went away wishing there was more.

### "THE IDLER" AT STRAND.

The headliner at the Strand Theatre for the first half of next week will be "The Idler," with Charles Richmond and Catherine Courtis in the two leading roles. The photo play, in five big acts, is a powerful society drama. It has a compelling plot, is well acted and superbly staged, and some of the scenes are of great magnificence.

### CANADIAN NURSE PRISONER.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—Miss Joy Whitehead, daughter of C. R. Whitehead, general manager of the cotton mills at Three Rivers, was captured by the Bulgarians while serving with a British veterinary corps in Serbia. A letter was received today from Miss Whitehead by her parents announcing her plight. Miss Whitehead originally served as a nurse in Serbia, but owing to her knowledge of horses was transferred to the veterinary corps.

## LATEST OF FANCIES IN DAINTY LINGERIE

They Are Being Extensively Displayed in Shops Where Latest Ideas Are Shown.

### PRETTIEST OF MODELS

They Are in Empire Style Closely Fan-Pleated in Skirt Section.

Dainty lingerie and boudoir attire are being extensively displayed in all the exclusive shop windows, where the latest and most approved in feminine fancies may be seen and admired. The

outstanding features are color and trimming. For several seasons now the vogue of crepe de chine lingerie has been pronounced, but only just recently has the fad in yellow and pink and even pale blue been generally accepted. The greatest demand is for white, cream, or flesh-tinted models, such as exquisite things are being fashioned from laces and silks in true shades of yellow or blue that the popularity anticipated for them will, no doubt, be realized in choosing party petticoats and camisoles at all events.

Effective Use of Trimming. With the continued requirements of voluminous lines made necessary by the bouffancy of quaint period frocks beneath which they are worn, much more trimming may be effectively used. Laces are dyed to match the pale tints of the silks or crepes used and inserted in novelty scallop designs in frills and ruffles. Chiffon, pleated and gathered, is poised over foundation wear, and tiny silk rose buds are used to catch up the widths of materials into cascade flourishes.

Some Prettiest Models. Some of the prettiest models are in

empire style, closely fan-pleated in the skirt section, and prettily made of lace and metallic embroidery bands in the upper part. Camisoles are most frequently made of cloth-of-gold or cloth of silver, and finished with silver lace edgings and shoulder straps. Self-brocaded ribbons are tied up in a variety of pretty ornamental bows, while touches of black velvet ribbon add the chic French note.

NO FEAR OF MOB. Rev. Dr. McKay Thinks President of Chinese Republic Has Situation Well in Hand.

Rev. Dr. McKay, general secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, is of the opinion that the Canadian missionaries in China will be fully protected from mob or other violence in connection with the revolutionary outbreaks. "I believe," said Dr. McKay, "that President Shi Kai has conditions well in hand, and we Highlanders are never afraid."

## VICTORY OF THE ALLIES ULTIMATELY ASSURED

This Optimistic View of Serbian Exile in Address to Women's Canadian Club.

### AN AGRICULTURAL RACE

Mme. Losanitch Says Her People Are Not Fighters Except in Country's Defence.

Patriotism personified and optimism at its zenith regarding the ultimate victory of the allies, was the keynote of the address given by Mme. Losanitch, the now noted Serbian exile, as she stood before the members of the Women's Canadian Club yesterday afternoon. The Serbians are simple but graphic words the sorrows and glories of her country.

"I am a real and pure Serbian," was her description of herself, and a point she would not emphasize, as on one occasion she had been asked by a dimly-lit reporter in search of information: "Are the Serbian women black?" A glance at the pale refined countenance of the lady is an emphatic answer to the contrary.

An Agricultural People. We are nearly 14,000,000 in numbers, 5,000,000 in the kingdom of Serbia, others in Austria and other parts. The Serbians are slaves, they speak a language similar to Russian and are Greek Catholics. Ninety per cent. are farmers, they own little properties and live on the land. They are not fond of fighting, except when they fight to defend their country.

