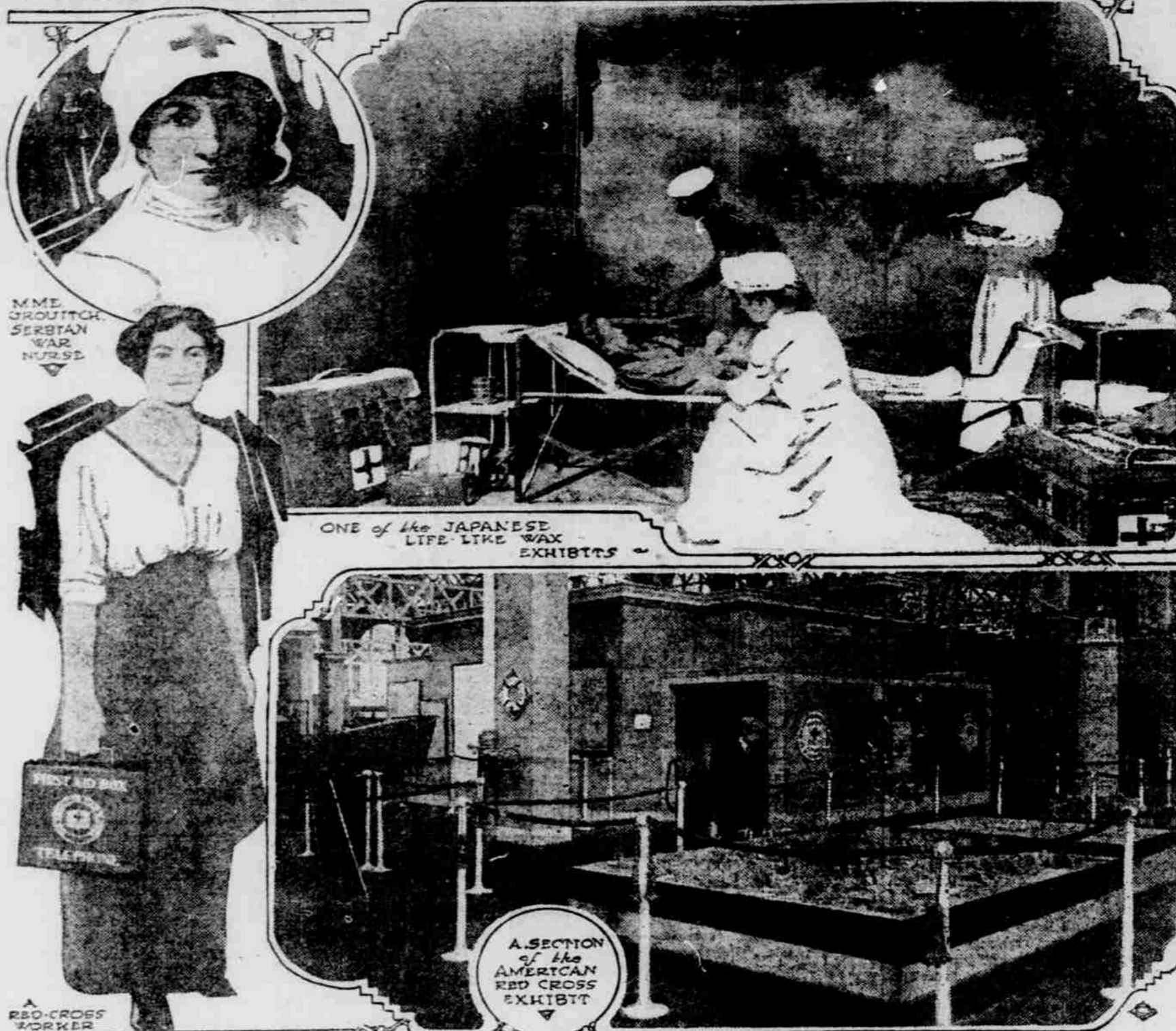


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MARVELOUS RED CROSS EXHIBITS AT PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION



San Francisco, Cal., May 1.—Royal followers there are these days of the great white flag with its one scarlet cross. They are working with hand and brain, sparing no effort and counting no cost, for theirs is a common cause and beneath their banner of mercy there is no rank and their motto is that of the world, "Inter Armas Caritas." While Europe feels the greatest struggle in history the efficiency of that great organization—the Red Cross—is being put to the hardest test of its already wonderful existence. And it is not being found wanting. Every day adds new heroes and heroines to the long list of other days and other crises almost the equal of the one it is now facing. Every day greater numbers of women from all classes of society are giving themselves to its service from every country in the world, some of them from the highest and others from the lowest ranks.

Already hardly half a century has passed into its beginning, a larger army is now marshaled under its banner than under the flag of any one of the great nations of the earth. Actuated, too, by the noblest impulses, it moves silently and steadily amidst the fierce din of battle, its marvelous effectiveness the result of the business-like systemizing it has undergone with the years. A part of all governments, it is accordingly free from the weakness that too often hampers private endeavors, and yet it is directed and moved by those who work primarily for the relief of humanity.

