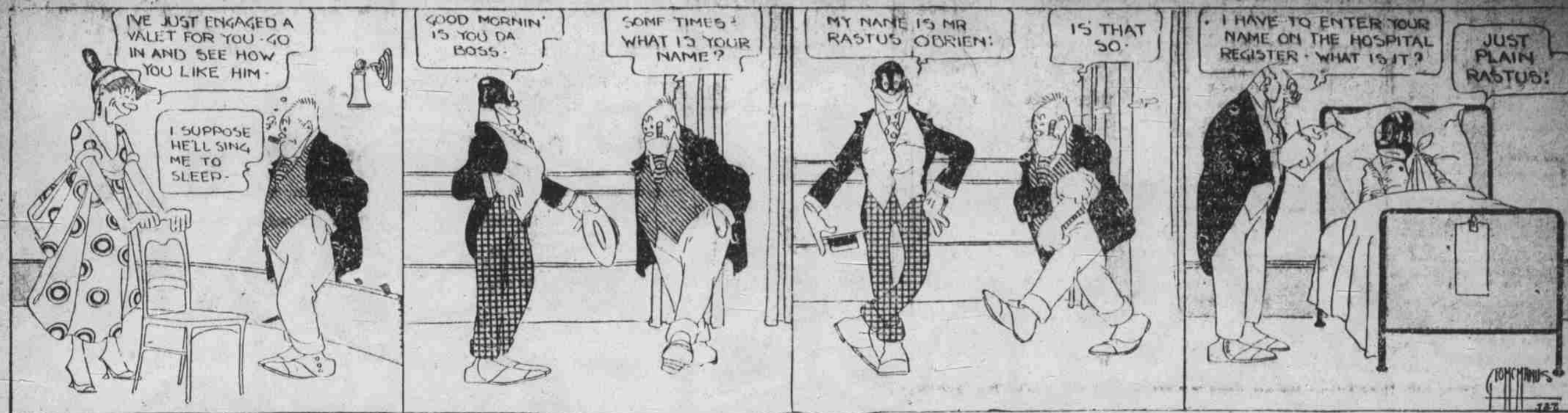


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RED CROSS NURSE HAS NO CINCH

Red Cross War Nursing Is Not all Romance, But Instead is a Hard and Tiresome Job.

Washington, June 27.—Romance in Red Cross war nursing is not altogether dead.

But disappointment faces the beautiful American woman who finds herself holding some dying soldier in her lap, taking his last breath for his mother or perhaps sending him to a soldier's reward with a last kiss.

Work-hard-toil generally out of sound of the cannon is the part of the trained nurse at the hospital.

For her assistant or aid, and under this classification falls the greater number of volunteer American women there is even more heartening toil.

Hospital housework and even the most personal tasks for wounded soldiers are the part of the nurse's aid.

Gently treated high school girls who at present do no dishwashing, scrubbing and cooking, desiring to serve their country perhaps think of Red Cross work.

If they volunteer they soon are disillusioned. They turn sick at the stomach when told their duties may include

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carrying out slop jars, amputated fingers, feet, arms and legs or scrubbing away traces of hemorrhage.

If patriotism overcomes even these shocks and the girl still wishes to serve Uncle Sam, she still faces a long hard course of training. Even then she may not be among those chosen to nurse American soldiers. The standard set up by the American Red Cross is very severe. Special training and fitness for war nursing are required in addition to the highest personal attributes and strongest physique.

The Red Cross has been preparing for this for years. It now has an enrollment of 10,000 trained, graduated professional nurses, sufficient to care for the war nursing requirements of an army of 1,000,000.

Professional nurses may still apply to the Red Cross for enrollment, but they are now not likely to be needed for another year at least. They must be between the ages of 25 and 40.

Of nurses' aids there may be some need sooner, but untrained volunteer women who really hope to serve in American hospitals in France should immediately begin preparing themselves to pass the Red Cross examination. Nurses' aids are now being selected by the Red Cross, but the young "hair-brained" high school girl volun-

teer, however, patriotic and sincere, stands small chance of being chosen, principally because of her youth.

Women who aspire to reach the front as nurses' aids must pass examinations in the Red Cross courses in First Aid, Hygiene and Home Care of the Sick, Home Dietetics, and Preparation of Surgical Dressings.

The American woman who wishes to help in this war can lend a hand in other work than war nursing. She would immediately get in touch with the local Red Cross chapter in her home town.

Here are some of the things she may be called upon to do before the war is over:

Serve in civil hospitals from which nurses have gone to war, sewing, mending, linen room work, preparation of surgical supplies, manouse, packing, housekeeping, photography, shipping, cook, waitress, typist, telephone operator.

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EQUAL RIGHTS IN NEW RUSSIA

Russian Women Stand Side By Side With Their Husbands in Revolution and Helps Run Things.

