

PEACE TIME RED CROSS FACES HUGE TASKS

War Task Not Finished--Public Health Problems Must Be Solved By Red Cross

The American Red Cross, according to a statement just issued from Washington, D. C., believes that its first duty is to finish its war task, one hundred per cent. The Red Cross must also continue to carry on even more effectively than in the past, its established system of National and International relief, in mitigating the suffering caused by famine, fire, floods, and great national calamities. It must also render every necessary service to the Army and Navy, and must continue the work undertaken prior to the war in the field of nursing and First Aid.

The responsibilities of the Red Cross are greatly increased as a result of the lessons taught by the war, the statement continues. Higher standards of responsibility have been set to prevent needless suffering and loss of life. The Red Cross, with its traditions and its established organization, will aid in maintaining these standards by co-operating with all recognized agencies engaged in conserving human life and happiness. Activities already authorized include the encouragement and support of Public Health Nursing, educational classes in dietetics, home care of the sick, and First Aid, the extension of Red Cross Home Service, an increased Junior program, and co-operation in developing community health centers.

War time developments have given every community in the United States a recognized and organized center of Red Cross activity through which the people of that community may, if they wish, serve themselves, with all the advantages of national leadership, national standards, national and international contacts. It rests with the people of every community to determine for themselves just how fully they have need of a movement which under the associated Red Cross Societies is to express the effort of the peoples of the world to free themselves from needless death and suffering through neighborly cooperation and service.

You're in mighty good company when you belong to the Red Cross.

So long as there's sickness, suffering, disaster, the Red Cross must stand by!

The H. C. of L. hasn't hit Red Cross memberships. They're still a dollar.

If nine million youngsters believe in the Red Cross, it must have the right idea.



Dr. Livingston Farrand, the greatest authority on public health in America, served in France as the head of the fight against tuberculosis. He now succeeds Henry P. Davison as head of the American Red Cross. Dr. Farrand recently visited Seattle, Spokane and Portland and conferred with representatives of Red Cross Chapters of Washington. "The Red Cross faces problems in the post-war period more serious, if possible, than the problems of the war itself. Not a great amount of money, but the membership and hearty co-operation of every American citizen is what is needed to help the Red Cross to solve these problems, which threaten our national vitality, and unless solved, will rob us of the fruits of victory," said Dr. Farrand.

"The Red Cross is the Gospel in boots."

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CARD

It is Said to Have Sprung From "School Pieces" of Middle of Nineteenth Century.

The Christmas card is the legitimate descendant of the "school pieces" or "Christmas pieces" which were popular from the beginning to the middle of the nineteenth century. These were sheets of writing paper, sometimes surrounded with those hideous and elaborate pen flourishes forming birds, scrolls, etc., so unnaturally dear to the hearts of writing masters, and sometimes banded with copper plate engravings, plain or colored. These were used by schoolboys at the approach of the holidays for carefully written letters exploiting the progress they had made in composition and chirography. Charity boys were large purchasers of these pieces, says one writer, and at Christmas time used to take them around their parish to show and at the same time solicit a trifle.

The Christmas card proper had its tentative origin in 1854. Joseph Cundall, a London artist, claims to have issued the first in that year. It was printed in lithography, colored by hand and was of the usual size of a lady's card.

Not until 1862, however, did the custom obtain any foothold. Then experiments were made with cards of the size of an ordinary carte de visite, inscribed simply "A Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year." After that came to be added robins and holly branches, embossed figures and landscapes.

NEVER DEIGN TO EXPLAIN

Japanese Have a Peculiar Philosophy Which Westerners Find It Rather Hard to Understand.

A Philadelphia lady, now resident in Japan, has written to a friend in her home city a letter which the Public Ledger reproduces in part, because it is "so fine in its reading from within of the Japanese nation and nature." Mrs. Nitobe says:

"I am hoping that the light may soon dawn upon the uninformed mind of America in reference to the true thought of Japan.

"It is part of the Samurai training not to explain. If you are wrong, show that you acknowledge your error by changing your conduct. No amount of explanation can set the wrong right. If you are right and your accuser is mistaken, time will make manifest the justice of your cause. This is the underlying thought of this particular teaching. It is, I believe, often carried too far—certainly, it may prove misleading to an impatient westerner, and I do not hesitate to say that I have at times resented the situation it has created.

"On the other hand, it is impossible to bare one's soul to the unsympathetic or curiously minded.

"Every man or woman of fine feeling knows that, and the Japanese are singularly sensitive to a sympathetic or an unsympathetic, a coarse or an understanding probing."

Rare Book's Price.

Collectors of rare books and manuscripts were very much interested in the announcement that a first edition of Shakespeare's works, published in 1623, was sold at auction in London a few weeks ago for 1,150 pounds sterling. The volume is said to be in excellent condition, though the binding is considerably worn.

This costly book has increased in price by bounds. At the beginning of the eighteenth century the volume was bought for five pounds from a book dealer. In 1800 it was valued at fifty pounds, and in the year 1890 240 pounds was paid for it. This was a record price until 1899, when its value again increased. The indications are that with the years the price of 1,150 pounds will again be advanced, as the value of the volume will be more and more enhanced as time passes.

Good Slogan.

An imposing cemetery was opened in a young and thriving town in the Middle West. The mayor, who had charge of the laying out of the grounds, was puzzled for an appropriate inscription to be placed over the gate. Riding along in his car one day he was cogitating over different holy texts, which were not entirely satisfactory; so he explained his difficulty to his chauffeur, an intensely practical man. Without hesitation the chauffeur suggested:

"We have come to stay."—Harper's Magazine.

