

AMERICA'S WOMEN JOINED IN ANTHEM OF SERVICE

Millions of Red Cross Workers Do Multitude of Little Things at Home Which Enable Our Boys to Do Great Things in France.

Under the banner of the Red Cross American women are working in homes, churches, clubs, schools, shops, theaters, factories, hospitals and in thousands of Red Cross work-rooms. The hum of sewing machines, the whizz of muslin torn to accurate strips, the rat-tat-tat of volunteer typewriters, the purr of boiling kettles in canteens, the rumbling of automobiles of the Motor Corps, the soft click of knitting needles in lonely cabins and farmhouses, all blend into a great anthem of service.

About 8,000,000 women working through Red Cross Chapters and branches are making with their hands relief supplies—surgical dressings, knitted articles, hospital and refugee garments—or working as volunteers, subject to any call day or night, at 500 railroad stations throughout the country and at the ports of embarkation, or serving in volunteer Motor Corps. Truly here is an army with banners—banners of a red cross on a white field.

For the period up to the first of July, 1918, American Red Cross Chapters, through their work-rooms, had produced 192,748,107 surgical dressings, 10,134,501 knitted articles, 10,786,489 hospital garments and other hospital supplies and refugee garments, making a total of 221,282,438 articles of an estimated aggregate value of at least \$44,000,000.

Last spring during the Red Cross war fund drive, when thousands of women workers in cities in every state formed their great symbolic processions, those who looked on saw them as the representatives of all our American women working in this war, and heard in "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," to which they marched, the

varied sounds of all their eager labor. The things they made, which carried a message of love from the women of this country, quite apart from their great money value, went from their work-rooms on great adventures. They have gone into front line trenches, to emergency hospitals in foreign villages and into the most modern operating rooms. They have wrapped lost and frightened children in warmth and sheltered aged refugees from the cold. They have gone overseas into strange and sad places, into Russia and Serbia and Palestine and Italy and France. They have gone into our own huge cantonments for our own young soldiers.

The Department of Nursing of the American Red Cross is the great recruiting agency of the United States Army and Navy Nurse Corps. By the first of October it had assigned over 18,000 graduate nurses to active military service at home and abroad. It has provided over 700 nurses for the Federal Public Health Service and the Red Cross Town and Country Nursing Service, which co-operates with the local health boards in the communities which it serves.

The statement of the Home Service of the American Red Cross to all of our fighting men that it is prepared to help in any emergency that may arise in their homes—help in legal ways, medical ways, business ways, friendship ways—would not be possible without the vision and the active co-operation of thousands of American women. In every division of the Red Cross, from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico, they have seen this service as the elemental right due from the American people to their defenders.

THE RED CROSS IS REAL SERVICE

By FRANK MORRISON,
Secretary American Federation of Labor.

The work of the Red Cross is not confined to our boys on battlefield or in hospital nor amidst the ruins of Belgium and other portions of devastated Europe. One of its great activities is any necessary aid to the dependents of members of America's military forces.

On the battlefield the Red Cross presents an heroic figure. In America, removed from destruction and death, the Red Cross steps silently to the side of the father and mother whose boy is "over there" and who need counsel and aid.

No service is too small for the Red Cross. If adjustments from the government or from their own are delayed, or information on the government's war risk insurance is wanted, the Red Cross is both counselor and friend. It enters into the home in the true spirit of charity—secrecy.

But first and foremost our soldiers in field and hospital must be given the most attentive care possible. Nothing we can do will equal their share in this movement for world democracy, and the Red Cross presents an opportunity for us to play our part in this great drama by contributing to the extent of our ability.

The Red Cross appeals to organized workers because of its one quality—service.

Behind Red Cross service is an unobscured charity that is not defaced by cost marks, a democracy that personifies Jefferson's great principle of equality and a religion that is beyond sectarianism.

MAKE SOLDIER FEEL HE IS AS GOOD AS EVER

Men disabled in the service who are returning from the front and who find it hard at first to see their way toward earning a livelihood are a special problem for the Red Cross. Under the Smith-Sears law a fund is appropriated to re-educate every disabled man who will take the opportunity to make a living. It is felt that such men are likely to be weakened in their resolution to keep their self respect and find real work by the mistaken charity of benevolence, who will forget them once the first flush of war enthusiasm is over. Here the support of the disabled man's family must be enlisted, for in the last analysis it is the man's family who will be the determining influence in his rehabilitation. The relatives must be braced to meet the situation—to make of themselves for the man a bulwark against discouragement and weakness.

SMILES AND TEARS GET MIXED.

Two little stories came to the Red Cross headquarters from over the seas a short time ago. One was a story of bravery that brought the tears, and one a tale of tears that brought smiles.

The first story was of a soldier who asked for a light. He was in bed, and a cigarette was between his lips, placed there by the nurse after she had finished spreading his blanket up smoothly. At his question, she turned and gave him a box of matches and hurried on, then remembered that the arms beneath the blankets were without hands.

