

RED CROSS WORK IN CITY REACHES BIG PROPORTIONS

Since April Portland Chapter Has Attained a Membership in Excess of 15,000.

BUSINESS IS ORGANIZED

As a \$100,000 Concern It Carries on Wide Range of Charities in Efficient Manner.

By Marshall N. Dann

When Henry P. Davidson, the financier, was in Portland he said that he became chairman of the executive committee of the American Red Cross only to find an organization that on the debit side had accumulated three years overdue and on the credit side the good will of the American people.

But, overnight, he discovered himself administering the affairs of a \$100,000,000 corporation, commanding the contributions and service of millions of people and reaching into every corner of the world where war, tragedy and desolation pleaded for sympathy and help.

The American Red Cross has had no more astounding transformation than in Portland.

Prior to last April there was no Portland chapter. By the first of June it had 9474 members and by the end of October 15,206 members.

Beginning modestly within the city limits, the field of its operations expanded over six counties with the organization of 118 auxiliaries and branches.

During the recent Red Cross drive the district embraced by the Portland chapter contributed \$400,000 or which \$100,000 was retained to finance work at the same base.

The variety of activities has multiplied amazingly. The Portland chapter has become a business organization, fired with patriotism, utilizing various proportions of the contributed time of nearly 6000 people. Between 1200 and 1400 women a week give their efforts in one great work room in the city making surgical dressings by the tens of thousands.

Scores of groups throughout the six counties sew or knit regularly and the resultant production is starting in its volume.

More than 10,000 lunches for soldiers en route to cantonments were prepared, packed in boxes and served by willing workers.

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To make sure that Santa Claus should not overlook the trenches and cantonments, which were not within his range of vision last year so far as America was concerned in excess of \$100,000 was raised by theatrical entertainment and a tag day, thus meeting the cost of nearly 10,000 Christmas packages to cheer the boys in khaki.

Civilian Relief Bureau A civilian relief bureau has ministered to the necessities of families left by enlisted men without adequate provision.

The department of education, of which Dr. Frederick Kiehle is the head, has furnished courses of instruction, given by graduate nurses, in nursing, first aid and dietetics to some 1200 women. This instruction is primarily for home care of the sick. About 40 physicians have volunteered for instruction in the special duties of the Red Cross.

A publicity department has kept the meaning and the measure of Red Cross service before the people so effectively that public approval itself is sponsor for the confidence that the Red Cross, to receive all it may require, needs but to ask.

