

MISS O'REILLY SEES LOUVAIN BURN AND GETS STORY OF HORROR

Special Correspondent an Eye-witness of Civilized War's Most Dreadful Horror

Priest-Professor From American College at Louvain, Who Was Saved by U. S. Minister Whitlock, Tells Whole Story of Louvain Slaughter and Destruction

(By Mary Boyle O'Reilly)

The Hague, Sept. 2.—Two days after the Prussian commander decreed the destruction of Louvain, five American journalists were stalled for hours in the railway station of that city. A thousand wildly excited Uhlans crowded the platforms. A camp commissary slaughtered an ox under our car windows. A firing squad marched down the boulevard to execution. It was the very center of war. Prussians on a troop train the historic town. A prisoner, I was sent to Holland. But I knew there was a world story at Louvain and I determined to go back. An accommodating German consul at Maestricht gave me a pass, not knowing that I was an American newspaper woman.

Thirty hours later I sat amid the ruins of Louvain. On Saturday, August 29, the south wall was still standing. North, east and west stretched miles of desolation. Spires and pinnacles yet unshattered showed dark sparks. From the flat roof of two squat church towers sharpshooters watched the deserted streets.

On the central grass of the boulevard thirty bodies lay as they had fallen. Eleven were the bodies of women, six showed gray hair, all were shot or bayoneted, the clothing of nine was undeniably slashed from behind. Other bodies were said to be lying in the Place de la Station. These I did not see, the capital Place being a large open square. I did see what seemed to be a bundle of ragged human being lying on a pillar box, the body of a woman being fired by petroleum.

Watching the Completion of Destruction Through the sunlit, deserted streets scolding parties of three men marched abreast on patrol. This was in the district not yet destroyed, and I watched the work with awful fascination. Sometimes the three would peer into a cellar window, to confer with rifles cocked and to fire a test volley into the dark.

Behind them came the raiders, picked soldiers of the Ninth army corps. First the scouts, slim, dapper men in civilian clothes, their faces practically masked by motor goggles. Each scout carried a small notebook and a piece of chalk. Consulting his memorandum, he selected certain houses, inscribing upon them "Bon gens" (good people), "Germans" or "Stons schenon" (spare the house).

The scouts passed on. Files of two soldiers lined up in chosen streets. Each man was told off to a doorway. A group of men from the pavement and twenty axes broke open twenty unprotected homes. Everything useful to the army must be carried quickly to waiting carts. What remained must be burned.

How the Burning was Done Again they lined up, Prussian officers, men from gentle homes, educated and refined, but under orders, strode up to inspect the result. Everyone was smoking—some playing with swan-hill moustache. From them came the final order. At a word each sapper seized a bomb and a box of fuses, ran to a doomed house, placed the bomb, sprinkled the coal oil and dashed out to watch the result. This proceeded, street after street, this great war crime, until on August 26, 27, 28 and 29 the growth.

BIRTHS LODGE—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Lodge, 69 Union street, West Side, on the 27th inst., a son.

MARRIAGES MEANS-McAULEY—Married in Boston on Sept. 9, 1914, by Rev. Father Mullan, Miss Genevieve McAuley, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McAuley, 33 Queen street, West St. Mr. and Mrs. Means will make their home in Boston.

DEATHS DUFFY—In this city on the 28th inst. John, second son of John and Margaret Duffy, leaving three brothers and two sisters to mourn. Burial from the residence of his brother, Edward, No. 109 Miles avenue. Time of funeral given later.

FUNERAL NOTICE The officers and members of the Union Lodge of Portland No. 10 N.B.R. are requested to meet at the Masonic Hall in regular on Tuesday the 29th at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. J. Fred St. C. Pender. Brethren of sister lodges are invited to attend.

CARDS OF THANKS Geo. F. Lawson desires to extend his thanks and appreciation to his many friends who were so kind and sympathetic during his recent bereavement, and also during the lengthy illness of his wife.

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of battering gun fire and the roar of flames was incessant in Louvain, and I, an American woman, armed only with a German vice-consul's pass, innocently watching what as 20th century civilization applies it!

The burning of Louvain by the Ninth German army corps held the fascination of this lost university city. He is a Catholic priest, one of the forty who over their liberty, if not their lives, to Brand Whitlock, American minister, who demanded the country to the soldiers.