Petrograd, May 1.—(By Mail)—Mrs. C. Russian People stands side by side with her husband in this revolution. She speaks at meetings, votes, leads and writes for the scores of little newspapers that have sprung up all over Russia, just as if she were an ordinary male human being. In the simple, childlike Russian mind, no question seems to have arisen as to the rights of women. When I asked whether she would vote in the new Russia, the Russian woman realized immediately that I was either an Englishman or an American.

"Why these's no question about it," said one Russian woman shrugging her shoulders. "We've had bigger things to fight for in Russia than the rights of women to vote. We've fought side by side with the men for human rights with no question of sex involved. We've gone to jail, and we've died and we've even taken our turns at assassinations. Only an Anglo-Saxon, if you'll pardon me for plain speaking, would think of raising such a question."

The answer was calculated to make an Anglo-Saxon feel like a wife beater.

"I approached four of the women who sat at the various committee tables around the Duma building and plainly put to each one of them this question: "Madame, have you ever been in jail?"

"They have— all four of them. They told their stories with proud smiles. They had not been prisoners in the Czar's prison system in which the authorities of London have been jailed, nor in the spot light manner in which Mrs. C. and the birth control advocates in New York have lingered for a few weeks at a time behind bars—but in the way of the Russian Czar, with cold, dark cells and silence; little food and long, lonely, hopeless years of waiting.

"Has any woman in Russia ever been put in jail for demanding women's rights?" I asked one of these women who had been jailed for a part in the Stolypin assassination. She was sitting in the office of the new national peasants' union, presiding over the book in which the incoming peasant delegates from every part of Russia were entering their names.

"Never! Never," she said emphatically. "That's one crime that has never been charged against the Czar. But we Russian women haven't been like the American and English women. The rights of all human beings, men and women, have been at stake in Russia and men and women have been fighting side by side for them. All of us, men and women, have considered ourselves as human beings without any sex differences. Now that the revolution is won, men and women are still side by side. Nobody has raised the question of women's rights in the revolution until you Americans and English newspapermen came along."

SELECTION BEGINS SOON AFTER JULY 1

The War Department authorizes the following:

June 30 is the last day upon which enlistments in any state will count toward that State's quota of men to be selected from those registered. Instructions to this effect were sent out Friday night to each governor, and to the commissioners of the District of Columbia, by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

This indicates that the process of selection and registration of registrants will begin soon after July 1.

The National Guard authorities in each state are asked to report, as soon after the close of recruiting on June 30 as possible, the total number of men recruited during June. With this, the figures will be complete for recruiting from April 1 to June 30, both inclusive, and these will be added to the men in the National Guard in each state on April 1. Men enlisted in the regular army between April 1 and June 30 will also be added and the sum of these figures for each state—another in National Guard April 1 number enlisted in both National Guard and Regular Army during April, May and June—will make the total to be counted in

PERSHING READY FOR REGULARS IN FRANCE

Washington, June 27.—The War Department has received complete reports from Major General John J. Pershing on what has been accomplished in preparation for American regulars in France.

The American general's three weeks of labor have borne fruit to an almost unbelievable degree. It became known today that the department has been advised that a great base camp for the American army already is ready and waiting, and every detail for their reception and transportation to the front has been worked out.

General Pershing has been working from 9 o'clock in the morning to all hours of the night, and has been in almost constant communication with Marshal Joffre, according to these dispatches. Marshal Joffre has devoted almost his entire attention for the last few weeks

to preparations for the American contingent, and the utmost speed has been attained in making everything ready.

The American base will be south of St. Quentin, historic in the stories of the war on the western front. A section of the line in that neighborhood will be turned over to Pershing as soon as he has sufficient first line troops and reserves to hold it.

On the basis of these reports the war department was doing its mightiest to-day to make the forces necessary available at the earliest possible moment.

In connection with the Navy Department and Shipping board, a great transport system is being organized, whereby entire fleets of merchantment will be turned over to the War Department for use as transports.

Many of them are German vessels, seized at American ports upon the declaration of war. They are fast, and have large passenger accommodations. It is felt that their withdrawal from the cargo carrying trade voyage every two months or so will not interfere with the shipment of supplies to the allies.

The department's plans for supplying men to go on these transports are well along. This movement is expected to be complete by September 1.

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ROCKY MOUNT BOY TO JOIN THE NAVY

One more man has gone to the Navy from Rocky Mount. He is Reginald Sulley and left for Raleigh yesterday morning to undergo the examination at the recruiting office at the capital city. Friends of Mr. Sulley hope that he will pass the examination at Raleigh successfully and that he will soon be one of the boys of blue in Uncle Sam's Navy.

Any who wish to join the Navy can do so by applying to Postmaster A. O. Shines, at the post office building. This makes a goodly number that have gone from Rocky Mount to the navy and it is hoped that there will be other young men to join this arm of the service.

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