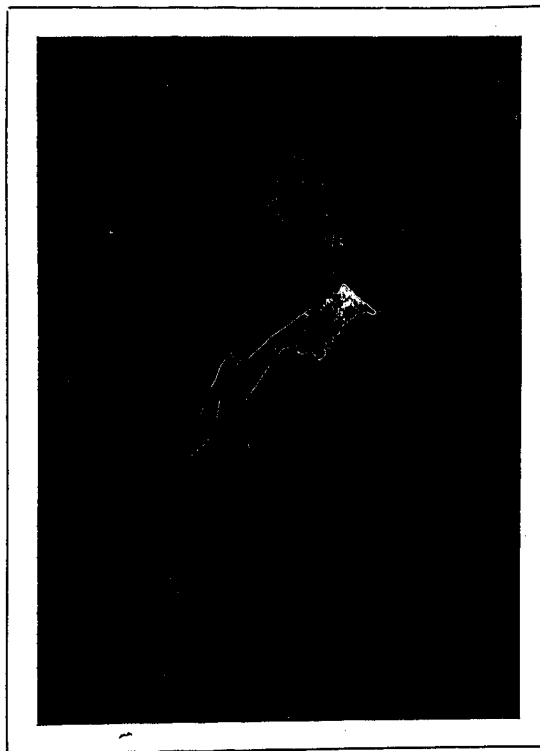


in South Africa are paying half their nurses' salaries—so that many are receiving more than the Army Nursing pay. But, if we had been invited to serve for out-of-pocket expenses only, we should have come. We are glad to know that when we get our own South African hospital it will be under imperial control, and not under any private unprofessional people. That we should certainly resent, and consider an indefensible system. We want our hospital staffed by a sufficiency of thoroughly trained nurses, as there are still numbers willing and anxious to come over and help. If untrained help is made use of it should, in my opinion, be in the performance of orderlies' duties, and the kitchens and domestic management could be put in the hands of earnest women workers who are not trained as nurses. Unskilled hands should be carefully kept from meddling with the sick and wounded. We South Africans feel this very strongly.

Mrs. Creagh, the Matron-in-Chief, who was trained in this country at the Royal Free Hospital, is at present in the West of England, and Sisters Child, Ebdon, and Freeling are at No. 1 Birmingham War Hospital, Rubery, Birmingham. Sister Child, who has already seen much active service, holds the South African War Medals, the Order (Hon. Serving Sister) of St. John of Jerusalem, and the Greek Red Cross, but not the Royal Red Cross, as reported last week.



Mlle. JULIETTE CARON.

Mlle. Juliette Caron, on whom the King has conferred the Cross of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, gave devoted care to wounded British soldiers during the retreat from Mons, and was the means of saving the lives of the survivors of the ill-fated L Battery of the Royal Field Artillery. In our portrait (for which we are indebted to the *Ladies' Field*) Mlle. Caron is seen wearing this decoration.

Further details of the story of Sister Myra Ivanovna, the young Russian Sister of Mercy (only twenty years of age) who died after rallying a hardly pressed regiment, have come from Petrograd. It appears that Sister Ivanovna, a small, nervous woman, with sparkling eyes,

accompanied her brother who is a military doctor to the front. Everyone laughed when she asserted she was quite ready to lead the troops into action. "They all talk like that," said the doctors, "but then the reaction comes, and they will faint." But when her opportunity came, she was not found wanting. When the Germans out-flanked the regiment to which she was attached and poured a deadly fire into the trenches, she quietly remained there, caring for the wounded.

Every moment the situation became more desperate, officer after officer was wounded and finally the commander killed. Then the Sister, actuated by indignant horror at the unequal fight, and seeing the men wavering, drew a sword from the sheath of a dead officer and rallied the men

with the word "Gol-onbebiki" (Dear Ones). In the teeth of the enemy's machine guns they followed her to a man, and, apparently led by a miraculous pioneer, made a wild dash for, and took, the enemy's trench. When the enemy fled precipitately, on the ground trodden by the feet of eager combatants lay Sister Myra Ivanovna. Rough soldiers wept over her as they tried, in vain, to staunch her wound, and were carrying her out of the line of fire when she fell dead, struck by another bullet.

M. Kupchinsky, the famous correspondent of the *Bourse Gazette*, quoted by the Petrograd correspondent of the *Central News*, writes that she was "A true heroine, a type of the Russian woman, who is guiding

us to victory." Russia may well be proud of her:

Mrs. Harley, one of the sisters of Field-Marshal Sir John French, has started for the Levant with a large party of nurses and a quantity of much-needed hospital stores. They will find plenty of work at the Allies' base, we have no doubt.

It is reported that the Metropolitan Asylums Board have just discovered that nearly 300 of their nurses have got married, mostly to soldiers, without permission. The nurses have all been formally dismissed, but taken on again, subject to the condition that their services can be dispensed with at one day's notice.

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