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Katherine Holland Brown.

"MY name is May Isabel Carnahan. I am eighteen years old, and I work in a big factory in Michigan. More than four hundred other girls work there too. I don't aim to tell you about our jobs. You can read about our werk in the labor department reports. But I do aim to tell you about our Big Sister and of the things she has done for us.

"To begin with, our factory town isn't a town at all. It's a huge barn of buildings stuck down in the country nineteen miles from nowhere. There is a railroad siding, a station the size of a dry goods box, seven farmhouses and one general store and postoffice combined—it's pretty near as big as a hot tamale stand. And that's all. No Main street, no banks nor stores, no ice-cream parlors, not one solitary movie show, in all those nineteen miles. Lonesome? It's the ragged edge of desolation, that's what it is.

"I was one of the first carload of forty girls that was shipped up from Chicago. The factory was swarming with workmen putting in the machinery, and we girls couldn't begin work for a day or so, so we began hunting places to eat and sleep. That was a trifle that the employment folks hadn't thought of. The workmen were sleeping and eating in the cars that had brought them there, backed on the siding. Our only chance for beds and food was with those seven farmhouses, so we marched straight to the farmers' wives and asked for board and room.

Farmers' Wives Hospitable.

"I will say that those women were kind and hospitable. They fixed it up between them to feed us forty girls, and they gave us good food too. But for rooms, that was the question. They could each spare one room. That meant sleep five or six in a room. But right then along came the boss of the factory and told us the machinery was ready and he'd expect us girls to work double shifts, night and day.

"He wanted to make use of every minute, you see. But that gave us our chance as to sleeping. We fixed it up with the farm folks that we'd work double shifts and sleep double shifts too.

"So we planned it. Three girls would use a room from eight at night till six the next morning. Then they'd hustle over to the factory, and the three girls who'd been working all night would take the room and sleep till afternoon. It wasn't any luxurious slumber, believe me. The farm women had so few sheets and pillow cases that most of us went without. And towels were scarce as diamonds on blackberry bushes. As to soap—well, the general store kept yellow bar soap, that kind that is so full of rosin you could use it to calk a ship. But we made out till the next three carloads of girls came rolling in. Then we went 'most distracted. Those poor girls had to sleep in tents and in the cars that the workmen had abandoned by this time, and they were lucky if they got a straw tick and a blanket. By this time it had turned raw cold, and maybe you know what late autumn nights in Michigan feel like. To cap the climax the farm folks cut down on food, and for a week it was potatoes and beans and mighty few beans at that.

Along Came a Miracle.

"But, right when we were about ready to quit our jobs and beat it for home, along came a miracle. Two quiet, businesslike women climbed down from the eastbound train one morning. With them came eight workmen, a carload of scantling and tar paper, another carload of cots and blankets and pillows and sheets and towels—brand new blankets and beds—think of the glory of that!—and bushels of dishes and rolls of oilcloth and enough burlap to carpet the country. You won't believe me when I tell you that in ten days their workmen had a scantling-and-tar-paper shack put up and burlap tacked over the walls, and the Y. W. C. A. secretary and her helper had set up board tables and coffee kettles and were serving us the grandest hot lunches every day. And back behind the burlap screens were set those rows of clean cots, with enough cover to keep you warm the coldest night that ever blew, and a towel apiece for every single girl. Do you wonder that we all felt, as one girl put it, 'I'll wager the Fritz-Carleton has nothing on this!'

"Who were those women? Why, Y. W. C. A. secretaries, of course. I'd think you'd know that without being told. All over the country wherever we girls have pitched in to make aeroplane cloth or overalls or munitions or canned goods you'll find a Y. W. C. A. secretary working harder than anybody else to make the girls comfortable and to keep them happy and well. Sometimes they haven't money enough to get all that we really need. But always they stretch every cent to make it do its level best for us. Do you wonder that we girl workers have learned to call the Y. W. C. A. our Big Sister—the very best Big Sister of all?

Mastering English Words

FRENCH FACTORY GIRLS LEARNING ENGLISH IN A CLASS CONDUCTED BY THE Y.W.C.A

FOYERS IN FRANCE.

Four departments of the French Government have asked the American Y. W. C. A. to open social and recreation centers for girls employed by them—Finance, Commerce, War and Labor.

Lieutenant Poncet of the Ministry of Labor recently requested that this Y. W. C. A. work be begun for girls in his offices after seeing the social and recreation centers which had been opened at the request of the Ministry of War. Sixteen centers of this kind are operated in six cities in France. Three of them are in Paris.

The last of these Foyers des Alliees is for girls who are working in the Department of Labor. It is far down the Seine, under the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, and overlooks the Qual d'Orsay.

The rooms are bright and cheerful, with chintz hangings and cushions, comfortable chairs, reading and writing tables and a fireplace. A kitchen has equipment so that girls can prepare meals for themselves. They go to the foyer for their two hour luncheon time, for social evenings and for classes in English.

400,000 YANKS ARE Y. W. C. A. VISITORS

Four hundred thousand persons and more served in the cafeteria in one year is the record of the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash.

The majority of the 400,000 diners were mothers, wives, sweethearts and friends who went to the camp to visit their soldiers. The remainder were soldiers themselves who broke the monotony of "chow" with home cooked meals. In addition to all these guests, 25,000 little children were cared for in the nursery and the rest room served 70,000 tired wives and mothers.

