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Recognized Agency for War Relief Conducts Its Work Along Many Helpful Lines.

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The Organization is Officially as Much a Part of the Government Machinery as the Army Itself.

Portland Chapter Active.
The various activities of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross are directed from the executive headquarters with offices at 710 Commercial building where full information is available regarding all phases of the work.

By Leonard Wood.
Major General U. S. Army.
War brings with it a call to national service for women as well as men. There are two very important ways in which women can help the nation in war:

- (1) By working in industry, thereby releasing men for the front, and
 - (2) By joining the American Red Cross.
- Next to the preparation of munitions and recruiting the army and the navy, the most important step in getting ready for war is building up a Red Cross organization. Vast numbers of women are now working in the various supply establishments which make munitions, clothing, etc. but the time is not yet when women need go into the factories to take the place of men. But the time is here not merely for the Red Cross to prepare but to meet the actual test of real service.

Preparedness of Red Cross.
During the last few years much has been done to prepare the American Red Cross for the nation's call. But preparedness on a large scale cannot be accomplished in peace time. All that can be done is to prepare a skeleton organization capable of expansion in war service. To do this, mobilization as any army staff would draft them and to gather reserve materials and supplies.

Time for Quick Action.
The declaration of a state of war with Germany means that the American Red Cross must translate all these plans, prepared during peace, into action. It must be prepared to supplement the existing facilities of the Medical department of the army and the navy and of the medical reserve corps.

This work must go forward smoothly. This expansion must take place without any hitch in the machinery. There can be no experimenting in war.

How to Help.
Every man and woman owes it as a duty to the country to become a member of the American Red Cross. Membership—it is as low as one dollar—should be universal. To do this, having a membership of 500,000, as at present, the American Red Cross should far exceed the 1,800,000 membership in Japan, the 1,400,000 in Russia and the million each in France and England.

Membership alone does not necessarily imply service. It means merely that one helps to support the administrative organization directing the work of the Red Cross.

Opportunity of Service.
After membership there is opportunity for service with the Red Cross. Every chapter has its workrooms and its luxuries. It has trained instructors in the preparation of hospital and surgical supplies needed here and abroad.

Many chapters have classes in first aid to the wounded, home care of the sick, home dietetics and in the making of surgical dressings. All of these are at the service of women who wish to aid their country.

Work to Be Done at Home.
The functions of the Red Cross, however, go far beyond service in military hospitals. In addition to the department of military relief is the depart-

PORTLAND MAIDS AND MATRONS TURN WITH ENTHUSIASM TO WAR RELIEF WORK



Above, left to right—Scene in Red Cross workroom in the Lipman-Wolfe building; headquarters of the Portland branch of the National Surgical Dressing society in the Spalding building.

Below, left to right—Red Cross workers in the Meier & Frank building; executive offices of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross in the Corbett building. Seated at table, left to right—Mrs. May B. Edmondson, acting secretary; Miss Adela Piasecki; Mrs. S. G. Gillingham, office treasurer. Standing, left to right—Theodore B. Brown, secretary; Miss Avis Lobdel, publicity; Mrs. James N. Davis, civilian relief. Seated at right—Miss Grace E. Phelps, educational.

By Ella McMunn.

Red Crossing is epidemic in the land, and you are socially extinct if you cannot converse about aids and base hospitals and bandages and pajamas, and all the other things that the Red Cross stands for. For it society sings, eats, dances, sells its old clothes, gathers waste paper and plants potatoes.

This is the secret of the impetus given the great movement. There

isn't anything that the "first lady" in the land can do that cannot be done by the most humble, and now, in the national crisis, they are working side by side—sisters in a common cause, a common sorrow, a common hope.

The other day when I went to the Red Cross headquarters in the Corbett building they told me with not too much ceremony that there wasn't anything more to be said except that they needed more money. I had wandered

into the executive end of the Red Cross work, where it is all hurry and bustle and papers and figures and telephones. A necessary end, I must admit, it being the head, but when a bystander directed me to the work room over in the Lipman-Wolfe building, I found there the heart of the endeavor, the women who are giving their service of love and sacrifice for the suffering—and their suffering yet to be.

Sewing for the Soldiers.

There it was plain to be seen why and how \$150,000 of American funds had been expended in European Red Cross work during the months of March and April last past.

There were 13 tables covered with snowy oilcloth, and on them lay scissors, thread, pins, needles and cut-out articles ready to sew. At intervals there were sewing machines, upon which the carefully basted articles were finished, and on some of the tables were small machines for rolling the bandages, a wonderful improvement over the hand-rolled ones that other days had had the bad habit of slipping out at the center, as nurses deftly turned a corner in binding a limb. The torn bandages, seven yards of stout, unbleached muslin, were some over at another table, where the loosened threads at the sides were removed.

Stacks and stacks of outing flannel pajamas awaited the machines, they being the most pretentious of the garments constructed. Surgical sponges, which are in reality squares of absorbent gauze, occupied other workers, but the table where perhaps the greatest interest centered was where the knitting was going on. With wooden needles and coarse cotton, some wonderful washings were being evolved. There must be in them just so many stitches this way and so many that, or they had to be done all over again.

The bed socks required less skill in making than the service socks, and these are knitted, since they have no heels, being merely straight pokes, designed to fit any sized foot.

The work is conducted at Lipman, Wolfe & Co., on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with hours from 10 to 12 o'clock in the mornings, and 1:30 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Thomas D. Hoxeyman, in charge with Miss S. Smith, a trained nurse, giving instructions, Mrs. S. T. Hamilton is instructing the classes in knitting.

At Meier & Frank's a similar scene was being enacted. About snowy tables the workers gathered, and with deft fingers turned out articles for the relief of the wounded. Here the work is in charge of Mrs. H. Beekman and Mrs. F. D. Brown.

