

RED CROSS News Notes

Red Cross Drive
The clothing problem of the most serious faced by the people of France, as a result of the war, the American Red Cross, as a part of its program of shipping on millions of garments to the destitute refugees monthly, will conduct a mammoth collection of used clothing, shoes and blankets throughout the United States during March.

The collection will be made just at a time when practically the whole country is discarding winter clothing, much of which will never again be worn by the occupants. Thus at a minimum of sacrifice the American people will be able to show in a most substantial way their brotherhood to those who still are suffering. Without delay the garments will be shipped to a concentration point and forwarded to Europe. There it will be sorted and repaired by the people for whose benefit it is to be devoted, the distribution being made under American supervision.

"Food and clothes—just the bare necessities for keeping the flame of life burning in the human body. That is the appeal more than one million people of northern France and Belgium are making to the more fortunate people of their allies."

Clothing the Greatest Need.

PARIS, France, March 23.—The need for clothing among hundreds of refugees in France is even more imperative than food. That is the substance of a statement contained in the report of fifty investigators of the American Red Cross, working among the 200,000 refugees gathered in and about Paris. The report says: "Most of the refugee families manage to nourish themselves on the government allowance and their small wages, but they are by no means able to clothe themselves. As the present prices of clothing in France are prohibitive, the need for this kind of assistance is obvious. Accordingly, we decided to give food only when special nourishment was ordered by a physician, but to continue to look after the clothing need as imperative."

It is estimated that the German invasion of France and Belgium made wanderers of 1,250,000 formerly happy country people of these countries.

Now that the conflict is over and the occupied territories of France and Belgium have been liberated, the refugees are hastening back to their former homes in large numbers. They have no thought of the ruins, the cold weather, or their condition as regards sufficient clothing, only the longing to get back to their homes occupy their minds.

In passing their ruined villages and towns, they can be seen standing in the doorway of houses which have for their roofs nothing but a sheet of canvas which sags under the weight of the snow. Smoke curls up from a hole in the ground and investigation of its source discloses a family of four huddled about a fire in the cellar of a completely wrecked home. The children wear old blankets and the parents work and sleep in a ragged patchwork of costume. To the Red Cross man, who visits them, the mother says:

"We would not mind if we only had a few clothes to keep us warm while we work. My boy has not left the fire for three days. It's so cold outside and he has nothing but a blanket to put around him."

The gift of a pair of socks by a passing American doughboy to an old peasant at Conflans brought tears of joy. The old fellow talks about his socks unceasingly. Another wears a pair of overalls that were presented to him by an American as proudly as if it were a dress suit. Of food they have little, but of clothes they have

practically none.
After reading this appeal do not forget the Red Cross relief week—March 23 to 29.
Bring your contributions of clothing to the Red Cross headquarters in Honan hall, or call Mrs. C. C. Bull, Red 541 or Mrs. D. M. Pague, Black 112.

WANTED

The Third Collection of Used and Surplus Clothing for the distressed and suffering people of Europe will be made by the American Red Cross during the week of

MARCH 24TH TO 29TH

Garments of all kinds—for all ages and both sexes, piece goods, ticking, sheeting, blankets and woollens, light cotton flannels to make garments for new born babies, and shoes of every size.

This clothing will be subjected to the hardest kind of wear and must be strong and durable. The clothing problem is the most serious yet faced and an immediate supply is absolutely vital to the health and very life of the men, women and children who have been freed from the German yoke.

DO NO MENDING

There are thousands of women in Europe who will be glad of the opportunity to earn a small but self-respecting wage by mending or making over garments more suited to their own countries, so CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS PUT OLD CLOTHES TO WORK Send articles to Red Cross Headquarters at Honan Hall or call Mrs. C. C. Bull, Red 541. Mrs. D. M. Pague, Black 112.

WHAT WAR TORN EUROPE OWES TO THE RED CROSS

For a year the people of Italy north of the Piave, who had been under the enemy rule had been systematically despoiled of everything of value they possessed. In many places German troops had been succeeded by Hungarians and these in turn by the Austrians, separate periods of tyranny by three alien races. For one long year the invaders had been gradually taking away from these people their crops, their money and their household articles, leaving them barely enough coarse flour to live on, a flour of mixed chaff and corn, bran and straw. When the retreat of the enemy began this systematic sequestration degenerated into an organized looting. There was little left for the common soldiers in the way of plunder, but such little as there was they took—clothing from the women, shoes, linen and bed clothing, small keepsakes, and all the remaining food supplies.

