

OPERATE UPON WOUNDED MEN ON BOARD SHIP

Vessels Equipped for Giving Expert Surgical Aid.

RED CROSS IS GREAT HELP

Every Provision for Comfort of Soldiers After Arrival Made in Advance—Many Organizations Help in the Work—Army Staffs Work Night and Day in Handling the Returning Troops—Great Difficulties Surmounted.

For days there have been pouring back to our shores tens of thousands of khaki heroes. Their tales of war adventure have thrilled the hosts of civilian newspaper readers. In the glamor of their heroism there has been lost to sight the less romantic, yet equally essential, work of other branches of military service, representatives of which have returned with the warriors and have received but scant attention. For instance, tied up at the army piers in Hoboken are two former Ward liners, now the hospital ships Comfort and Mercy. Each brought back to port in one week upward of 400 badly injured soldiers, many of whom were such desperate cases that operations were necessary while the ships were breasting terrific seas on the way home.

The coast liners have been converted from all semblance, except in outward lines, to passenger ships. Each is equipped with up-to-date hospital apparatus, and each, so that experiments may be made even at sea, has on the topmost deck a "farm yard," tenanted by sheep, guinea pigs, white mice, rabbits and chickens. There is an abundance of available material for dissecting and germ studying experiments.

Equipped as Hospital.
The commandeered ships have lost the scores of magnificent staterooms that delighted peace-time passengers. Most of them have been ripped out to make way for berths for wounded men. The dining rooms have been

converted into wards. Reading and smoking rooms have been made into laboratories, and operating rooms, dressing rooms, instrument lockers, disinfecting chambers, sterilizing quarters, bandage storerooms, etc. On each of the vessels is a large operating room on the promenade deck, lighted with fully half a hundred bulbs and equipped with six operating tables. Adjoining is a smaller room where minor operations are performed.

Separate wards have been established for eye, ear and nose cases, for surgical patients, contagious diseases and for minor ailments.

The medical personnel of each of the hospital ships, an aggregate of forty for both, comprises expert specialists who have volunteered for navy service during the war and who have been doing superb work in emergencies on the sea.

Neither of the ships was originally intended to transport wounded men home. Both were sent to foreign waters as floating hospitals attached to our fleets, to be in readiness to receive wounded cases immediately after a naval battle or a scrimmage with submarines.

Encountered Bad Weather.
It was with great difficulty that they weathered the severe December storms that impeded the progress of such ships as the Mauretania, the Adriatic, the Lapland, the Orca and the Minnekabba.

A sort of sub-hospital ship has been working at Hoboken for some weeks in conjunction with the arrival of maimed and sick troopers. She is the Shinnecock, under command of Lieut. Collins, which in peace times used to ply between Montauk Point and Block Island.

She, too, has been equipped for medical purposes and reconstructed to hold many berths and cots. Every day, sometimes two or three times a day, she edges against a returning transport and takes away wounded men, landing them at the base hospital on Ellis Island or the Fox Hills hospital on Staten Island.

Good Samaritans.

Not a small part of the work of transferring the men has been looked after by scores of Red Cross nurses under command of Col. Dorothy C. Smyley, head of the ambulance division of the Red Cross. Her workers have seen to it, with the co-operation of the National League for Women's Service, that easy-riding military ambulances have been at the piers in sufficient numbers. Red Cross nurses

accompany each ambulance and remain with the transferred patients until they have been safely placed on hospital cots.

A less vital, perhaps, but nevertheless important work done by the Red Cross women has been in the greetings extended the returning troops. They have been at the pier edges every time transports have pulled in, good weather or bad, waving flags, swapping jests, flinging cigarettes and newspapers, boarding the ships when they had docked, and going among the men with tobacco, chocolate and other comforts that have drawn from many of them such expressions as: "Gee! but you women did great work in France, and you're doing it here too!"

The Knights of Columbus have boarded the transports at quarantine and the docks and have given to the troops stamped postcards so that they could communicate immediately with relatives. In hundreds of instances the Knights have sent telegrams for men who did not have the "price."

Army chaplains have gone among the troops on the ships, taking messages for relatives, jotting down phone numbers, extending cheer and facilitating the removal of the wounded.

Y. M. C. A. men have given away thousands of newspapers daily to returning soldiers, meeting them as their transports put into quarantine.

Officers in Charge.

Some of the most difficult tasks connected with the return of the soldiers have been those of Major Gen. Shanks, in command of the port of embarkation; Brig. Gen. McManus, director of troop movements, and Vice Admiral Gleaves.

The service of Gen. Shanks has embraced the period of heaviest troop departures from Hoboken, which was the most important port of embarkation in America and which sent a large bulk of the record number of 300,000 troops in one month when troops were badly needed at the front.

