

WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC SERVICE



Red Cross Workers Divide Time Between Work on Face Masks and Pneumonia Jackets and Refugees' Garments. Lower Insert: Mrs. G. E. Bruere, Superintendent of the Lipman & Wolfe Workroom, Folding a Face Mask.

FACE masks or pneumonia jackets, refugee garments or hospital garments, the Red Cross workrooms are so equipped these days that on a few moments' notice the work can be thrown from one channel to another, wherever the need for the moment may be greater.

For the last few weeks the great workroom at Lipman & Wolfe's store, in charge of Mrs. Gustave E. Bruere, has divided its time in making supplies to effectively combat the raging epidemic in the city and to clothe the we refugees across the seas.

The Red Cross Motor Corps has been increased from a list of three or four machines to a full working corps, on duty at all hours of the day and night for home service workers or members of the nursing division.

One hundred and fifty workers are also being recruited for the expansion of the soldiers' and sailors' clubs, under the direction of Mrs. Everett Ames, supervisor of the club, and Miss Myrtle Hansome.

Multnomah Red Cross auxiliary, one of the most attractive units of the Portland chapter, has held regular meetings for the past year with the exception of a few weeks when the influenza ban prevented all gatherings.

The auxiliary has completed the following list of articles in the past year: Eighteen pairs pajamas, 48 hospital shirts, 55 arm slings, 69 bandages, 12 pairs bed socks, 10 convalescent robes, five pajama suits, 10 children's shirts, 20 children's blouses, five dresses, 20 pinafores, 89 sweaters, 86 pairs socks, seven scarfs, five helmets and three pairs wristers.

Now they are making 'Dorothy bags' for the Red Cross to give to convalescent soldiers. We soon used all the cotton and muslin and had to wait for more stuff. In spite of this delay we made more than 5000 bags in November. When you consider that more than half of them are made by hand, it is really amazing. My part in this industry is to pay the workers one day each week. It did not take me long to learn the French money when in one day I pay out several thousand francs in small amounts.

Last Saturday the Red Cross delegate, his French secretary and I went to the funeral of one of our refugees. We walked to the village where she had lived, about three kilometers from town. When we reached the church we found that the funeral procession had not arrived, so we went on to meet it. As we reached a crossroad I saw two huge oxen and the enormous wheels of a cart and boy, people here never thought of it being a funeral until mademoiselle said: 'We shall wait here for the coffin.' The three children were wearing a black beaver hat and a dress which I had found for her in the Red Cross storeroom the day before.

The funeral of one of our refugees, a young woman, was held in the Red Cross storeroom the day before. The coffin was covered with a huge white cross on a black background. It was all so strange that I wondered if I were really myself. I looked at Mademoiselle who walked beside me weeping, completely unconscious of her own grief, and I saw the Red Cross uniform of the man at her side. These little red enamel crosses were the only Americans at the service. We were seated in the section reserved for the military and in spite of the fact that I was in uniform with the free American on each shoulder, 'U. S.' and a red cross on each shoulder, I was exceedingly conscious of the fact that I was the only woman among one hundred French army officers.

The Junior League met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carlton Swift to hear reports from heads of committees on work done within the last few months. Three bedrooms have been completely furnished at the Red Cross house at Vancouver Barracks. At the last meeting it was voted to adopt two French orphan.

Female Employees Prepare to Stay Permanently.

Number Employed in Eight Portland Department Stores Increases 1147 Since War Began.

A survey of women in department store employment and the new branches of work opened to them since the beginning of the war has been made by Miss Elizabeth M. Pollock, a member of the Collegiate Alumnae, for Dr. H. D. Sheldon, head of the department of education of the University of Oregon, showing a greatly broadened field for women, which is likely to continue despite the return of the men.

The total increase in the number of female employees in the eight stores of Portland covered by the survey has been 1147. While there have been perceptible increases in each department of work the largest increases have been in the following: Personal service, millinery, for example, having become the buyer for two or three departments which previously had one buyer for each. The number of floor women has increased from three to four, another case of women having been drafted to fill positions carrying heavier responsibility and requiring greater administrative ability.

Several hundred more saleswomen have been added to the minimum number of whom have been called upon to sell lines of merchandise formerly handled by men. One firm felt that it had indeed ventured when it hired a woman to sell men's hats, but it reported that the saleswomen in question had really made good. Several lines of men's furnishings were handed over to saleswomen because of the hat venture, but it was considered that they did not involve so great a risk.

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Then \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 or More Monthly to Suit Your Convenience

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We Announced

Our Advertisements Are Our Salespeople. Our Advertising Offers You a Labor-Saving Buying Guide. By printing our propositions we tell thousands of people what they wish to know—our advertisements are, then, in reality talking to you in print—to tell you facts in as few words as possible.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

CLUB interests for the moment are wide and varied. Some three or four bills now before the State Legislature have been framed, sponsored and endorsed by the different bodies of women and their interest in them is continuing and growing while they are still under the consideration of the two houses.

The bill to establish a court of domestic relations, framed by the Portland House of Representatives, is as well adapted for the occupation of an advertiser as is her male competitor. 'As usual, women and girls are paid less than men were getting for similar work, and, as usual, the quality of work done by the women, as a group, averaged as high, if not higher, than the quality of the work done by the men.'

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The Portland Woman's Research Club, considering the prevalence of influenza, has changed the date of its musical and card party to February 12.

The Lonsome Club will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the clubrooms in the Alisky building. Mrs. Rose Bunn, club president, will have charge of an informal programme which will be presented. The club membership now numbers more than 75. All strangers in the city are invited.

Journalism Class Grows.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Interest in newspaper writing is keen at the college, to judge from the big increase in enrollment in the department of industrial journalism this term.

The Progressive Woman's League will meet Monday afternoon, January 28, at 2:30, in Hotel Portland assembly room, for an important business session, after which a programme, in which only members of the league will participate, will be given.

Blackleg Hits Kikikat Cattle. GOLDENDALE, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—A disease thought to be blackleg has broken out among cattle in Eastern Klickitat County this winter.

Parent-Teachers. The executive board of the Parent-Teacher Council will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in room 251, Courthouse.

Red Cross Units. The Woodlawn Red Cross auxiliary will meet Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock until 4, at the Woodlawn school.

Loan Association Elects. WINLOCK, Wash., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Winlock Farmers' Loan Association, held last week, the officers were elected as follows: Board of directors, James R. Morton, Charles Hendrickson, James R. Morton, Fred Brunner, Herman Nelson, loan committee, Carl Laakso, James R. Morton, Charles Hendrickson; officials, Carl Laakso, president; James Morton, vice-president; Floyd M. Hancock, secretary-treasurer.

Women are serving in three capacities in the delivery departments: as bookers, as truck drivers and as chute girls, and in all three they are proving themselves efficient employees.

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