Tells Louvain's Story No better witness could testify—no more truthful witness could tell the story of the destruction of this city of more than 50,000 souls. Here is his evidence told to me as I lingered amid the ghastly ruins of a splendid city.

"The city of Louvain was sacrificed to sustain a falsehood. As long as the world lives no official explanation will ever explain the most appalling tragedy of modern war.

"Prussian staff officers say that the inhabitants of Belgium were armed to resist invasion. Citizens of America, who remember the armed patriots of Concord and Lexington, would consider it no crime if they did so arm themselves, but they did not. On the first week of the King called on all his subjects to deliver up all their arms and leave the defense of the country to the soldiers."

"The ninth German army corps asserted that citizens of Louvain fired upon the Uhlans. Again that is plain falsehood. A week before the invading army arrived every man in Louvain was disarmed. The city guards surrendered their rifles, the police their revolvers, private citizens any weapons they had. Many of these last were rare and valuable, but they gave them up so that there might be not an atom of excuse for reprisal.

All Before German Came "All weapons were marked with the owner's name and stored in the Stradibus. Finding this collection a Prussian brigadier charged the burgomaster with conspiracy to distribute dangerous weapons! It is on a par with his charge that priests of the cathedral served out ammunition from the crypt of St. Peter's.

"Observe, we had cause for fear. In the university were twenty-five hundred young men, five hundred students, in the bacteriological school, and many hundred Russians attached to Louvain because scientific agriculture was the principal study. Youth being impatient is tempted to rebel. Hence the confiscation of arms and ammunition.

"On August 19 the Prussians entered Louvain very quietly, exhausted by their battles before Diest and Tirlemont. Immediately an order was posted that all arms should be surrendered or the possessor would be shot.

Officials Hostages "The burgomaster in his official scarf waited upon the commander to explain that it had already been done. He, the aldermen, and several large bankers were held by the Germans as 'hostages for the city's good conduct.'

"At first we hoped for the best. The invaders paid for what they took and in a day or two they began to pay with scraps of ink-stamped paper. Presently they seized.

"Then the military governor demanded supplies, 500 mattresses, 500 loaves, 1,000 eggs to be delivered in two hours or the hostages would be shot.

"Next day the demand was for a million francs. The burgomaster, unable to raise the sum, demanded in return a surety that the Hotel de Ville (city hall), Gothic architecture of the fifteenth century, the most beautiful in the Low Countries, be spared all injury.

Under Rule of Iron "We now enter upon a period of iron rule. Proclamations came daily. "All carriage and street car traffic must stop. No newspapers. No mail no telegrams should be delivered. All sign wires were cut. We lived in the midst of alarms—in a macabre of rumors.

"The military governor ordered all people into their houses at eight o'clock and all lights extinguished at that hour. The city was in darkness. We detected our guard by the rattle of rifles, the stamp of iron-shod feet.



A Girl refugee of Louvain, photograph sent to the Times by Mary Boyle O'Reilly.

LAST MINUTE SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S WAR NEWS

Paris—New attacks by Germans between Aisne and Argonne repulsed. Berlin—The situation in France is unchanged.

Stockholm, Sept. 28.—The Russian cruiser Oleg is reported to have broken out in the German army. Field hospital care crowded with soldiers.

Vienna, Sept. 28.—The Austrian fleet at Pola will soon give battle to the Allies' fleets.

Antwerp, Sept. 28.—Forts at Antwerp reported bombarded. Belgians drove off German cavalry five miles from Antwerp.

Niuh, Sept. 28.—Servians claim another decisive victory over 300,000 Austrians along Dina.

Chiasso, Switzerland, Sept. 28.—The last class of Austrian reservists, consisting of aged men, have been called out and sent to the front in Galicia.

Manila, Sept. 28.—British warships bombarded the town of Lai, on the island of Yap, in the Caroline group, destroying the German wireless plant and burning the town.

Tokio, Sept. 28.—Fighting at Tsing Tao between Germans and Anglo-Japanese is continuing. Outlying trenches of the German stronghold have been captured.

Imperial's Big Show Tonight Imperial Theatre is tonight presenting the Vitagraph social drama "Shadows of the Past," which is enacted by the same splendid cast of players who put on "Million Bid" some weeks ago.