During the year of privation many died of slow starvation. In the last weeks the rate of mortality became very high. In one village alone one hundred and fifty died of starvation. It was in this condition that the people were found by their returning compatriots.

A strange story was told by a priest in one of these towns. He said that when the Austrians left and the people had absolutely nothing to live on they still refused to abandon hope. In some mysterious way the word reached them, prisoners though they were, that America was coming to their help and they repeated among themselves patiently, with starvation facing them, "It will be all right now, the Americans will soon be here." And so it was that when into this town there came two men in the uniform of the American Red Cross with the supplies of condensed milk and condensed soups, and dried vegetables and sugar and coffee, these people justified their faith by saying, "Did we not tell you so? You see the Americans are here."

Gradually in Trieste and in the recovered provinces order is being restored, so that the people are now being fed, although their rations may be poorer for some time to come. The work of the Red Cross is going on, meeting emergencies when they arise, and contributing to the cure of civilian population.

Peace has come during the winter when it is not possible to labor in the fields and it will be a long while before nature begins her yield for these stricken people. Even if work were at hand, they are too weak to work. After a year of starry starvation it will be several months before these people can return to their normal life.

After reading this article, it should be easy for all of us to understand the need of the Italians for the help we are extending in making of used and surplus clothing. Conditions in several other countries are even worse than those in Italy.

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Dorothy Phillips at the Star-Saturday and Sunday. 8-21-21

Do you know that the La Grande High School orchestra now has twenty-six members and that they play exceptionally well? Hear them at the senior play, Friday night, 8-11-21.

Largest Order of Merit

The largest Order of Merit to the world is the French Legion of Honor, which has a list of over 50,000 members.

The Church of Today On a Business Basis

To those who have been in the habit of looking upon the church as a back number and unbusinesslike, and living in dusty books and dealing with ancient theology, it is a surprise to spend a day at the national headquarters of the Methodist Centenary. The Centenary is the most gigantic venture of any church in all history. It is proposed to do nothing less than to adequately proclaim to all people on the earth, the principles of justice and brotherhood preached by the carpenter of Nazareth.

This tremendous enterprise is centered at 111 Fifth avenue, New York. The offices of the Centenary occupy three acres of floor space. To the average business man, it is a surprise to know that a church is doing things on such a large scale, and with such up-to-the-minute business methods.

The visitors at the headquarters find that not only does the Centenary occupy floors at 111 Fifth avenue, but a whole building is occupied at 150 Fifth avenue, and two floors at 150 Fifth avenue and two floors at a large building at 329 Broadway. Entering 111 Fifth avenue, the visitors find a maze of clicking typewriters; hundreds of people at work sending out the message and doing the work for twenty-one different departments of the Centenary.

What is being done? What is it all about? Well, the idea is this: That the world is not all right; the world is in a bad shape. We have fought the battle to make the world safe for democracy. Now, the great task is to make democracy safe for the world, and the Methodist Centenary is a gigantic movement of the church to stir up ten million Methodists to give more and to sacrifice more to make democracy safe, than was given by the same people for war purposes.

Just to illustrate, let us speak of three departments. First, that of publicity: The Publicity Department of the Centenary is managed by the very highest newspaper talent obtainable. \$100,000 worth of bill board advertising has been bought and the message of the Centenary will be placed on 14,000 bill boards in the country during April and May. Newspaper stories are sent to all the leading newspapers of the country. The big newspapers, like the New York World, devote whole pages to editorial and news matter regarding the Centenary.

Then there is the statistical department. Statistical experts are working on charts, statistics, and maps, and are tabulating the facts about the church in such a way that at a moment's notice the exact status of any church in the whole land can be given. Some remarkable revelations regarding the strength and weakness of the church has thus been disclosed.

A very interesting department is that of the slide department. The Centenary movement has the largest photographic establishment in the world. Hundreds of thousands of pictures have been gathered from all parts of the world through the

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Methodist.