The workers at the information desk received and answered 97,000 questions varying from how to get the best connections to a destination clear across the continent, the rates of soldiers' insurance and the kind of cretonne a girl bride should have in her living room now that Private John is coming home from France. Eleven thousand of these queries required telephone conversations with various company commanders relative to hunting up a soldier whose parents had arrived unexpectedly.

Y. W. C. A. CAFETERIA IN PORTO RICO

Porto Rico has a cafeteria. It is the first one established on the island, and when it was opened in the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House at Camp Las Casas the natives crowded around, much amused at the innovation. They insisted upon having American dishes.

The house became very well known in a short time, and a group of women from San Juan volunteered to go out every week to mend socks and sew on buttons for the soldiers.

RUSSIAN PRINCESSES LEARN TO TRIM HATS

Y. W. C. A. Saves Wife of General From Becoming Charwoman.

When the war work of the Y. W. C. A. in Russia has all been told one of the most interesting stories will lie in the establishment of the first Women's Co-operative Association at Moscow.

There day after day princesses work side by side with peasant girls, wives of high Russian officials make dresses or trim hats at long tables with simple, unlettered women, and the money is used for self support of these princesses and notable women as well as for the peasant classes.

The need and suffering throughout all Russia was so great at the time the Association was established that it was a problem to find where the money would help the greatest number of people. It was thought best to expend it to help capitalize organizations for giving work and permanent opportunities to families and individuals to earn their own living.

The women bring their handiwork to the Association for sale or take orders to do dressmaking, millinery, etc., in the rooms of the society or at home. Suitable work was found just in time not long ago to keep the wife of one of Russia's greatest generals from going out as a charwoman to earn bread for her husband, who was ill.

MESSAGE TO Y. W. C. A. FROM FRANCE.

I must express to you the very great satisfaction and most sincere gratitude of the French Government for the service rendered to the women working in Government factories through the establishment of Y. W. C. A. Foyers des Alliees (clubrooms for munitionettes).

These foyers have been an excellent means for bettering the physical conditions and the morale of our workers. They have been constantly used by the women workers, who have found there new elements of dignity and social education.

I must thank you for bringing this to pass, and I hope that Y. W. C. A. work will not disappear with the war, but will be carried on in order to develop the principles of social solidarity which it has inspired.

(Signed) M. LOUCHER,
Minister of Arms and Munitions Manufacture.

NURSES PRODUCE WILD WEST PICTURE SHOW

Entertain Roumanian Countess at American Show in France.

Picture shows are being put on in France without cameras, scenery or any of the necessary properties, according to reports reaching the National Y. W. C. A. from a Y. W. C. A. nurses' hut in a Base Hospital.

Having no film or camera, the nurses at Base decided to put on a living picture show and invited a group of nurses from a nearby hospital to be the audience. It was a real thriller, one of the wild and woolly west variety, with bucking bronchoes and wild rides on broom and mop horses.

Imagination supplied the scenery, with the exception of placards, which announced "the sun" when it was supposed to be shining or "cacti" when the cow punchers rode across the desert.

Countess Vacaresca of Roumania, who had been talking to the nurses on conditions in the German courts at the time she was lady-in-waiting to the Queen of Roumania, was the most appreciative of all the guests.

INSIGNIA, CURTAINS, MADE FROM SKIRTS

Blue broadcloth skirts used for organization insignia and plaid summer dresses reconstructed into window curtains are after war economies of the nine Y. W. C. A. secretaries in Archangel, Russia.

These secretaries have just succeeded, in the face of food and cloth shortages, in opening a Y. W. C. A. Hostess House for American troops stationed in Archangel, a town behind the allied lines. It was necessary to hunt up a voile summer dress which one of the secretaries had discarded for heavy winter clothes in order to have curtains at the windows. They live on regulation army rations.

Archangel is the fourth city in Russia where the Y. W. C. A. has established work. Centers were opened first in Petrograd and Moscow and then in Samara, 900 miles eastward from Moscow.

Miss Elizabeth Boies, head of Russian work and one of the few Americans who remained in that country throughout the revolution, is en route to America by way of England to recruit workers for Russia.

A second Y. W. C. A. Hostess House, for wives and children of soldiers, is soon to be opened at Castner, Cahu, Hawaiian Islands, to care for the overflow of women and children from the first house, which opened some months ago in answer to a call from the commanding officer of the camp.

During 15 days in November 2,152 visitors were entertained at the house, including women and children, of the following nationalities; Philippino, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Porto Rican, Korean, Japanese and American.

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Sacred Heart Church—Services every other Sunday at 11.00 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School at 2.30 p. m. Father Urner, Pastor.
Christ M. P. Church, preaching Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.00 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 6.45 p. m.; mid-week service Thursday evening at 7.30. Rev. J. L. Ward, Pastor.
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Methodist Episcopal Church—Sunday 10.30 a. m., preaching by the pastor; 9.30 Sabbath School and Pastor's Bible Class; 7.00 p. m., Epworth League; 7.30 p. m., preaching by the pastor; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30; Choir Practice, Friday evening, Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Lodge Directory

P. O. S. of A. No. 34 meets every Tuesday evening in Fraternal Hall.
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Daughters of America No. 58 meets every Monday evning in Fraternal Hall.
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Modern Woodmen of America, No. 8745 meet 2nd and 3rd Wednesday evenings in Fraternal Hall.
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Red Men meet every Thursday evening in Fraternal Hall.
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