At Olds, Wortman & King's store many patriotic tears are being shed, assistance given for the good of the cause.

Surgical Dressings Society.

In the Spalding building workers for the National Surgical Dressings society are on hand several times a week with needles and thimbles. Practically since the beginning of the war they have toiled for the aid of the allies, or it may be said for the wounded of the world, since the dressings are sent to New York City, where they are forwarded to the place most in need of them. Beginning under the direction of Mrs. Charles Scadding, some 32,000 articles were sent out, and since Mrs. W. J. Burns assumed the presidency in March, 1916, some 35,000 articles have left their hands, and this corps of volunteer workers have become so expert that their boxes are officially accepted without being subjected to the usual counting and measuring tests. Just now they have ready for shipment 100,000 bandages, and great checks full of carefully padded pneu-

monia jackets, sleeping garments, socks and surgical dressings of all kinds.

Nor is their work to end at this, for they are preparing to knit for the Navy league, and very shortly 300 women will undertake the task of supplying hand made sweaters, and scarfs for the boys at sea. The officers of this branch of the Portland war relief are: Mrs. W. J. Burns, president; Mrs. E. C. T. Stevens, vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Nunn, buyer; Mrs. Harry Sherwood, treasurer; Mrs. F. E. Hoyt, secretary, and Mrs. George Wood, Miss May Failing and Mrs. Howard Mather committee.

The British War Relief society, whose work has been confined to the allies for the past three years, but which now includes the American troops as well, is composed of an earnest body of women, meeting at each other's homes, where the regulation supplies are made. Mrs. K. Bortwick is president, Mrs. J. O. Gibson

vice-president, Mrs. K. K. Baxter treasurer and Mrs. William Reid secretary.

Other Helpful Activities.

The Girls' National Honor Guard, made up of 1185 girls of Oregon (most of whom are in Portland), are doing their "bit" with all the energy and enthusiasm of youth. A class is learning to be experts in ambulance service, 200 are drilling like regulation soldiers, and they are doing countless less spectacular things that promise to be of inestimable benefit to them in times of peace, and certainly if the war comes to our doors. They have had "first aid" training, and there is a long list of occupations open to them in which they can serve if called upon. Just now they want a farm, close to the city, where they can go from their homes daily to do their part in the garden movement, and they want large contributions of clean rags from which to supply the soldiers with gun clean-

ers, dish cloths, etc. The best of the cloths, such as linen, will be turned over to the Red Cross. Miss Lucille Danforth is state manager, and Miss Amy Rothchild acting chairman in the city.

In addition to these societies there are branches and auxiliaries, all working toward the same end, relief for the soldiers at the front. Among them are the Patriotic Conservation League, the Independent Red Cross First Aid, receiving instructions at the Central Library; the Auxiliary to the Third Oregon Auxiliary to the Oregon Cavalry, and Daughters of the American Revolution. Although more or less foreign to this article, which was an attempt to touch upon the splendid work the women of Portland are doing, it seems impossible not to mention the Boy Scouts, who number nearly 1000; who are prepared to render "first aid" of a splendid order, and the Junior militia, numbering about 500, who are little soldiers in the making.

WORK OF AMERICAN FIELD AMBULANCE IS TO BE RELATED HERE

Collegiate Alumni Clubs of Portland Sponsors for Entertainments May 21-22.

PICTURES WILL BE SHOWN

Lieut. George K. Roeder and M. M. Palmer Will Explain Gallant Service in War Done by Americans.

The statistics of the American Ambulance Field Service tell a story vividly eloquent with heroism and devotion to duty. The young men of the corps, who mostly are students from American universities and colleges, have to date picked up more than 750,000 men from the several battlefields and have been responsible for the saving of thousands of lives. Their work has official recognition, and the several allied governments and is cordially indorsed by the United States. At present approximately 300 cars and 350 men are engaged in the service work which is maintained at an annual cost of \$250,000.

Some months ago motion pictures depicting the work of the American Ambulance Field Service and the work of the American aviators in France who constitute the Lafayette corps were taken at the direction of the French government.

These pictures are now being shown in the United States and Portland will be given an opportunity to see them Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and May 22, when Lieutenant George K. Roeder, who has seen active service in Europe, and M. M. Palmer, executive secretary, will direct three displays of the reels and explain them. The first performance will be given Monday evening, May 21, in the First Presbyterian church house, and Tuesday afternoon and evening, May 22, two performances will be given in the Elvetham street theatre.

These performances are to be given under the auspices of the Collegiate Alumni clubs of Portland, the following constituting the committee on arrangements: Wells Gilbert, chairman; Emory Olmstead, treasurer; A. L. Mills, Harvard; James F. Ewing, Princeton; Aubrey Waisak, L. R. Wheeler, Yale; Rodney L. Gilliam, Columbia; William B. Layton, Donald Sterling, Michigan; Dr. H. B. Torrey, California; William M. Ladd, Amherst; W. E. Wells, Stanford; Dr. G. Norman Pease, Cornell; P. A. Naramore, W. B. Ayer, Technology; Antoine Labbe, Williams; Walter F. Jelliff, Oberlin; H. H. Hardman, Wakeash; Wallace McEamant, Lafayette; John R. Latourcay, Oregon; Dow Walker, O. A. C.; Whitney Morgan, Worcester Polytechnic; Dr. C. E. Buehler, University of Chicago; Ralph H. Mitchell, Minnesota; R. G. Dreck, Pennsylvania; James B. Kerr, Wisconsin; Dr. Richard B. Dilleham, Illinois; Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, Dartmouth; Dr. E. J. Labbe, Virginia, and J. Andre. Foulshou, Walter J. Burns and Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie.

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