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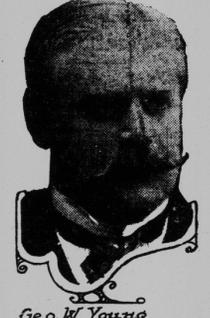


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NORDICA'S HUSBAND TO CONTEST WILL



Geo. W. Young

New York, Sept. 28.—Because the late Mme. Nordica bequeathed the bulk of her million dollar fortune to her three sisters, and made scant allowance for her husband, George Washington Young, a New York banker, Banker Young is going to contest the will which was filed on Aug. 27, in New York.

YOUNG said that Nordica made a will in 1910 making him her sole heir; he will, he recently filed was made a little before the diva's death in Java last May.

LOCAL NEWS ARTILLERY RECRUITS Men wishing to join the 8th regiment of artillery for voluntary drill should apply at armory on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 8 and 9:30 o'clock.

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PATROTIC CHORUS REHEARSAL Full rehearsal of the patriotic chorus in Stone Church school room tonight under the baton of Professor Swanson.

ROYAL ARCANUM NOTICE Special meeting of St. John Council No. 183 Tuesday evening, Sept. 29, at 8 o'clock. Degree work. Every member requested to attend.

BAND CONCERT, PIESOCIAL AND DANCE The Temple Band is going to hold, at Grand set of views of the British navy and fortifications, etc., as follows: Motion pictures of St. John soldiers leaving for Valcartier.

MILITARY CLOTHING We are now in a position to quote you prices on officers' uniforms and great coats made to measure. We can also supply you with military boots, leggings and caps.

PATROTIC CONCERT AT STAR THEATRE The Little Star Theatre in the north end is going to join with its friends tomorrow night in putting on a big patriotic benefit at 25 cents admission.

CAPTAIN FOWLE ILL Frederickton, N. B., Sept. 28.—A telegram received here today from Mrs. A. J. Fowle, at Halifax, states that her husband, Captain Fowle, quartermaster of the R. C. R., is seriously ill with no hope of recovery.

Cocoon's Crew Saved. St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 28.—The Black Diamond line collier, Cocoon, abandoned during a gale off the Newfoundland coast today. The crew was saved.

RAISED CHECK FROM \$54 TO \$54,000

Montreal Real Estate Man to be Sentenced This Week

Montreal, Sept. 28.—James A. Birchough, real estate broker, was this morning found guilty of raising a check from \$54 to \$54,000 on October 6 last. He will be sentenced this week.

Birchough was given the check he was charged with raising by Mrs. Thomas Sonne, in payment for a small piece of property. The check reading for \$54,000 was deposited by him in a bank as security on property he was intending to purchase.

The case has aroused great interest here, as Birchough was well known in the business world and had figured in about the largest real estate deals in the history of the city.

ATTEMPT TO MINE GUERNSEY HARBOR? New York, Sept. 28.—An unsuccessful attempt to mine the harbor at Guernsey, England, said to have been made by a disguised German cruiser, which had on board 1,000 German marines and enough explosives to blow up a dozen warships, was reported today by Miss Margaret Daniels, a missionary of the Baptist foreign missionary society, upon her arrival aboard the French liner Espagne from Havre.

The vessel, according to Miss Daniels, was disguised as a Dutch merchantman. The Dutch flag flying at the top aroused the suspicion of the British authorities. The ship was accordingly surrounded by torpedo boats and a search revealed 1,000 German marines hidden below decks. The marines were arrested and sent to a detention camp.

PERSONALS Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald (nee Gallagher) will receive for the first time since her marriage at her home, 84 Clarendon street, on Thursday, Oct. 1st, afternoon 5 o'clock.

Miss Lillian O'Brien, accompanied by her mother, Alfred, left on Saturday evening on a holiday visit to Boston.

Miss Irene O'Connor of North End left on Saturday on a holiday visit to Providence.

Joseph L. Mully left on Saturday on a vacation trip to Boston and neighboring cities.

Mrs. James D. Dunlop left on Saturday for Los Angeles where she will spend the winter visiting friends.

Miss Cona Murray left on Saturday night for Boston to visit her sister, Mrs. Alonzo G. Sully, in Revere, Mass.