Choice of Voices.

Edith—Mr. Boreleigh? Oh, dear! I'll have Ninette tell him I'm out.

Alice—Won't she still, small voice reproach you?

Edith—Maybe, but I'd much rather hear the still, small voice than Mr. Boreleigh's.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Sad Blow to Pride.

"Mr. and Mrs. Whiffer put on a great many airs since they have returned from Europe."

"Yes, they do, but while they were away several people mistook the caretaker and his wife for Mr. and Mrs. Whiffer."—Brooklyn Citizen.

Proper Acknowledgment.

"You are what they call a self-made man."

"No," replied Mr. Dustin Stax; "my wife and family helped with advice and encouragement. I'm not self-made. I'm home-made."

SCIENCE HELPS LABOR

American farmers grew bigger and better crops the last years of the war than ever before, notwithstanding they supplied 35 per cent of the military forces employed. Elsewhere as in Oregon science was joined with labor more effectively than ever before. Thousands of children as well as leading farmers literally hitched their plow to their state agricultural colleges.

PERSHING PINS HERO MEDAL ON CHINESE YOUTH

Sing Kee Sticks to His Post Under Heavy Fire.

Here is a text book on Americanism written in Chinese character and translated for use on the day next month when a Liberty Loan salesman tackles you to do your duty. It is an official American communique:

"Pvt. Sing Kee, Infantry, Chung Kee, father, 604 North Fourth street, San Jose, Calif. For extraordinary heroism in action at Mont Notre Dame, west of Pismes, France, August 14, 15, 1918. Pvt. Kee, although seriously gassed during shelling by high explosive and gas shells, refused to be evacuated, and continued, practically single-handed, by his own initiative to operate the regimental message center relay station at Mont Notre Dame. Throughout the critical period Pvt. Kee showed extraordinary heroism, high courage, and persistent devotion to duty and totally disregarded all personal danger. By his determination he materially aided his regimental commander in communicating with the front line."

Sing Kee wears the Distinguished Service Medal of the United States of America.

Sing Kee is for America—for her enough to lay down his life. Are you for America? Are you as good a man as Sing Kee?

Then buy of the Victory Liberty Loan to the limit.

BOLSHEVISM—ITS CURE

President Wilson has asked for food to stop the wave of Bolshevism rolling westward out of Russia. No intelligent person doubts the value of food as a first aid, but at bottom the security of our institutions rests upon the working interest the people take in those institutions.

Citizens having no interest in a government, no economic interest in the success of that government, are apt to be the first victims of vicious propaganda or unbalanced political theorists. On the other hand men and women who have invested in their government either by way of conducting private enterprise under its protection or through direct purchase of government securities have something at stake and desire to maintain stable institutions. Such persons are not necessarily reactionists. They may be quite progressive and anxious for reform where reform is needed.

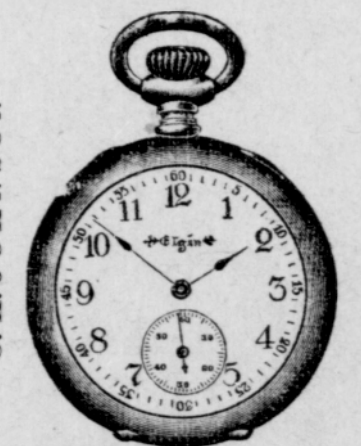
Consequently the effective barrier to Bolshevism in America today is thrift and investment. The philosophy must reach into the workshops of the nation. It is reaching into those workshops and into the schoolhouses of the nation in the form of the Thrift Stamp and the War Savings Stamp, interest paying engagements of the United States government which can be bought for as low as 25 cents.

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- No Trespassing.
- For Sale or Rent.
- For Rent.
- For Sale.
- Rooms and Board.
- Post No Bills.
- No Peddlers.
- No Hitching.
- Clearance Sale.
- Positively No Admittance.
- Any of them two for a quarter.

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EMBARGO ON FREIGHT

(By the United Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—An embargo will be placed on all non-essential freight by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad tomorrow, according to an order to speed up the movement of coal.

STATE FIRE MARSHAL ISSUES SPECIAL WARNING

The state fire marshal issues the following suggestions to be observed during the cold weather as a protection against fire:

To the city officials: See that the streets are cleared as fast as possible of snow and ice, so traffic can be restored, and so the fire department can meet an emergency call without running amuck in a snow bank while the flames may be destroying the town. Look after the mains and hydrants. Keep them from freezing so there may be a sup-

ply of water in case of necessity.

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ply of water in case of necessity.

To the fire department: Inspect your equipment, know it is in condition for immediate use. If you have motor machinery know your motors are warmed so they will start without difficulty. The time lost in starting a chilled motor might be sufficient for the fire to get away from you. Hold as many men as possible ready for instant service. Increase the efficiency of your department in every possible way to meet the situation.

To the householder: Watch zealously everything in and about your home that might in any way start a fire. Do not use a torch or oil soaked rags to thaw the water pipes. The safe way is to wrap them with rags and then wet with hot water. Do not build a fire in your kitchen stove if the water in the coil, tank,

or pipes is frozen. Do not build a fire large enough to overheat your stoves or stove pipes. Make an inspection of your stoves and pipes from the floor underneath them to the top of the chimney. Know they are safe, and if you smell smoke get busy.

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