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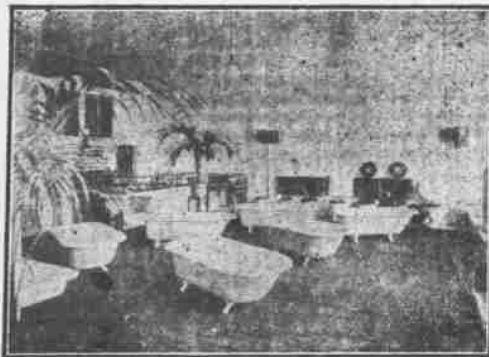
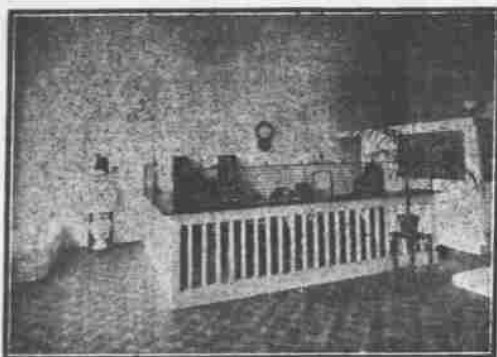
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AMERICAN FORESTS BEING SHIPPED TO FRANCE.

BY GEORGE MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Even America's forests are being shipped to Europe to help win the war. Great fir tracts along the Columbia in Oregon, the Red Cross announced today, are being hewn, loaded on ships there, shot through the Panama canal to New York and hurled across to France.

Thus it falls out that permanent quarters for Red Cross base hospitals on the western front are being fashioned from the ranks of Oregon's army of trees. The need for sending American forests across the seas to France is shown in the Red Cross statement that "so scarce is timber in France that tents are now being used to house many of the American contingents."

"This shipment of lumber," said the Red Cross, "like many other shipments of Red Cross supplies now going abroad, is being made through the cooperation of the United States shipping board with the Red Cross war council. Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the Shipping Board, was a member of the War Council until appointed to his present post."

"The railroads and the city of New York have also aided in the establishment of the new Red Cross Transportation service. The railroads, through the Railroads' war board, have issued orders that Red Cross shipments must not be held up by embargoes or any delays of ordinary freight in these days of railway congestion."

"New York City has turned over to the Red Cross a large warehouse on the North river without charges, and Commissioner of Docks and Ferries Smith is acting as associate director of the Red Cross supply service, which has charge of the assembling of all goods for shipment abroad."

"To help in this great service of mercy at sea, the allied governments have also taken the unusual step of allowing their transports to be used by the Red Cross. These will only be used for supplies most urgently needed abroad. The British Admiralty, the French and Italian governments are all cooperating to this end."

"Pressure on shipping space has become intense," declared Davison, in a letter to relief agencies cooperating with the Red Cross, "and it is absolutely necessary that for the present nothing be shipped which is not imperatively needed. Ocean shipping difficulties become greater each day the submarine warfare is continued."



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