It was the work of Gen. Shanks to see to it that there were sufficient transports for the soldiers, plentiful accommodations and utmost secrecy of departure. In one night, in the record month, half a dozen large transports stole out of the Hoboken piers, loaded to capacity with soldiers, and no tinkering of it reached the public.

It was the job of Admiral Gleaves to make certain that the seas were bridged with convoys so that no mishap should occur to the transports. Gen. Shanks sped away. That he did

his work satisfactorily is attested by his promotion a few weeks ago from rear admiral to vice admiral. Not a transport was lost on a Europe-bound trip.

Gen. McManus was in command of the port of embarkation for three months, while Gen. Shanks was sent to command Camp Kearny, California. Gen. McManus now resumes his position as director of troop movements. When men arrive at Manhattan or Hoboken or Brooklyn, Gen. McManus decides whether they shall be sent to Camp Mills, Camp Merritt or elsewhere.

The staffs of these officers have been working long hours every day and many hours of the night handling the returning troops. Through here and there difficulties have arisen through misunderstanding of privates or minor officers still infused with the rigidity of wartime regulations, these difficulties have been smoothed out by the commanding officers, and the matter of meeting and greeting and handling the returning troops has been done in the smoothest possible manner.

MISS ELEANOR BLISS



Daughter of Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, one of the American delegates to the peace conference.

GOOSEBONE FORECASTING

Prophet Thinks That Cold Weather Will Last Well Into Spring.

L. S. Sargent, Junction City, Kan., has made his annual "goosebone" weather prophecy. It calls for a steady winter, unvaried by periods of milder weather, and the low temperature will last well into the spring. The breastbone of the goose is used in casting the weather, the amount and location of the dark coloring matter indicating the period when winter weather may be expected. Mr. Sargent has been keeping the goosebone weather records for more than 30 years and claims for the goosebone a batting average of 1,000 as a weather forecaster.

Iron Cross for Loan Dodger.

A citizen of Conyngham, a farming district near Hazelton, Pa., has received through the mail an Iron Cross for "distinguished services" in the fourth Liberty loan drive. On the cross are these words: "Gott Helf Us" ("God Help Us"). Where the emblem came from no one knows, but it was sent in recognition of the failure of the recipient to take any bonds.

Shedding Light.

There are persons whose very presence spells cheer and inspiration. There may be times when we can do nothing to help our friends, but we can always be something to help them if our own lamp of faith and love burns clear.

KEEP PIGS IN PARLOR

Custom Has Become Popular in Western Canada.

It's the style nowadays in Canada to have a pig or a number of pigs. Everybody who can has joined the pig drive, which was officially ushered in at Victoria, B. C., by the passage of the pig act in the Victoria council. This act provides that pigs may be kept by anyone in the city.

His Reverence, C. M. Schofield, bishop of British Columbia, Church of England, has joined the pig drive. He has a number of porkers in his yard which he guards almost as carefully as he does his flock of "sheep" at the church next door.

An Old Pinwheel.

Frank Emmons, a Manhattan (Kan.) man, celebrated the signing of the armistice with a pinwheel which was bought in 1894 to celebrate the election of Blaine in a political contest. The fireworks were bought by the Manhattan Republican Flambeau club, and when the election was lost the pinwheel was put away and served its purpose Monday in celebrating the bringing of peace to the world, just thirty-four years later.

Legal Blanks at the Courier.

Classified Advertising

FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE—Ford car (first class shape), cultivator, double shovel cultivator, good range, bedstead and springs, feather tick and pillows (newly cleaned), heater, tables. Phone 502-F-12. 87

PINE wood, half dry, \$2.50 per tier; dry pine, \$2.75, delivered. R. Timmons, phone 533-J. 77tf

FOR SALE—Four Angora goats at \$5 per head. Call or see G. I. Wardrip, Fruitdale, or G. W. Potts, New Hope. 84

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One Faultless stump puller, with about 200 feet of wire cable, nearly new. Cost \$185. In many cases will clear an acre a day. Two to three months yet to work. Will exchange for good work horse, or span of horses and pay difference. Address Box 690, Grants Pass, Oregon. 85

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Five room house and two lots in Grants Pass, Ore. Centrally located. Price \$1,200. Indebtedness \$360. Will trade for good automobile of same value. S. C. Carroll, Silverton, Ore., care Union Meat Co. 85

FOR SALE—One extra good Jersey cow, 6 years old, fresh in few days, \$75. Levi Spalding, Rt. 2. 86

FOR SALE OR RENT—Three acres in fruit and berries, 1 mile west on Foundry street. Water for irrigation, 6-room house, barn and chicken house. Inquire Mrs. John Reischl, 723 C street. 86