From the time of the 14th and 15th centuries Serbia had no schools, but traditions had been handed down in the form of ballads from father to son. The Serbians are a very poetic people. The poems had been published during the last century. "I was working in a hospital before I came out," Mme. Losanitch told her audience because in Serbia there is but a very small number of trained nurses. I trained for six weeks for my work.

Beyond Description. Describing the invasions of Serbia by the Austrians, the speaker said that the first, which took place in October, was put down in a few weeks. The second, however, "got into the country quite deeply." What happened afterwards was beyond description. "My dear friends I have no words to tell what was done to the people, women and children. They were taken as hostages, tortured, burnt alive."

In the hospitals, where Miss Losanitch had thirty patients she had but two pairs of slippers and two coats. There was no milk, no eggs, just ordinary food for the sick and wounded, and the patience of the men under these conditions was described as extraordinary. They never complained, never blamed the government, but on the other hand said they knew the Serbian Government could not afford more than they were doing.

Ten Thousand in Open. At one time there were ten thousand and refugees living in the open at Nish. A boush of the speaker who was fortunate enough to have a room had nineteen friends and relatives with him. This party were deemed well off. At night the restaurants sheltered the people, but with the coming of daylight they had again to take to the open streets. Miss Losanitch was herself a refugee in Nish for three months.

Outbreak of Typhus. Typhus was brought into the country by the Austrian army; 250,000 died of the disease and thousands of houses were closed by the police. The epidemic was at length overcome by the American commission, but not until 20,000 little ones had been orphaned thru its fatal effects. The mountains of Serbia, barren and rocky, were described as gradually cold, covered with snow and infested with wolves, foxes, and sometimes bears. The Serbians are subjected to in their attempts to get away, because "they would not stay where the enemy is."

Tragic in Extreme. The leaving of the last train from Nish to Saloniki was tragic in the extreme. This party dying of exposure and starvation and being thrown out of the train by the roadside, as there was no time for burial.

Supplementing the address of Miss Losanitch was that of Miss Everard, an American nurse who was nursing in Serbia and is now traveling with the zealous Serbian advocate. Miss Everard told of the beautiful hospitality of the Serbian women and the almost indescribable patience and gratitude of the wounded men. Illustrating their unselfishness, she related that on one occasion a soldier with both arms wounded and being assisted to eat by another seemed to need her immediate assistance, but he told her to go to others whose necessities were much greater than his.

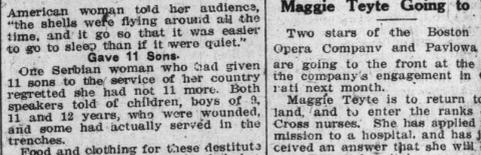
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American woman told her audience, "the shells were flying around all the time, and it so that it was easier to go to sleep than if it were quiet."

Gave 11 Sons. One Serbian woman who had given 11 sons to the service of her country regretted she had not 11 more. Both speakers told of children, boys of 9, 11 and 12 years, who were wounded, and said some had actually served in the trenches.

Food and clothing for these destitute people was the plea made in their behalf by both speakers, who also thanked the people of Canada in the war-time for terms for what they had already done in this regard. Many interesting views, some particularly attractive, showing the Serbians in native dress, were then thrown on the screen.

A vote of thanks to the speakers was moved by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and seconded by Mrs. A. M. Huestic. Mrs. Campbell Meyers, president of the Women's Canadian Club, reported on the generous response the funds are still wanting, to the request for assistance towards furnishing the canteen room for the artillery at Exhibition camp.

## GREENWOOD AND SEELY RECEIVING EXTRA PAY

Sir Max Aitken is Being Paid by Canadian Government.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Jan. 7.—A parliamentary return with regard to army allowances drawn by members shows that Col. Sir Max Aitken, now a member of the war office recruiting staff, received £260 (\$3,250) and that Brig. Gen. Seely received £1,000 (\$5,000). These payments, it is reported, were in addition to their parliamentary salaries of 400 pounds. Sir Max Aitken, the return said, was paid by the Canadian Government.

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