

TWO YOUNG PATRIOTS IN BATTLESHIP FUND.

MARJORIE DEAF TO SUDDEN FAME

Just Enthusiastic, Normal Girl Despite Fact She's a National Celebrity.

HELPS HER MOTHER WITH HOUSEWORK

Also Takes Care of Baby, Goes to School and—Builds Battleships.

Just what is Marjorie Sterrett like, this thirteen-year-old girl whose impulsive letter of two weeks ago has started the battleship fund to which thousands of children all over the country are contributing? Almost every one by this time has seen her in the newspapers or in the motion pictures and has formed an impression of a pretty and healthy young girl, with long curls and a laughing mouth.

There is a school girl, just in her teens, whose life until two weeks ago has been concerned with going to school, helping her mother with the housework and with the baby and in a few simple amusements, principally reading, for she devours everything that comes her way.

Marjorie's life in the last five or six years has not been in the least dull. She has lived on a farm and has attended a little country schoolhouse two miles from home; she has spent one or two years, she isn't quite sure which, in small villages, and has attended the famous and it is the confident belief of every one who knows her that she is going to stay that way, even though she eventually has to employ secretary to help her with the exciting task of opening her morning's mail before she goes off to school.

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City Job Gone, He Ends Life. Lack of employment caused Godfrey Branford, formerly a clerk in the city's Highways Department, to commit suicide by slashing his throat at his mother's home, 687 East 176th Street, yesterday.

A bargain means quality and quantity combined—one without the other is not a bargain. When you see toilet paper advertised seven, ten, twelve rolls for a quarter, look at the quality first, then ask the number of sheets in each roll.

Scottissie Toilet Paper. It is as soft as old linen. Pure white and absorbent—this is your quality test. 1000 counted sheets, 10c.

Scottissie Toilet Paper. Soft and absorbent—its balsam treatment makes it healing—your quality test. 2500 counted sheets in a carton of 3 rolls for 25c. Ask your dealer.

ICE CARNIVAL. St. Nicholas Rink, Wednesday Evening, February 23, 69 WEST 66TH STREET. Under the auspices of the New York Committee of the Commission for Relief in Belgium. Proceeds to be used for the purchase of shoes and clothes for the destitute women and children of Belgium and Northern France.



Heien and Ethel Hacker, of Jersey City, whose great-grandfather commanded a ship under John Paul Jones.

NAVAL MEN BOOST MARJORIE'S FUND

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100 pennies, from children who have to fight one of our country's greatest enemies every day, while most children are going to school or playing. Their letter follows:

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"By Philomena Adonizio." "P. S.—Three of the girls want to send their love letters."

Motor May Resume Trip

If the armored motor car can be extricated from its license troubles today it will start around the city and distribute thousands of tickets that school children may view the great preparations for the battleship fund, which is now running at the Park Theatre, Fifty-ninth Street and Broadway.

Meanwhile the children are daily pouring into the Park Theatre. By so doing they not only learn a lesson in preparedness, but also help Marjorie build her battleship. To-morrow morning, Washington's Birthday, when there is no school, there will be a special matinee at 11 a. m., and at all performances, children under sixteen must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

To-day the battleship buttons, with their neat design, shown in another column, will be started on their way to the children who have sent their pennies. Some boys and girls will have their patient a while longer, for all the 5,000 cannot be distributed in one day.

Yesterday's Contributions.

- Contributions yesterday were as follows: Katherine, 'for her... Through 'The War... 10; Marjorie, 'for her... 10; H. E. B. ... 10; Marjorie Foster ... 10; ...

"DEFENCE OR TRIBUTE?" AIDS BATTLESHIP FUND

Half a million tickets are being distributed among the school children of this city to enable them to see the colossal film spectacle "Defence or Tribute?" at the Park Theatre and at the same time help build the children's battleship.

Each ticket, with a dime, admits a school child to the theatre any afternoon until February 27 between 1 and 6 p. m. Saturday 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. Children under sixteen must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Watch for the armored automobile that will drive up to your school and distribute the tickets. Special matinee Washington's Birthday at 11 a. m.

Table of names and amounts donated to the fund. Includes names like Harold Booth, Grace R. Barstow, and many others.

Only Old Men and Boys Left.

"Only old men and boys were to be found, and farmers and their wives, who before the war had been prosperous, were living in cellars and holes dug in the ground, begging for charity."

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BRITISH RESTORE FRENCH FARMS

Agriculturists Contribute Seed, Livestock and Implements. Much Less Poverty, Luxury, Class Distinction; Much More Work, Ambition and Fairness to All, Prophesies Hon. Walter Long.

VAST DISTRICTS SWEEP BY WAR

Lord Northbrook Heads Organization That Has Just Begun Reconstruction Work.

Lord Northbrook, who is at the head of the organization carrying on this work, told of what has been done already. He explained that the work is only just beginning.

"Although farmers in England," he said, "have contributed generously to the farmers' branch of the Red Cross, they have also subscribed \$250,000 and many gifts in kind for the benefit of the ruined agriculturists of France, with the object of restocking, at least to some extent, their ruined farms."

