BRIDE WILL NOT BE DEPORTED

Muskegon, Mich., June 14—Margaret Wasserman, the "$40,000 cook" who was secretly married to her employer Eugene Meurer, wealthy president of the Central Paper Co., of Muskegon, two weeks ago, will not be deported.

Although no official announcement was made to that effect, the United States Department of Labor is said to have recently dismissed the charges brought on the statements of Mrs. Walter Volth, daughter of Mr. Meurer to deport the cook to Germany on the grounds that she entered the United States last January to take the place of Meurer's wife in his Muskegon home. He was divorced from the first Mrs. Meurer a few months ago.

Meurer fought the charges and gave bail for his cook. The manufacturer and his bride are making their home at his Spring Lake summer home.

When reckless drivers aren't driving they are changing seats in the boat.

AN AVIATOR SPOTS BLAZE

New York, June 14—An aviator flying over the Bronx discovered a tenement building aflame yesterday and circling low over it, sounded a loud siren which attracted not only neighbors to rescue the residents but the fire department.

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AN EX SOLDIER TELLS A HARROWING STORY OF GERMAN PRISON CAMP

(Montreal Star)

An unheard of story of a series of tortures he underwent while prisoner of war in Germany was related today by Alexander Douglas, a former private in the 13th Battalion, before Hon. Dr. William Pugsley, who is taking evidence for wartime claims against the German government at the court house. Private Douglas was often threatened with death and at times begged for it. He was stood in front of a blast furnace door until his hair and clothing caught fire, and as part of his routine work, made to stand in a pit of nearly boiling water. As a result of his treatment, a spinal injury suffered in action was aggravated to an extent that prevents him earning a living. As soon as the present hearings are over he will go into a plaster cast for six months.

Dr. Pugsley and his deputy, Major Relph, were amazed when ex-Private Douglas put in a claim for some odd hundreds of dollars for loss of pay during his illness after his return to Canada. Dr. Pugsley immediately advised him of his rights to compensation for the sufferings he had endured and Major Relph helped him to draw up a claim for an appropriate amount. It apparently had not occurred to Mr. Douglas to ask compensation for his injuries. He testified later that the German government had offered him compensation as hush money, which he had refused.

Mr. Douglas' story has been confirmed from several sources. His commanding officer, who has testified to his reliability while in the battalion heard of the matter while in occupied Germany. Neutral diplomatic officials also found his story to be true. The recollection of his sufferings caused him to break down once during his testimony.

Mr. Douglas was born in Aberdeen and had lived in Canada since 1908 when he enlisted in one of the first Canadian units to go overseas. He was a stable foreman before enlistment. He was a prisoner for three years and six months. He testified that he had "never gone before a doctor" until after his sufferings in Germany began.

Private Douglas was wounded twice before receiving the injuries which resulted in his capture. These were a bullet which entered his right wrist and passed out near the elbow, narrowly missing the joint. The other was a bayonet wound in his left hand permanently injuring the index finger.

Sentenced to be Shot

In April, 1915, a piece of shell shattered the base of his spine. While helpless, a wave of gas passed over him, the effects of which he is still sugering. He was captured when his company retired. He was taken to Osbabricken, where a German doctor ordered that he be released as incapacitated for further service in the war. Despite this, he was ordered to make munitions. When he refused he was sentenced to be shot. The sentence was commuted to his being forced to stand for two hours before an open furnace in a heat of 680 degrees. When the sentence was carried out he asked the guards to end it all for him. It was at this point that Mr. Douglas was compelled to cease testifying for a few moments while gathering strength to continue.

"I stood there for twenty minutes," he said, "until my shirt took fire and I collapsed. My left side and arm and breast were blistered and I was denuded of hair. 'Go ahead and finish me,' I told the guards."

"All they did for me was to put some oil on my burns and next morning they booted me to work.

Put in Boiling Water

"Then I was placed in a pit of water with Corporal Jones of the Border Regiment. Into this pit they dropped red hot ingots for trench grenades after they had been only partly cooled. In a little while the water was nearly boiling hot. Once Jones, who was a smallish man, missed his aim in throwing out an ingot and it fell back on us and burnt us.

"They had an enquiry afterward and said this was done without orders.

Private Douglas kept track of his tortures by making special marks on a pocket calendar which he had been able to obtain. He tried to escape three times, and once was captured when he got close to the Dutch border. When he was released it was his grief to learn that his father, whom he had helped to support for years, had died while he was in Germany.

Mr. Douglas is now taking treatment at the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment Hospital at Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

His left side is paralyzed, as is attested by physicians' certificates. He received threatment for his sight for twelve weeks. Even when he was not undergoing torture in munition plants he was compelled to dig canals and do other work which aggravated the condition of his spine. He is receiving $15 a month pension.

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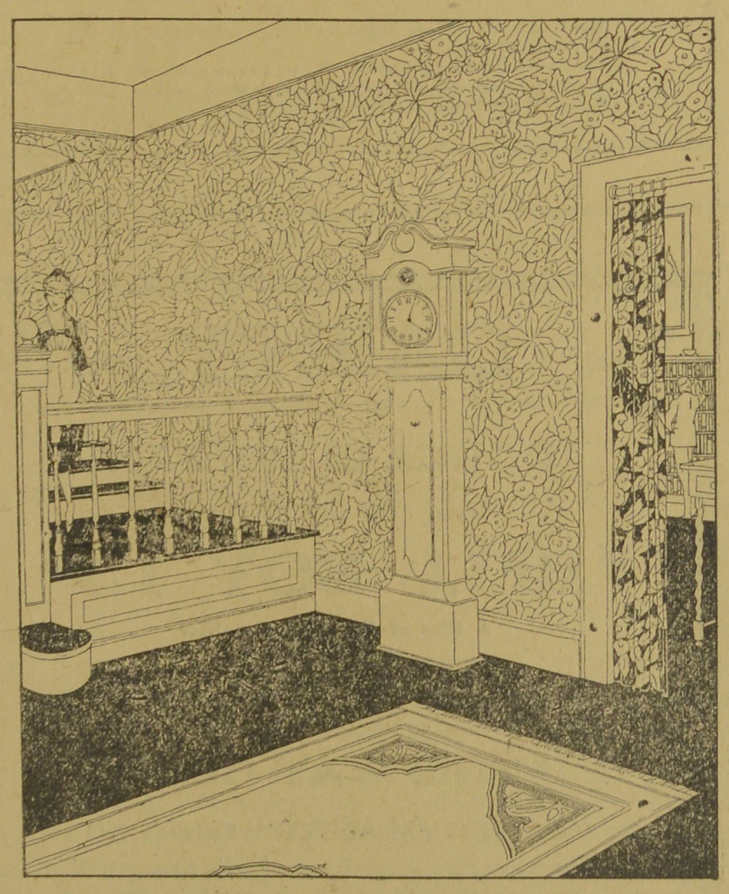
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