

Mrs. Lindsay Patterson Speaks To History Club

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safe in his plans, because Russia was sunk in a great lethargy, and was full of ideas and overran with spies. England was absorbed with the idea of maintaining peace and quiet in her vast African possessions and in India. The plan was to go through Serbia into the great unexplored and unexploited territories of Asia, rich in gold, silver and oil. The idea of world empire would undoubtedly have been carried out but for America's response to the call of France, "America, for God's sake, hurry! Our backs are to the wall!" and for her ready supply of men, money and food. America stopped the war. America saved civilization, and the world gave America the leadership of the nations. Always before, world leadership has been won by blood, anguish and death, but it was voluntarily given to America, who is not prepared to take it.

The next question arising is "How did Serbia happen to be the pretext for war?" and the answer is the far-famed valley of the Vardar, a short-cut to Asia. England, as mistress of the seas controlled the Mediterranean. Germany could not go through bleak Russia or hostile Italy, and so chose Serbia, reducing the distance by a thousand miles.

Germany, strange to say, was afraid of one thing—public opinion and waited anxiously for some excuse for war. All at once the Archduke of Austria had a desire to visit Sarajevo. Immediately the Serbian secret service began to function, and spies in Bosnia, then an Austrian province, learned of the plots centering about his visit. They immediately notified the government, and the men apparently most interested in the Archduke's welfare, but he was not warned, and in being allowed to go on with the royal progression was practically sent to his death.

After the first attempt at his assassination, he reached the hotel in safety and was prevailed upon to promise his wife to leave at once; but the governor was announced, and argued with him that the press was anxiously awaiting his action, and that if he ran away now he would be branded by the world as a coward. This convinced the Archduke, and he consented to finish the royal progress. In less than ten minutes he and his wife were both dead.

The blame was thrown on Serbia; the little country was stunned, and had no time to get word to the world of her position. Almost immediately the world was plunged into war, and the allies were fighting on their knees, almost at the end of their resources, when America entered the war and saved the world.

The map of Europe was made over, and Serbia, a little nation of about four million, was made a part of Jugoslavia, consisting of fifteen million people.

Mrs. Patterson went on to tell the interesting story of her appointment to go to Serbia. She spoke of the conditions brought about by war, how everything was stopped, including transportation and communication, and how typhus was raging. She was requested to go to this part of Europe and

Salem Girls Take Life Saving Test

Mr. Longfellow, Red Cross field Secretary of the United States, who spoke in chapel Wednesday, has been giving life-saving lessons at the swimming pool of the R. J. Reynolds High School. An opportunity to take the lessons was offered to Salem girls and several of them took advantage of it. Charlotte Sells, Dorothy Frazier, Lillian Newell, Lardner McCarty have been taking the instruction. At the end of the course a test is given, and all who pass are allowed to be official Red Cross life savers.

Investigate conditions among the war sufferers, widows and orphans, and bring back recommendations to the United States.

After deciding to accept the commission, the next step was to find out how to go. Washington was entirely ignorant of the best way, and suggested only that she go to Paris first and then find a way to go on.

From Paris there were three possible ways to Serbia. The best road was through Germany, and Mrs. Patterson thought that she would not be especially popular there just after the war. The next way was across the Mediterranean, but in the first place there were no boats running, and in the second place the water was full of mines which would explode at the slightest provocation. The third possible way was across the Alps, but Italy was not on the verge of war about France, and turned back everyone at the border.

There was no other alternative, so Mrs. Patterson took the way through Italy, and finally did get through to Serbia. A friend recently back from Russia advised her to take in her supplies a plentiful amount of tea and Nabisco wafers, and these formed the greater amount of her supplies, with saccharine instead of sugar.

On changing from the fairly comfortable Italian train to the little Balkan train, one first knew what poverty, death and agony really were. There was no light, no conveniences of any sort, and all along the way misery and starvation abounded. After accomplishing her mission, Mrs. Patterson went on to visit the beautiful queen Marie of Roumania, sometimes called the mother-in-law of the Balkans. The rest of her talk was largely concerned with the personal reminiscences of the queen and court.

Queen Marie has often been called the most beautiful woman in Europe; she is a combination of English and Russian, and is always careful to surround herself with beautiful and appropriate things. Her life is not an easy one by any means, because a queen must work hard. She was very gracious to Mrs. Patterson, as a representative of America, because she was convinced that her country had been saved by the United States. She told some harrowing tales of her war experiences, both in the hospitals, and in a train surrounded by Russian Bolsheviks, when nothing but a ready smile and hundreds of packages of cigarettes saved her from a horrible death.

Delightful descriptions of the royal palaces, of the birthday banquet of the crown prince, and when Mrs. Patterson was given a place next to the King of

Roumania, and of the royal gardens, set in the midst of the Carpathians, held the interest of the club for the remainder of the talk.

Mrs. Patterson described in detail the unusual and artistic furniture of the large palace, most of it designed by queen Marie herself. The queen's boudoir, all in blue and gold, and her bed chamber, in blue and silver—an imitation of moonlight—intrigued the fancy of every listener. They were especially interested to hear of the lights to represent the moon and the stars, so the queen can turn on the lights of the firmament at any moment she likes.

At the smaller palace, there is only room for the immediate members of the royal family, and each guest is given his own little villa, with his own servants, private flower garden, and everything complete.

The rose garden was given particular attention: it is a plateau cut out of the mountains, filled with every kind of rose in the world, and with dozens of fountains sparkling in the sunlight—or moonlight. Instead of ordinary garden wall, the pillars are pink fuchsia, looped with pink sweet peas, and the effect is quite unsurpassed in natural beauty.

Mrs. Patterson ended her talk by congratulating the members of the club on studying history, and they will soon be voting and have the burden of civic responsibility to bear, which they cannot do without a knowledge of the past. She advised them to specialize in the study of Asia, with her ancient religions, her art, literature, architecture, her ancient empires and mighty armies. Asia is now awakening, and America is the only country which can meet her with love and friendship. The consequences of the awakening will determine whether the white race or the yellow race is to be dominant.

"America is the foremost country of the world, and she is vastly ignorant of China and Japan. What is best to be done? The question is being asked young voters, and they cannot answer without a comprehension of the history of these countries."

After the conclusion of the speech, a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Patterson, and the meeting adjourned.

Beta Beta Phi Gives Dinner to New Members

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on the cover. Each honoree was presented with a silver picture frame bearing Beta Beta Phi engraved at the top.

The new members of the society are: Margaret Wooten, Charlotte, N. C.; Margaret Beans, Wilkes, N. C.; Virginia Stainback, Greensboro, N. C.; Cam Boren, Greensboro, N. C.; Belle Graves, Mount Airy, N. C.; Mary Johnson, Raleigh, N. C.; Ellen Peery, Tazewell, Va.; Jane Little, Livingston, Ala.; and Anna Pauline Shaffner, Winston-Salem, N. C. Other members there were: Isabel Smith, Catherine Edgerton, Margaret Peery, Martha Dortch, Amelia Morrison, Helen and Virginia Griffin, Misses Gray Deans, Inez Gold, Frances Young, Louise Woodard, Margaret McLaughlin, Josephine Shaffner, Elizabeth Stroud, Elizabeth Griffin, and Mesdames Milton Cash, Douglas Aycock, Jo Grimsley, and Charles Hancock.

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