ROOM HOUSE, 2 lots for sale at a bargain or will rent unfurnished or partly furnished. Good location, fine shade. Apply Geo. H. Smith, 621 South Fifth. 86

TO RENT

FOR RENT—Partly furnished cottage at 321 Rogue River Avenue; three rooms and sleeping porch, good well and one-half acre of land, barn; \$5.00 per month. Key at 402 Rogue River Ave. 97tf

FOR RENT OR SALE—Our residences at 801 and 811, North 5th St., eight and ten dollars a month. Will sell either or both. Make me an offer. John Summers, Lebanon, Oregon. 40tf

FOR RENT—Partly furnished modern cottage at 724 North Sixth Street. Price \$8 per month. 81tf

WANTED

WANTED—By good all around cook, restaurant, hotel or camp work. First class pie maker. Jack Miller, Route 2, Box 71. 87

WANT THE USE of a piano for its care. Call 379-L. 74tf

WANTED—A position as cook in a lumber camp, by experienced woman cook. Inquire 1005 East J Street, or write No. 168 care of Courier. 84

FORD WANTED—Will pay spot cash, \$350, for 1918 model, or \$300 for 1917 model. Must be in good condition mechanically and with serviceable tires. W. P. Morrison, Merlin, Ore. 83

TO EXCHANGE

TO EXCHANGE—Eight acres in grain, half mile from city, six room house, barn, garage, telephone, mail delivery, school bus service; for town property. Phone 502-F-12. 87

FOUND

FOUND—Child's fur, also gold pin. Owners may secure articles at the Courier office. 82

LOST

LOST—Pendent with small diamond from neck chain. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward. 84

The California and Oregon Coast Railroad Company

Effective Nov. 19, 1918.

Trains will run Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Leave Grants Pass.....1 P. M.
Arrive Waters Creek.....2 P. M.
Leave Waters Creek.....3 P. M.
Arrive Grants Pass.....4 P. M.

For information regarding freight and passenger rates call at the office of the company, Lundburg building or telephone 181.

JITNEY SERVICE—Any where, any time. Phone Mocha Cafe 181-R. Otto J. Knips, Residence 149-Y. 338

WE REPAIR cars, mag's, coils, generators, starters, batteries, ignition systems. Satisfaction guaranteed. Steiger Garage, 211 North Sixth street. 36tf

E. L. GALBRAITH, insurance, rentals a specialty. Acreage, Building and Loans. 609 G street, Lanier's old location. 94

ELECTRIC WIRING and general electrical work, repairing, house wiring. C. C. Harper, 507 E St., phone 47. 95

WET WASH, 20 lbs, \$1; rough dry wash, 30c per doz; washing and ironing, 60c per dozen. Call 391-J, or 625 North Sixth street. 85

THE BOYS who broke the padlock and took the boat from Jones creek Friday, January 31, must return it with oars to 101 Burgess street, Grants Pass within 48 hours or I will swear out a warrant. One of the boys is dark and the other light. C. J. Bardon. 82

GEO. H. PARKER, dealer in all kinds of nursery stock; 13 years in the business. 403 West D St., phone 285-Y, Grants Pass. 81tf

PHOTO STUDIO

THE PICTURE MILL for fine photographs. Open daily except Sunday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Sunday sittings by appointment only. Phone Mill, 283-R, or residence 140-J. 57tf

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J. S. MacMURRAY—Teacher of singing. Write or apply at 716 Lee Street. 66tf

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E. C. MACY, D. M. D. First-class dentistry. 109 1/2 South Sixth street, Grants Pass, Oregon.

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COMMERCIAL TRANSFER CO. All kinds of drayage and transfer work carefully and promptly done. Phone 181-J. Stand at freight depot. A. Shade, Prop.

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There are Stores in This City so good that they could use twice as much Advertising Space as they now use—and make it pay!

The better the store the better the advertising pays. Your own observations in the store-world will confirm this truth.

Publicity is bad only for a bad proposition. It is just as surely good for a good one.

What is a "good store?" One that really serves the public, protecting its patrons as to values, not merely as to prices.

There are many stores in this city answering to that definition completely. In every city there are always some stores that do not.

An important phase of a good store's service to its patrons is its newspaper advertising. This should be complete, frank, informing. It should tell the store news as fully as a good newspaper tells the news of the day.

Perhaps the best possible new policy for the good stores of this city to adopt would be that of doubling the advertising space that they use—thus giving them "elbow room;" giving them bigger opportunities for telling their patrons, in detail, about every selling event, about every bargain offering, about every dollar's worth of new stocks. Of course, even half enough advertising pay the really good store; but adequate advertising would pay much better.