Mrs. Gurney, Elliott row, entertained at a most enjoyable though somewhat drawing room tea on Thursday. Her guests were Rev. Mr. Berrie and Mrs. Berrie and a few other friends.

Master Jack Wendall Richards will leave for Annapolis, N.S., where he will spend a short vacation with relatives.

Mrs. James Fleming, accompanied by Mrs. Richard Caples, left by boat this morning for Boston.

Miss Grace Mahoney, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mahoney, of the North End, returned to Boston on Saturday evening to resume her studies in the Worcester Hospital.

J. Willis Jones will leave this evening for Toronto to resume his studies at Toronto University.

Gideon Milne of Hartford, Conn., was in the city on Saturday en route home after a visit to his mother and relatives in St. George, Charlotte county.

Friends of Mrs. C. P. Baker, Manawagonish Road, will be pleased to learn that she is improving after her recent illness.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

TO LET—New Flat, hardwood floors, etc., suitable for large family or lodging house. Apply 168 Union street. Phone Main 789.

WANTED—General girl; good pay. Apply 158 Union street.

FURNISHED Flat, ten month, 45 Acadia street. 16927-10-5

ROOMS, furnished, heated, No. 9 Brunswick, corner Union street. 16928-10-5

TO LET—Small Flat on Marsh street. Apply 165 Union. 16963-10-2

CHAMBERMAID Wanted at Victoria Hotel. 16930-10-5

FOR SALE—Kitchen stove, 21 St. Patrick. 16948-10-5

CHEF WANTED at Boston Restaurant, 20 Charlotte street. 10-1

NIGHT Kitchen Woman Wanted. Apply at Wanamakers, King Square. 10-1

TWO Experienced Waitresses wanted. Apply Wanamakers, King Square. 10-1

LOST TODAY—Purse with money and owner's address in city. Finder please return to Mrs. Maxwell, Box 7, McAdaw Junction.

WANTED—Boys for office work. Apply in own handwriting, Box 75, city. 16949-10-1

WANTED—A nursemaid for one child. Apply Mrs. D. McKay, 182 Princess street. 16944-10-5

WANTED—To rent, Flat about six rooms, central location, rent moderate. Enquire at Times. 16945-10-1

SMALL, Furnished House on Mount Pleasant To Rent; immediate occupation. Rent very moderate; Phone Mrs. Cook, Main, 1651-21. 16945-10-5

FOUND—Sum of money on Durham street. Apply Times office. 16940-10-1

BOARDSERS Wanted 24 Paddock, steam heated rooms, electric light and phone. 16933-10-5

YOUNG Ladies can be accommodated with room and board, 343 Union street. 16933-10-5

WANTED—A girl for general housework, 285 Germain street. 16936-10-5

WANTED—An experienced cook and housemaid. Frank L. Peters, 217 Germain St. 16928-10-1

WANTED to purchase, good all year round house for small family in or near city preferred; nice locality. State lowest price for cash and full particulars to "Magister," Times office. 16941-10-5

FOUND—In Dean's stall, City Market, on Saturday, a roll of bills. If owner can have above by applying V. B. Dean, City Market. 16932-9-29

RATHER than be idle I will clean paper and paint rooms at very reasonable rates. Address "Painter" care Times. 16833-9-29

TO RENT, Nov. 1st—Lower Flat of new house, 18 Harding street; 7 rooms and bath; electric light; hot and cold water. Rent \$250. 16942-10-5

U. S. LEGISLATION. Washington, Sept. 28.—Whether a bill for a government-owned manna shall be pressed at this session of congress or abandoned will be determined at a White House conference today and a meeting of the house Democrats tonight. President Wilson said he had not changed his opinion of the necessity of such a bill and indicated he would use his influence for its passage.

Facts presented in the conference, he said, however, might change his view. There is some opposition congress. He expressed the opinion that an adjournment of congress in October was likely.

Washington, Sept. 28.—President Wilson favors the anti-interlocking directorate provision of the Clayton trust bill against which protests have been made to the senate by bankers. The president told callers today the provision was a pledge in the Democratic platform.

HIS FIRST HIGH MASS. Rev. Hector Belliveau, son of Pr and Mrs. A. Belliveau, of Fredericton who was ordained here last week, celebrated his first high mass yesterday Grand Digue, where his uncle, Mr. Philip Belliveau is rector.