Recognizing and appreciating the merciful endeavors of the Red Cross, the great nations of the earth, despite the cataclysm in Europe, have installed wonderful exhibits at the exposition and have incorporated in these

plained and Red Cross officials who have been through massacres and plagues without the aid of power wagons are loud in their thanks for the great improvement along these lines, declaring that the coming of the motor ambulance and motor hospital has made their work doubly effective and a hundred fold more merciful.

Never before in the history of world's expositions has such attention been given this wonderful organization as at the Panama-Pacific International exposition, and its exhibits are proving an interesting study in connection with the mine rescue service maintained at the exposition. The use of oxygen and anesthetics, those two great blms to the afflicted, is demonstrated and the Red Cross exhibits as a whole are worthy of the great attention they are attracting. Several other foreign countries will be equally as well represented as Japan and the United States within a few days and the completion of all exhibits of this character will add another splendid accomplishment to those already achieved by the directors of the great exposition in bringing through its gates everything representative of the work of the world.

Today there are any number of brave men and women who are facing death on the firing line in the great European conflict in order to succor the wounded and make the last moments of the dying comfortable. For instance, there is that noble woman, the Austrian Archduchess Augusta, a princess of Bavaria, who has devoted her life to the great work of mercy. England's beautiful Duchess of Sutherland is enrolled in the ranks of the British Red Cross service and is now doing active work amid the horrors of the great war. The czarina of Russia and Crown Princess Cecile of Germany are two others who are devoting their greatest efforts in the same direction, although not doing actual service on the firing lines.

And who has forgotten Clara Barton, the wonderful American woman who is responsible for the American connection with the International Red Cross of Geneva and who secured this country's adoption of the treaty. She, it was, who organized the first American Red Cross society and was its president from 1881 to 1904 and who took such a wonderful part in the relief of Cuba during the Spanish war, in the Ohio and Mississippi flood disasters, at the scene of the Johnstown flood and in the Russian famine. And during the Franco-Prussian war Clara Barton was to be found in the thick of battle, following the example of the immortal Florence Nightingale and adding another American woman to the long list of heroines this nation has produced.

Small wonder then that at San Francisco the Red Cross exhibits comprise one of the most interesting of the exposition's 80,000 displays. Small wonder that those who view these exhibits in silence should be carried away by the thoughts of the wonderful work done by those under the white banner with the scarlet cross. Visions of the biblical plague of Manichuria and the riots at Barcelona, where the Red Cross was an angel of mercy, are sure to be remembered when the visitor is viewing the figures wearing the emblem of mercy; and the fact that Americans, both men and women, have proved themselves worthy, makes these exhibits all the more interesting and brings them closer home to those who remember the frightful ordeals of the past which the Red Cross has triumphed over.

SPEAKS TO I. B. S. A. AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL



daughter June of Davenport visited Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Strohmeyer.

John Bischoff and Mrs. John Arp of Davenport spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Thompson.

Rev. L. E. Ellison is spending this week at Silvis, assisting Rev. J. M. Oshorn with special meetings.

Mrs. T. Curtis returned to her home at Letts Monday after a week's visit at the home of her son, Emory Curtis.

G. W. Bitten of Rock Island came Tuesday for a short visit with relatives.

Elizabeth and Margaret Schultz of Buffalo visited Saturday and Sunday at the home of their uncle, B. C. F. Heinze.

Newspapers printing the story of last week's village election were misinformed as to the proportion of dry and wet votes by the women. Instead of 30 women voting wet and 21 voting dry, as stated, the figures should have been reversed, the women rolling up a good majority against the saloon.

New Illinois Postmasters.
Washington, D. C., May 1.—Postmasters appointed: John Dooley, Belvidere; Edward J. Mulligan, Bradley; Robert W. Perkins, Erie; B. J. Ritson, Farmington; J. O. Morris, Forrest; Frederick K. Bastian, Fulton; A. P. Ferguson, Griggsville; M. J. Gibbs, Highwood; J. J. O'Rourke, Harvey; John F. Quinn, Joliet; John J. McCluskey, Peru; H. M. Levering, Petersburg; T. J. Kelley, Seneca; John Gulchrist, Utica.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1890

April 25.—Flag presentation exercises at public school buildings 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 took place yesterday afternoon at each building. The ceremonies were of an interesting and patriotic nature.

The Rock Island county Sunday school convention opened at 9 o'clock this morning at Broadway church. The nominating committee reported the following nominations which received the endorsement of the convention: President, S. D. Cleland; Recording secretary, Mrs. L. D. Bayler; Assistant secretary, Ella G. Taylor; Treasurer, E. B. McKown.

April 26.—Mayor McConochie delivered the address of welcome to the teachers of the Northern Illinois Teachers' association assembled at the high school.

The steamer Pittsburgh passed up and the Verne Swain went north. Locksmith Fiebig has designed a dog check in the shape of the ace of clubs for the city of Rock Island.