Vast District Laid Waste

"The vastness of the task is realized when it is remembered that the ten departments of France wholly or partly invaded cultivate 2,500,000 acres of land, 2,250,000 of which are now idle. 500 acres of sugar beets alone, as far as livestock is concerned, there were in the war-ravaged departments previous to August, 1914, some 700,000 head of cattle and 1,600,000 sheep and lambs. This stock almost entirely disappeared, the Germans destroying almost all they were unable to utilize or take away."

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Build Home Manufacturers.

"We shall also not be content to reward our old laissez-faire policy toward trade and industry after the war. We can manufacture articles which we previously imported. Probably, after the war, the Englishman, taken as a whole, seldom troubles about making good money out of his country."

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SWISS OFFICIALS SEVERELY FLAYED

Treason of Staff Colonels Increases the Bitterness Against Government.

HOUSTING OF MEN TO BLAME ASKED

Military Critic Demands Punishment of Those Responsible for Mistakes.

By MME JEAN ALCIDE PICARD. Lausanne, Switzerland, Feb. 20.—The "affaire"—as the act of the two Swiss colonels, Egli and de Wattenwyl, in communicating military secrets of France to Germany and Austria is called here—continues to impassioned public opinion. The excitement has subsided somewhat since the two officers of the General Staff have been given over to the military authorities and since Colonel Dubois, who has the confidence of the people, has been placed in charge of the case.

Public sentiment is still so strong, however, that severe criticisms of the policy followed by Switzerland in the last few months and of the treason of the two officers are almost daily getting into print. Colonel Feyler, a well known authority on military and public affairs, expresses the feelings of most earnest citizens in an article in "The Swiss Military Review."

"It is not possible," says, "to weaken during sixteen months the essential spring in the government of a people and not suffer from the effects of the error. There exists confusion between war and peace; between civil and military power; between neutrality leading to painfully balanced opportunism and proud neutrality, which we should have practised, but which we have scouted."

"The workmen of Great Britain, however, have not only their own personal mistakes, but also for the strange state of mind which has favored them and which others have contributed to maintain by their weakness and illusions."

"State of Mind Armoring." "What is most alarming in this affair is not so much the facts, however serious they may be, as the strange mentality they reveal. We should prefer that the Colonels Egli and de Wattenwyl had done it for money. Then we should have simply said they were vile. Their mistake would have been exclusively individual and nobody else, not the flag, would have been besmirched by it. The honor of a General Staff or of an army is not compromised by the presence of individuals who have failed in their duties."

"But such is not the case. If it did not appear too paradoxical, one might almost say that the Colonels Egli and de Wattenwyl have admitted their faults in good faith. If they should pretend that they thought to save the country by them, one would wonder if it were not true. They have forgotten one thing only: that they are Swiss, un happily, that was the essential thing."

"The hour has come when we must look for the real causes of the humiliating situation in which Switzerland has placed herself. The doctrine of silence has lasted too long; it has done too much evil. We have a bit to erase. We cannot do it in ignorance and with half-measures."

"From the beginning of hostilities we have been making military mistakes, and they must be paid for in time of war more heavily than in any other time."

"Folly of Playing Politics." Colonel Feyler goes on to show how unwise it was to give to General Vuille, as major general, Colonel von Sprecher, the other candidate for generalship at the time of the election—an officer of just as much merit, but with ideas and methods diametrically opposed to those of the commander in chief. This was done to conciliate both political parties, and it was an act of weakness on the part of the Federal Council. Both officers were equally qualified. Before the mobilization polemics had arisen between the superior officers of the Swiss army which had done much to destroy the spirit of comradeship.

"The General Staff," continues Colonel Feyler, "the doctrine of the Colonels Egli and de Wattenwyl were the most convinced of German victory. As they were influential personalities in the staff, they might have saved them from themselves."

"What we must reproach these officers for is not that they had friendly sentiments toward the Central Empire, but that they indulged them in the point of diminishing their military intelligence."

"Consequences Grave." "The consequences are particularly grave from the two points of view, national and international. 'In Switzerland there is more than a sense of offended humility, and our confidence is greatly shaken. After the confidence of our determination to uphold our sovereign independence, we have, through our faults, diminished our situation. Colonel Feyler asks that the general law be applied to the culprits in all its severity; he asks also that all those through whom such mistakes have been made possible be held responsible. He wants men in the higher councils of the nation. This is the feeling of the whole country. The Swiss people have found their selves united in the same indignation in the same way and to undo as far as possible the evil done by seeking the truth. At the forthcoming trial of the two colonels only Swiss citizens of mature years will be admitted to the courthouse. Fifty places will be reserved for Swiss representatives of Swiss newspapers and 3,200 places will be at the disposal of the general public."

URGES BUSINESS TO PREPARE

General Wood Says Every Resource of Nation Must Be Utilized. Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the Department of the East, speaking before the West Side Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon, called for a complete organization of the nation's transportation, chemical and industrial resources, with the moral and physical preparation of every man to do his part in a defensive war.

"In the last issue," the general said quietly, "the army and navy, they need not be large, but the organization of our railroads, hospitals, chemical factories, supply departments, engineer and technical corps, and every industry that would bear a burden of defence, must be complete before our backs are turned. The officers of the army and navy do not want a display of militarism, but we do not want to lead you into trouble unprepared."