Nurses have to be without tears, but there were tears in her eyes as she turned to strike the match and light the cigarette for him.

"Quit that," he said, "they were good mits, and they helped get three or four Germans before I lost them, but they ain't worth crying about, so there!"

And the tears story that brought smiles? Well, that was the story of a big, husky, colored man, who sat reading, and the Red Cross worker at the canteen saw that he had tears running down his cheeks. She was curious to know what he might be reading and was astonished when she looked over his shoulder to see that it was the canteen cook book.

He smiled through his tears as he saw that she was watching, and said, sheepishly, "You sure must excuse me, ma'am, but this here book done make me blammed homesick. I'm 'shamed to make a baby outen mahse', but this makes me think o' home."

WHEAT SHOWED SPIRIT OF U. S.

Sacrifice to Ensure Allied Loaf
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SUFFICIENT SUPPLY NOW.

All the Nations Will Be Able to Return to Their Normal Supply of White Bread.

Overshadowing all other accomplishments of the American people under the leadership of Food Administration is the history of wheat exports in the past sixteen months. Our wheat export program proved conclusively to the world that America was in this war from start to finish and willing to make any sacrifice that will hasten victory or maintain the health and strength of people overseas, upon whom rested the heaviest weight of our war.

Now that pressure on ocean tonnage is eased by the stopping of large movements of troops to Europe, we may relax our efforts to save wheat. The accumulated surplus in Australia, Argentina and other hitherto inaccessible markets will become available, and probably no more than our normal surplus will have to leave this country. We in America and the nations which have won the world for freedom will be enabled to eat their normal wheat loaf at the common table of the peoples of democracy.

We entered the past crop year with a wheat supply which gave us only 20,000,000 bushels available for export. When the crop year ended, we had sent 141,000,000 bushels of wheat to Europe. The American people had saved out of their normal consumption 121,000,000 bushels.

A survey of export figures shows that the conservation of flour brought about by the wheatless meals, wheatless days, substitution in our kitchens and bakeries, enabled us to send to our armies and the allies 33,000,000 barrels of white flour—wheat figured as flour. Had we exported only our visible surplus, we would have been able to ship less than 4,500,000 barrels.

Before the 1st of December our surplus had gone overseas, and an additional 36,000,000 bushels had been taken from the stock reserved for home consumption and added to the surplus already shipped to the allies. It seemed hardly possible that we could bring our total exports above 100,000,000 bushels by July 1. But in January the late Lord Rhonda, then British Food Controller, cabled that unless we could send an additional 75,000,000 bushels he could not take responsibility for assuring his people that they would be fed. The American people responded by sending 85,000,000 bushels of wheat, saved from their home consumption, between the first of the year and the advent of the new crop.

By October 10, 1918, we had already shipped 65,900,305 bushels since July 1. Absolutely the only limitation upon our wheat exports since the latest harvest has been the scarcity of ocean tonnage. If exports continue at the present rate, by July 1 of next year we will have sent more than 237,500,000 bushels to Europe.

Thus are we making good America's pledge that the bread rations of Allied Europe shall be maintained.

A Memorable Achievement of the Titanic Struggle

America saved and sent to Europe in a year of crop failure 141,000,000 bushels of wheat, which saved Europe.

A GERMAN HOPE DISPROVED AND A GERMAN FEAR CONFIRMED

A statement made by a prominent German official soon after this country was declared in a state of war with Germany shows that even in the enemy country clear thinking students did not undervalue the strength of the American republic. Only in his confidence that we could not land in Europe sufficient troops to affect the final decision was this German mistaken.

"I do not fear the American soldiers," he told a high official of our government, "because they cannot arrive in time. What I fear is the intelligence and devotion of one hundred million original minds and people trained to a faith in individual initiative. The day that these people, now so materialistic in outward appearance, are stirred spiritually, that day is the day of Germany's doom."

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RED CROSS WOMEN CITED FOR BRAVERY

American women at Eprenay, south of Rheims, have been cited in an order of the day for remaining at their posts in an American Red Cross canteen under bombardment for six days. Throughout this battle they continued to feed and care for wounded.

