

# Service of the Red Cross Is Record of Unselfish Devotion to Reclamation of Human Wreckage

## Portland Chapter

THE GROWTH of the Portland Red Cross chapter has been phenomenal. Organized last spring, it had 9474 members June 1, 15,208 members November 1 while the Christmas membership drive is bringing many additional names to the roll. On December 1 its field of endeavor embraced six counties with 148 auxiliaries and branches. During the summer drive for funds \$400,000 was contributed to the cause through the Portland chapter.

## The Red Cross

IN 1864 delegates from 16 nations assembled at Geneva, Switzerland, and drew up a treaty of nine articles looking to the neutralization of hospitals, materials, nurses and surgeons in time of war and providing an emblem consisting in a red cross on a white field which won world-wide approval. The association was introduced in the United States by Miss Clara Barton in 1877 and President Arthur signed the Geneva treaty in 1882.



An angel of mercy. The alleviation of the sufferings of the battlefields is due in a large measure to the tender nursing performed in the war hospitals by trained women, whose work, like that of their sisters engaged in other lines of useful Red Cross endeavor both at home and abroad, is a willing sacrifice to the common cause.



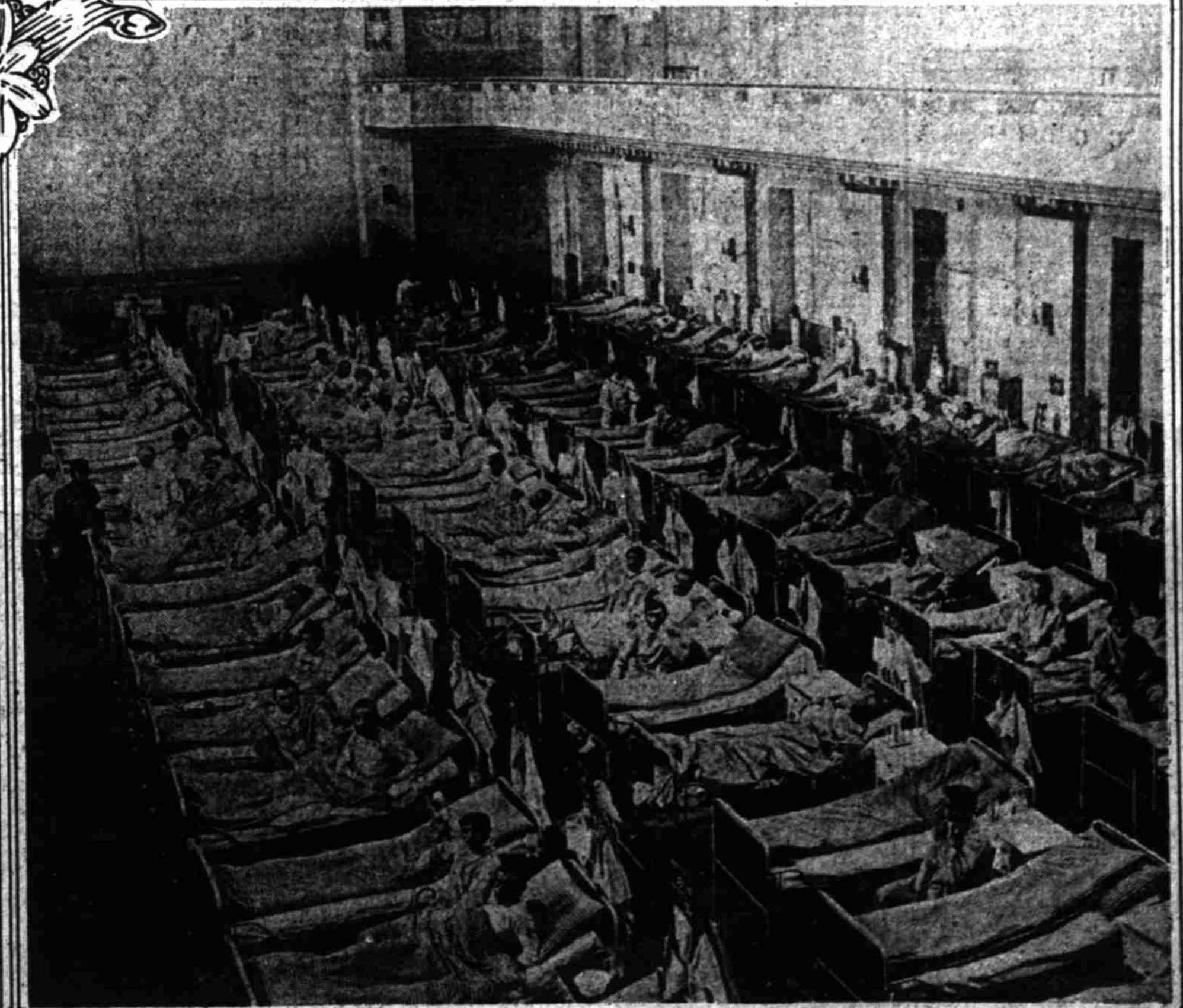
Scene in workroom of woman's bureau of the Portland chapter of the American Red Cross in the Lipman & Wolfe building, where the manufacture of surgical dressings and supplies is carried on on a large scale.



Real dogs of war, attached to the British army, which perform wonderful service in searching out wounded men and reporting their location. These dogs, which are mostly of Alredale and bloodhound breeds, show almost human intelligence.



French nurses at Geneva. This Swiss city, like other centers in this neutral republic, is an oasis in the war desert, where wounded soldiers of the several belligerents, and civilian refugees, too, are cared for and sent back to their homes. The relief work done in Switzerland during the war is a happy page in the chronicle of the great disaster and women play a big part therein.



Scenes in a war hospital. While the limits of scientific endeavor are utilized in warfare to devise new ways of killing men on a large scale, the merciful fact is that science again lends its best efforts to promote their recovery. Some most remarkable achievements in surgery have been accomplished in the war hospitals where human wreckage is remade into men.