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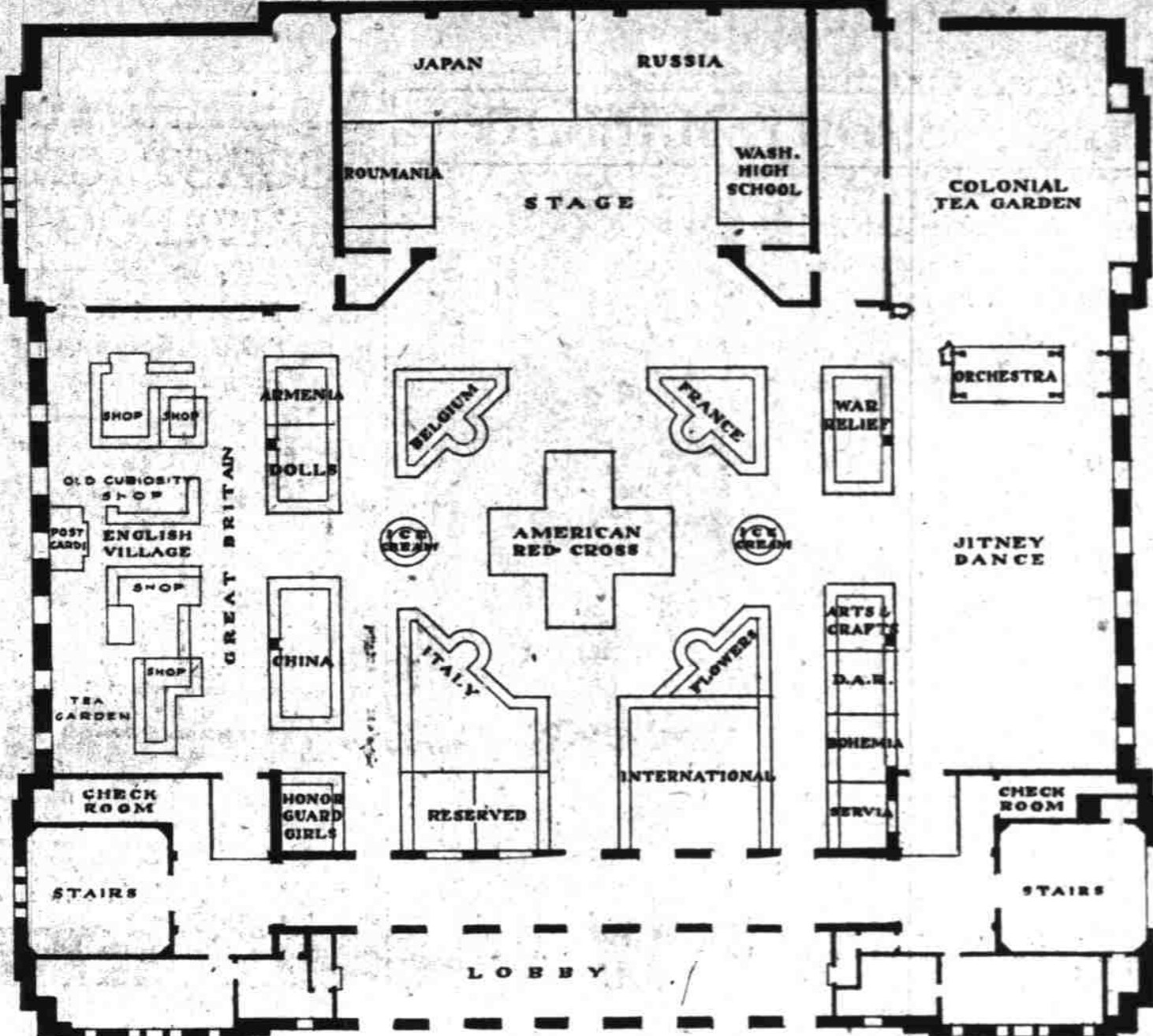
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Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie is chairman; William F. Lipman, Miss Felling and Mrs. J. C. Elliott King, vice chairmen; Robert H. Crozer, secretary; Robert H. Strong, chairman of the executive board; Amedee Smith, general manager. The board of directors includes: Mrs. Everett Ames, C. F. Berg, John S. Bradley, Theodore B. Brown, E. R. Corbett, J. E. Cronan, Robert Forzier, W. D. B. Dodson, Miss Felling, J. D. Farrell, Dr. Ralph A. Fenlon, Forrest S. Fisher, A. R. Gephart, L. C. Gilmir, Ralph Hahn, J. S. Hamilton, Mrs. C. S. Jackson, Victor A. Johnson, Jacob Kandler, Dr. Frederick A. Kiehle, Mrs. J. C. Elliott King, C. Henri Labbe, Ellis F. Lawrence, W. F. Lipman, Mrs. Julius Louissou, Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, E. B. MacNaughton, Robert Treat Platt, Lloyd R. Smith, Robert H. Strong, Bishop W. T. Sumner, H. H. Ward, J. E. Wheeler, Mrs. W. D. Wheelwright, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and William F. Woodley.

The Portland chapter will engage in the national membership campaign which begins December 16. The memberships are thus classified: Annual, \$1; subscribing, \$2; contributing, \$5; sustaining, \$10, and life, \$25.

The headquarters offices are in the Corbett building.

October the Portland chapter was informed its quota would be 5500, at an average cost each of a little more than \$1. Later, the Portland quota was raised to 9500 packages, although it was contended correct figuring would make the number 6100. Lewis A. McArthur, general manager of the Pacific Power & Light company, was made director of the Christmas package campaign.

People were asked to contribute packages and money. Mrs. Ferdinand E. Reed organized a tag day which resulted in contributions aggregating \$6000, with donations sent direct to the Red Cross and packages contributed.

will mean that by the end of the coming week nearly 10,000 packages costing \$110 is really worth at retail about \$1.50. The local supply of bandana handkerchiefs, chocolate, cakes and other articles nearly depleted the Portland stock in hand. Each package consists of a blue bandana handkerchief (red is not permitted) or a khaki bag containing writing paper, envelopes, pencil, a trench mirror, puzzle or game, deck of cards or set of dominoes, cigarettes, smoking tobacco, papers, four pieces of chocolate, two packages of mints, two packages of gum and other articles. When contributors especially asked if their money was not used to purchase tobacco.

Max Malson did the purchasing under the direction of Mr. Lowengart; Miss Loretta Lynch devoted her entire time for over a month in directing the preparation of the packages; Mrs. Florence Mosby, cashier of the Portland chapter, and M. H. Hartwell aided in the work; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Clark have supervised the packing of packages in

the crates and local dealers cooperated in making special deliveries when there were shortages in the local market. "I feel personally grateful to those who have made the Christmas package campaign a success," said Mr. McArthur.