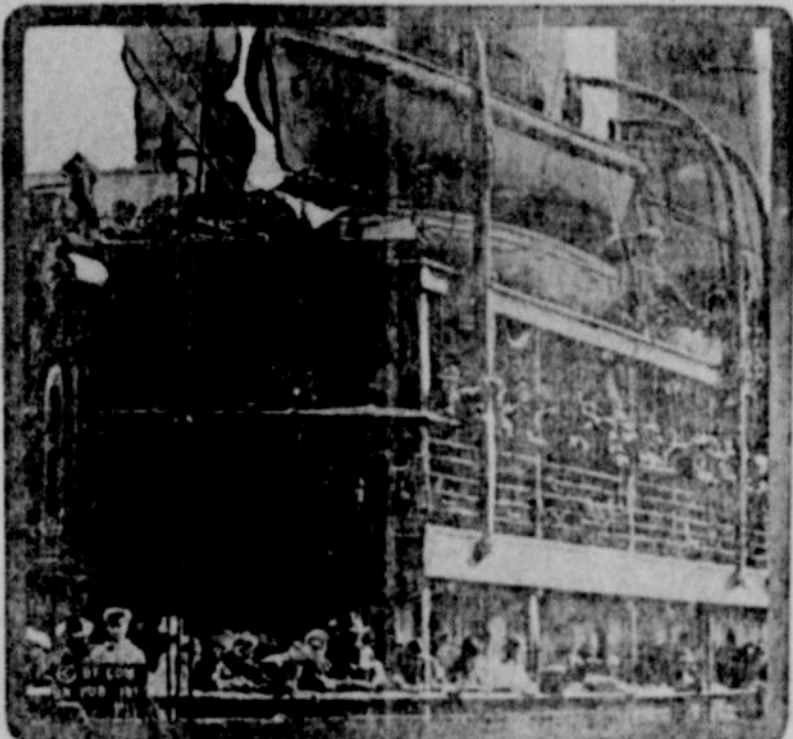
WHAT RED CROSS MEANS.

Your membership in the great American Red Cross means the mothering of those little children made desolate by the invasion of the Hun. Mrs. Lars Anderson in her recent book on conditions over there says: "It is the poor, homeless, motherless kiddies that somehow make all the other horrors of war fade away into distance. These frightened, crying, dying, innocent children, who do not know what it is all about—they wring your heart dry."

By saving and sharing America kept the world together during the war crisis. By saving and sharing America will help to bring the healing of nations.

SONG OF LITTLE THINGS.
By Jeanne Judson.
This is the song of little things,
A clean, white bed in a quiet place,
A cigarette and the saving grace
Of smiles that illumine the nurse's face—
These are the joys the Red Cross brings.
This is the song of little things,
An old man brought to his home again,
And children who play, forgetting pain,
A hut that shelters from mud and rain—
This is the rest the Red Cross brings.

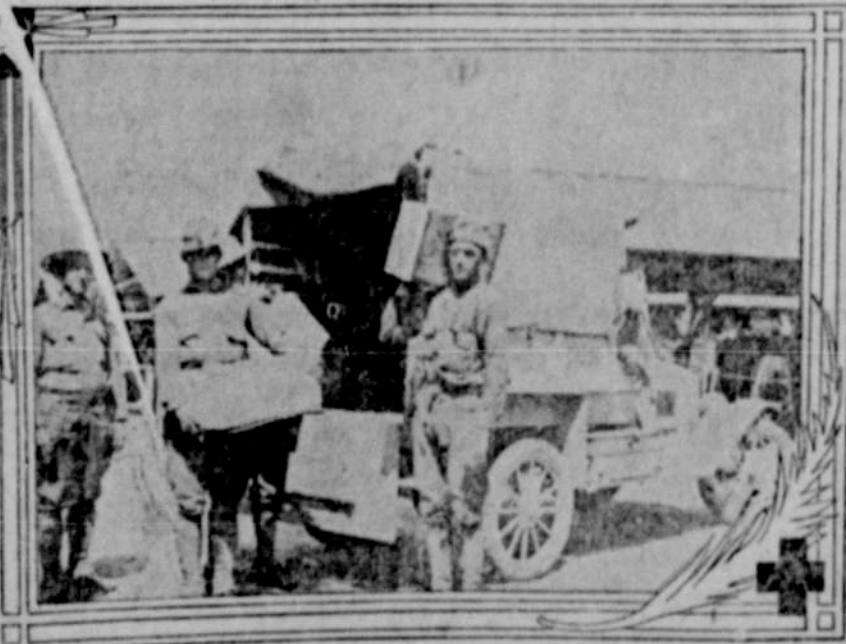
YANKEE TRANSPORT REACHES OVERSEA DOCK



American troops have crowded hundreds of ships this spring and summer, pouring through British and French ports on their way to Chateau Thierry and the Aisne-Marne front. So continuously do the columns of Americans march through British channel ports to embark for France that the English residents call it "the endless line."

Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds will provide more and bigger ships for more, but not better, soldiers to help the Hun in his retreat to Berlin.

TOBACCO FOR THE BOYS



AN AMERICAN RED CROSS TRUCK BRINGING CASES OF TOBACCO FOR OUR SOLDIERS AT THE FRONT.

BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT.

What finer Christmas gift could the American people give to a stricken world than the announcement on Christmas Eve that the entire nation has answered the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. It would signify to the

starving, sick and homeless that our humanity does not depend upon the excitement of war, but that neighborliness is just as strong in us in times of peace. A unanimous response will hearten the whole world.

Save food
Who shares
in the struggle
Will share
in the triumph