

## THE WAR.

### The World Demands Justice.

The Conferences held recently at Casablanca between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, together with naval and military leaders, surveyed the entire field of war.

What is of special interest to the Allies is the pronouncement that peace must demand unconditional surrender upon the part of the Axis, and that its criminal conduct of war will be punished. Nothing short of these terms will satisfy the nations which have been outraged, their women and children raped and murdered, their homes and monuments razed to the ground—their lands laid bare, the devil let loose. If justice results from the Conference, well and good; but what is known as "peace prattle" is already to be heard in our homeland. We rely upon our women to see that the blood of their sons has not been shed in vain, and that never again shall any Government survive which is content to appease a man-eating tiger!

### The Reason Russia Conquers.

Words fail to do justice and honour to the Russian people, yet we realise that it is the valour and self-sacrifice of the whole nation which has inspired its conquering hosts. To its women, mothers of countless heroes, first honour is due; but young girls have taken part in active warfare on the Leningrad front. In the course of a pitched engagement, Medical Instructor Lelya Tzvetkova, whilst carrying out of action a wounded Red Army man, was herself twice wounded by shell splinters. She dressed her own wounds and continued her work. On that day she carried 10 wounded compatriots out of action. No wonder the German enemy were driven out of Stalin-grad. We all know that ultimately it is the spirit which conquers the flesh.

### Luxury Nurses.

From Washington, U.S.A., comes the news that "no longer available are luxuries like full-time private nurses, hospitals for rest and home treatment by physicians to be available for civilians when a patient can go to a doctor."

In Great Britain there has, so far, been no interference with the work of private nurses, and young women with no sense of patriotism continue to attend one patient many of whom could make other arrangements, instead of offering their services to the sick and wounded in emergency hospitals. If selfish people who can afford to pay high fees are permitted to monopolise young nurses, it would be well to conscript these young women and leave private nursing to women over 50. There are many excellent nurses of this age who need employment. Who has not heard of the German patient at a luxury hotel

who employed *four* full-time nurses; two on day, and two on night duty, with every culinary delicacy provided as food was served in private rooms—another abuse our Food Minister should put a stop to.

### Fracture Treatment and Rehabilitation Facilities.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, has written to the British Employers' Confederation, the Trades Union Congress, the Federation of British Industries, and other organisations and unions calling attention to the fracture treatment and rehabilitation facilities provided under the emergency hospitals scheme. The Factory and Welfare Advisory Board of the Ministry is seeking the co-operation of employers and trade unions so that industrial workers who, because of accidents of any kind, may be in need of special treatment may take advantage of all available facilities. Details of how this can be done are given in a leaflet.

### For Prisoners of War.

The Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund is, we believe, the fund in which nurses take the deepest interest, and, indeed, it must appeal to all of us whose freedom has been secured by the devotion of the men in all the services fighting the powers of darkness in so many parts of the world and who have lost their liberty. We have great pleasure in reporting that the staff of the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, have recently raised £50 for our Prisoners of War Fund. This sum was raised mainly by the holding of a whist drive.

In addition to this special effort a monthly subscription is sent regularly. We hope there are many grateful nurses who deny themselves some needful thing—so that the imprisonment of brave men may be made less irksome, some of them, we fear, still in shackles! We heartily congratulate the Nursing Staff of the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, and we feel sure they sleep sounder o' nights knowing they have done their

bit for the comfort of the men in durance vile.

### Parents Lose their Three Sons.

Able Seaman George Stanley Ransom Boyce, of Stamford, has been reported missing, presumed drowned. His parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Boyce, of Cemetery Road, Stamford, have now lost their three sons while serving with the Forces—one with the Army, a second with the R.A.F., and the third with the Navy.

This is the fourth record of the loss of all that their parents hold dearest in this world—alas! words have little power of consolation.



Photo: ]

[Planet News, Ltd.

MEDICAL INSTRUCTOR LELEYA TZVETKOVA  
ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)