

**Noted Prima Donna
Here on Third Night
of Chautauqua Week**

Mme. Augusta Lenska, prima donna contralto, has scored notable successes in New York, Chicago and European musical centers. She is not only a highly esteemed grand opera prima donna, but has received highest praise as a concert and oratorio singer. Mme. Lenska is of Russian birth and was reared in Cape Colony, Africa, go-



MME. AUGUSTA LENSKA.

ing to London to pursue her education. Her ability as a singer attracted the notice of prominent musicians. Later she studied in Brussels, and before coming to America had appeared in grand opera in many countries of Europe.

Death of Oscar Switzer

L. Oscar Switzer, son of the late Capt. J. R. Switzer, of this county, died of pneumonia in his adopted home in Crossett, Ark., April 13th, at the age of 76 years. Mr. Switzer was a brother of Mrs. Emma Shell of this city, and a half sister of Mrs. Louise Cannon, of Greenwood. A daughter, Mrs. Dave Brown, Weiment, Tex., also survives him. Mr. Switzer was a veteran of the Confederate army, having gone out with the contingent of sixteen year old boys. He left this section in 1868 to seek his fortune in the Southwest and has made his home there ever since. Some of the older citizens of the county will remember him and regret to learn of his death.

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"Nurse the Most Needed Woman in the World," Says Miss Jane A. Delano, Director of the Department of Nursing of the American Red Cross.

To place the public health on a higher plane than it has ever been is the object of a national program undertaken by the American Red Cross as part of its peace time plan. From coast to coast and from lakes to gulf the Red Cross is spreading the gospel of good health and of the proper care of the sick by fostering the study and practice of nursing, both by organized public health activities and by members of the family in every home. Through the Chautauqua an official representative of the Red Cross Department of Nursing will soon tell the people of this community the story of what is being done and will ask their co-operation.

One of the great lessons of the world war is found in the unnecessarily low standards of physical health revealed. This was brought out most forcibly in the great number of rejections of young men called to the colors under the Selective Service Law. Records show that throughout the United States one-third of the young men examined for military service were disqualified from bearing arms for their country through minor physical defects, a large proportion of which might have been avoided by compulsory school examination and proper medical and nursing care.

Urgent Need of Nurses.

Further proof of the general urgent need of women trained in nursing was supplied by the epidemics of Spanish influenza that have caused terrible loss of life, and suffering throughout the country. Hundreds of thousands of persons died, and in many communities the plague spread without any adequate means of checking it because of the impossibility of obtaining women capable of caring for the victims. Reports show that many persons actually died without attention because the overworked doctors could not reach them all, nurses could not be found who knew what to do, and neighbors feared to go near the helpless patients.

The uselessness and danger of such a waste of "human power" is only too apparent, for the health and strength of a nation can only be measured by the health and strength of its people. Recognizing the fact that the crux of the whole situation lies in giving every community the means of building up its own nursing strength, the American Red Cross, in co-operation with the various Chautauquas, is sending broadcast the message that none can afford to ignore.

Phases of Public Health Nursing.

Public health nursing includes many phases, such as bedside nursing, in which the nurse visits the patients and gives them hourly care as necessary; school nursing; care of expectant mothers, babies and small children; work in factories and industrial centers; rural nursing, and instruction in Red Cross courses, home hygiene, home dietetics, care of the sick, and various other forms of community service.

To all American women the Red Cross sends this message:

"If you are interested in nursing as a profession, enter one of the training schools for nurses, many of which offer scholarships, and specialize in public health work. If you are already a graduate nurse and anxious to enter this field, the Red Cross has scholarships and loan funds which will equip you for this work. Wives and mothers are urged to take the Red Cross Course of Instruction in Home, Hygiene and Care of the Sick so that they will be able to maintain to the highest degree the health and to nurse members of their household in time of minor illnesses."

Throughout the length and breadth of the land the American Red Cross, spreading the gospel of good health, is sounding a call to American women to adopt the study of nursing, either to join a profession which is daily becoming more highly valued or to fit themselves for nursing in the home.

The Red Cross lecturer soon to appear here will help her hearers visualize the remarkable history of nursing service at home and abroad and will expound the ideals of health conservation so often neglected in many communities. Supplementing the sentimental side of nursing, the mother touch, the lecturer will give a demonstration of efficiency in the sick room. Modern methods of sanitation and scientific handling of the individual sick and of epidemics will also be outlined to her audience.

NURSES FOLLOWED THE ARMY.

"For four years," declares Miss Jane A. Delano, Director of the Department of Nursing of the American Red Cross, "wherever the armies of Europe and America have gone the Red Cross nurses followed. Now that peace has come, she is still the most needed woman in the world, for it is her privilege to lead in a great nation-wide crusade against the ignorance and neglect which allows epidemics and disease to drain the vitality and the life of our citizens."

To Talk on Babies.

Dr. Lesosno Smith, baby specialist, who has charge of the baby sanitarium at Saluda, will talk to the mothers' Club at Laurens Mill school building today at 2:30 p. m. and to the Mothers' Club at Watts Mills community house at 4:00 o'clock. Everyone interested in the care of babies is invited to attend one of these meetings.

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