Lunches for Enlisted Men There were many picturesque features connected with serving lunches to the soldiers as they passed through the city on their way to cantonments. The trainloads of men from south and east began coming about September 20. Arrangements were made that young women should meet the trains and deliver smiles, good cheer and the lunch boxes, each containing a cup cake, some cookies, cheese, candy, fruit, an apple pie and some cigarettes. Many of the men realized that this was being done by the Red Cross and was in addition to the food provided by the railroad, but others did not, says Fred H. Strong, who directed the work. So when the second movement of troops began and it was found that the men were being brought to the Fullinwahr hotel for their meals, a vacant room was secured from the hotel management and here candies, salted peanuts, cracker-jack, apples and cigarettes were handed out. Subsequently the crackerjack gave way to stamped picture postcards, some 60 per cent of which were addressed by the soldiers and mailed before leaving the hotel.

The Red Cross "superfluity" shop is an integral part of the Portland Red Cross chapter. It is located at 106 Fifth street. All its salesadies smilingly work for the love of the service. They are not otherwise paid. All its stock in trade on three floors and ranging from a lowly selection of honest spuds to a piece of statuary that originally cost \$1000 and from second hand garments to a silken cushion worked

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Specialty Prize List Made Prominent Because of Absence of Shows Elsewhere on Coast.

The poultry and pet stock kingdom in all its glory will hold forth at the Auditorium this week. The big annual show staged by the Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association opens Monday morning and runs until next Saturday night.

Two thousand animals including chickens, ducks, geese, cavies, rabbits and pigeons will be on show. In their number will be some of the fanciest and most valuable birds in the United States, entries having been made from all the leading poultry centers of the United States, either by individuals or by specialty organizations.

One of the special features of this year's show will be demonstrations in the feeding of poultry under the present war conditions with high prices prevailing. This subject has given much concern to poultry raisers and has resulted in much research to find foods suitable and less expensive.

Judging of the entries will be started soon after the opening of the show and will continue all week. In addition to the \$1000 in cash prizes offered by the state as an encouragement to the industry there will be dozens of special classes of chickens and pet stock.

These prizes have attracted fanciers from parts of the United States never before participating in the poultry shows in Portland. The specialty prize list has been made prominent in Portland by reason of the annual Seattle show having been dropped and the Oakland show having been curtailed in size. This has opened the way for making the Portland show not only the biggest and most important ever held in Oregon, but the biggest and most important to be held this year.

Special attractions have been provided for various days during the week. One of these will be a rabbit barbecue on Wednesday evening when samples of rabbit cooked in various ways will be passed out free to the show visitors.

2670 Workers Killed By Accident in Year

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—The department of labor and industry has issued a comprehensive table showing how 2670 workers in Pennsylvania industries sustained accidents which resulted fatally in 1916.

It shows the relative dangers in the various classes of industrial work and the principal causes that result in fatal injuries in the various classes of industry. Of the dead, 1788 were married and they left 2906 dependents. Eleven hundred and ten were killed in general industrial establishments, 1113 in mines and 448 in public service.

The summary was compiled to carry on a lesson of safety and carefulness to employers and employees.

Childhood Romance Revived by Divorce

Chicago Mail House Manager Renews Suit of 20 Years Ago Two Days After Decree; Wedding Ten Days Later.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—(L. N. S.)—LaRoy A. Wegman, Cornell graduate and manager of a Chicago mail order house, and his bride, who, 12 days ago, was Mrs. Helen Orr English, wife of Captain William S. English, millionaire politician of Indianapolis, are living quietly in a suite at the Edgewater Beach hotel here today.

Their marriage, which was revealed by the recording of a marriage license here, brings to a climax the romance of two childhood sweethearts reunited after 20 years.

Mrs. Wegman and Captain English were married at Indianapolis January 8, 1898. They have one daughter, Rose-Flora, 14 years old. Captain English filed suit for divorce, charging cruelty, last July, and a decree was granted November 17.

Wegman appeared in Indianapolis the next day and began his courtship where he left off 20 years ago. Ten days later the couple came to Chicago, and were married.

Mrs. Wegman, until her divorce, was a leader in Indianapolis society, and also was well known in Chicago, New York and Washington social circles.

Auto Hits Boy as He Aights From Car

Leola Cleasby, 17, of 286 Fourteenth street, is in St. Vincent's hospital with a fractured arm and internal injuries as the result of being struck by an automobile driven by C. L. Jensen, 1944 Floral avenue. Cleasby had just alighted from a Mount Tabor car at East Second and East Morrison streets, Jackson, according to the police, violated the ordinance by failing to stop when the car stopped.

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From the treasured possessions brought from the Old World and from the serviceable, practical stocks of modern merchandise are drawn the salable attractions for this great work of Mercy. At this Bazaar you'll find articles of every description—modest, expensive, practical, luxurious—so that you can do your bit and at the same time get something of value.

Everything has been donated; every purchase will represent 100 per cent for the vital work of the Red Cross of the Allied Nations—of alleviating the suffering and misery of war.

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