The Sunday school is growing in interest and numbers. Come and help in this splendid auxiliary of the church. The Sunday school meets at 10 a. m.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Authority of Jesus." Evening subject, "In Christ, What a Change."

Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. All young people not attending any other young people's meeting are invited to worship with us.

N. SHERMAN HAWK, Pastor.

M. E. Church South.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Services by Rev. Otto. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

L. D. S. Church.

Sunday meetings—Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Sacrament meeting at 2:30 p. m. M. I. A. at 7:30 p. m. Week-day meetings—Primary on Tuesdays at 4 p. m. Choir practice Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Relief society every Thursday at 2 p. m.

Religion class every Thursday at 4 p. m.

Teachers' training class Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

CHAS. J. BLACK, Bishop.

Island City Church Notice.

Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject, "Makers of Public Opinion." Evening subject, "The Dual Purpose." A session especially for young people.

Epworth league 7 p. m. Subject, "Epworth league on the Firer Line." A cordial invitation to worship with

JAMES LEITCH, Pastor.



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Liquid or Tablet Form Sold Everywhere

of French soldiers came to their widowhood already in destitute circumstances because of the fact that the pay of the French soldiers is amazingly small."

"To make these war widows merely objects of charity would be most unkind, if not dangerous, so we plan to furnish them work, uplifting and respectable work somewhat after the plan of Morgan memorial, Boston."

"Another thing we are doing and making considerable satisfactory progress in, is in caring for war orphans. There must be millions of them. Already, the Methodist church has opened three orphanages: one, at Grenobles, for girls, one, at Reilly, near Lyons, for girls; and one on a big farm thirty miles from Lyons, for boys. I have visited them and have been much impressed with the work. Nearly every orphan has an interesting and highly profitable war history."

"On the 250-acre farm at Reilly, we purpose to demonstrate modern and efficient farming and carry on a great social community service plan. This affords a grand opportunity for philanthropic Americans with available money, who want to do something practicable to aid France."

Another part of this war work of the church is the education of American soldiers in France. A corps of professors with full equipment has already been sent over. College men will be given an opportunity to finish a year of work. Other men will take up any practical course of study they choose. It is expected that 300,000 men will register in this army college conducted by the Centenary.

It is up to us to help make this gigantic endeavor a success.

BAPTISTS TO RAISE FUND OF \$600,000

Between March 23 and March 30, the 1,500,000 Baptists in the churches throughout the northern states of the union must raise \$6,000,000 if they are to reach the goal they have set out for in their great Victory campaign movement. Prominent Baptist laymen, who started this movement, felt as though the war did not accomplish

all that should have been accomplished in rebuilding the world. One of their members said: "The world's work is not yet finished, and until it is special effort will be necessary to accomplish the tasks which will continually confront us, whether in political or commercial life, in social affairs or in the realm of religious obligation."

Harley K. Hallgren, director of the campaign in Oregon, says: "Oregon must not shirk her duty. She must raise her total quota of \$65,000 and raise it on time. The future of Baptist missions both in America and foreign lands depends upon the success of this movement. The extra expense imposed upon the church during the war has piled up a debt that means the shutting down of a large number of mission plants throughout the world if the members do not respond to the appeal being made and give of their substance to this cause. The Victory campaign, if won, means victory in more than one sense to the Baptist denomination. It means that the many missionaries now in the foreign fields will not have to be called home and that the reconstruction work now going on in France, Belgium, Russia and India need not cease and that the missionaries in the home field can still at their posts and teach the important foreigner the principles of Christianity and of American citizenship and stamp out the revolutionary fires of Bolshevism that have been started in some hearts by unscrupulous atheistic leaders."

"Bully"

The word "bully" as a familiar term of address was employed in the time of Shakespeare and no doubt was old from then. In the sense of praise-worthy, excellent as, "That was a bully dinner." It is used both by Americans and by British subjects.

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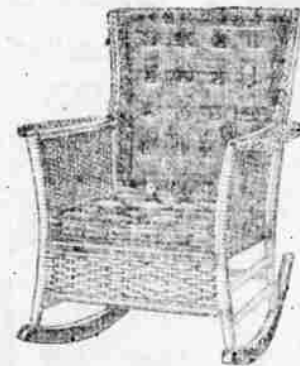
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