April 28.—Mrs. Sarah Catton, mother of William Catton the billiard expert, died after a three years' illness. When the alarm of fire sounded this afternoon it caught the Franklin hose company unable to answer the call, as the boys had only three wheels to their cart.

April 29.—A break occurred at the north end of the temporary dam near the island shore of Sylvan water at 6 o'clock this morning and the guard house and a large portion of the ward was carried away. Guard Isaacson of Moline was in the guard house at the time and he barely managed to get his effects and escape.

George Mixter, the pioneer citizen residing at the head of Twenty-third street was surprised last night, the occasion being the 75th anniversary of his birth. He was invited to his son's house but when he arrived there instead of finding a euchre party, as he expected, he was confronted by a dozen of close friends, who presented him with a handsome ebony gold-headed cane.

Due to the prevalence of typhoid fever at Augustana college only 50 or 60 out of the 300 students remain.

April 30.—The Rescue Hose company No. 2 disbanded at a meeting last evening, after dividing the money in the treasury among the members. They turned over the house keys, cart and other city property to the chief of the fire department. Other companies will probably follow suit unless the council grants certain demands.

May 1.—Miss Ida Tremann and W. S. McCombs were married by the Rev. John H. Kerr, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Blind Boone plays at Harper theatre tonight.

Freeport, Ill.—High J. Gallagher of Rockford has been appointed deputy United States marshal for the western division of the northern district of Illinois, succeeding Herman F. Hanke, who has held the place since 1909.

At 4 Tomorrow Morning

BY MARY AQUIN.

If you haven't discovered that Rock Island has been selected as the summer home of more birds than usual you should set Big Ben at the 4 o'clock a. m. stage and arise to hear the sweetest babel of tongues. You will be inclined to think that each spear of grass and every leaf is a bird and that you are the victim of a heavenly delusion.

You owe it to yourself if you are of the sound-sleep variety to at least once be a listener at the spring festival of the song birds. It won't matter how much you have paid in the past for grand opera seats or to what expense you went for proper regalia to listen to human songsters. For the price of Ben's stirring alarm you can enjoy in pajamas if you will—these artists are not temperamental—an augmented chorus of lovely voices, a breath from out heaven's confines, the melody of which cannot be duplicated by earthly Carusos or Heinks.

These grand choruses are held every morning, hours approximately 4 to 6, admission absolutely free. Whereas individual songsters may warble some tones for your especial benefit as you pass in the roadside at other hours, it is only in greeting to the rising sun, heralding the new day with all its magnified glories for man and bird and beast, that the bird chorus is sung.

"Lifting up their voices to God." That is what you will say if you hear it for there is plaintive note of sorrow, cry of anguish, paeons of the thankful, interludes of the happy—all phases of emotion, divine and human is contained in the galaxy of song.

Have you ear for the voice of the lute? It is here. Is a xylophone quartet your favorite? It is yonder. Not a note of Haydn or composition of Mozart is omitted.

As you lean from your window to watch for a glimpse of the mysterious symphony conductor, a circle of wreath sweep past you, alight on the hedge and your search is forgotten in twinkling harmony that comes from out the brambly leafage. Hark! From above comes the first two bars of "Spring Song" and you know it is from the heart of a robin. And thus is ecstasy the hymns of all nations, the lives of all creatures, the emotions of men, the loves of the pure of heart, are interpreted in the grand galaxy.

At no other time of the day may the combined voices of the birds be heard. You may think to cheat yourself by listening at twilight to the evening songs of the birds but it is only the snatch of a bar or two of the music of the morning hours. The world is twitter with pulsing note, each branch aways an unseen virtuoso, the air is a riot of sound until you are deluged in a sea of song, your soul washed clean in a dew of exquisite melody.

Then open your casement window tomorrow morning. The symphony will wait in to you, its magic spell will be cast about you and you will begin the day as do these decorative singing bits of the Creator's love, refreshed in spirit and in strength.

Having heard, do not forget the singer and his song. He needs your protection.

"Whose household words are songs in many keys,
Sweeter than instrument of man
e'er caught!
Whose habitations in the tree tops
even
Are household houses on the road to
heaven."

SCRIPTURE.

Scriptures, establishing the Sabbath as a day of rest.

Ex. 20:8—Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that within them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Deut. 5:14—But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work * * * that thy man servant and thy maid servant may rest as well as thou.

Ex. 31:13—Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: * * * every one that doleth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever shall do any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord.

Ex. 34:21—Six days thou shalt work, but in the seventh day thou shalt rest; in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

Nos. 15:22—And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks on the Sabbath day and they brought him to Moses and Aaron and unto all the congregation. * * *

And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses.

1sa. 58:13—If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

"Where Are the Dead?"

That's the question of the ages. Can you answer it? Of course there are human theories and creeds, but they only make confusion of this vital subject.

The bible view will be presented by W. T. Richards of Chicago Sunday morning at 10:30 at Odd Fellows' hall, 4th avenue, near 18th street.

The public is invited. Seats free, no collection.

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