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The surgeon has extracted the impurely distributed bits of shrapnel from your works. The wounds have healed. The wheels go round again, and the clock ticks.

But it doesn't keep correct time. This business of calling "Time!" on the Boche means so many broken clocks nowadays that the master-menders can't keep them on their tables after they're mended. So the question where they shall sit around while they're being regulated looms large.

The Red Cross answers that question with its convalescent homes. It has six of these in operation. A suitable place is found—sometimes donated—and management and equipment are provided by the Red Cross, while the Army has furnished discipline and a never-failing supply of convalescents.

These homes mean that men who are scarcely hospital subjects, yet who can by no means go back to their duties, have, a place that does what "home" does for the French or English soldier, what "home" does for any one, in fact, when the doctor gets through.

You know, He says: "You're all right now. It's only a matter of nursing and food."

But you know he's only looking at the works he's tinkered, and that the soul within you is grouching as it never did when the body was down and out. It wants something, and it doesn't know what it is. But if it doesn't get it pretty quick the works are going to get gummed again. You know your mother could find out what that dog-gone thing is right away and hand it to you on a plate. But General Pershing won't let you go to her. . . . And the War Department won't let her come to you.

Then you're taken to a Red Cross convalescent home—and there is the very thing you wanted! But you couldn't describe it even then to save your life.

It is a bit of coddling, and pretty surroundings, and women's faces, and light laughter and time to play and all that sort of thing. It is forgetting the crash of war and remembering that there are pleasant, soft voices. It's even such things as gaily-flowered sofa pillows to jam into a corner and make a nice lolling place while you read and smoke and talk. It's slippers instead of trench boots, or day-dreams in place of the nightmare of killing.

NO SEALS SOLD THIS YEAR.

The customary sale of Red Cross Christmas seals will not be held this year. It seemed best to both the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association to unite in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call to reduce the number of appeals to the public for contributions. There will be no lessening of activities by the National Tuberculosis Association through this arrangement, as the Red Cross War Council has appropriated \$2,500,000 for anti-tuberculosis work in 1919 in lieu of the money that ordinarily would be raised by a Christmas Seal Campaign. However, every person joining the Red Cross during the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call will be awarded ten seals to be used as heretofore.

THE RED CROSS GORDON.

An American Red Cross worker who was among those volunteering to help in the hospitals and at the station where the hospital trains arrived, overheard some of the wounded talking about the American Red Cross.

"Gee! We'd a starved if it hadn't been for the Red Cross!" said one boy, and then, laughing at his own exaggeration, he went on to explain the circumstances under which the Red Cross representative with his division had done some timely service. The Germans, of course, were to blame, for they retreated so rapidly that it was practically impossible for the supplies to keep up with the pursuing Americans.

"We cleaned up seven kilometers in less than two hours," another reclining figure explained, "and they were still going when I was knocked out. For three days I had had nothing to eat but hard tack, and for some days before the food had been monotonous—to put it mildly. So you can imagine what it meant to us boys to have the Red Cross Gordon come up with a supply of chocolate, canned peaches and other good things. It was a life-saver."

1918 RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEAL



TO INCREASE RELIEF WORK IN PALESTINE

Red Cross Commissioner Reports Starvation and Suffering in Holy Land.

THE American Red Cross intends to administer relief work on a far greater scale in Palestine than heretofore in order that thousands of men, women and children in that part of the world may be rescued from their present suffering. Dr. John H. Finley, Red Cross Commissioner to Palestine and former Commissioner of Education for the State of New York, has cabled that this additional work is immediately necessary.

At least one-third of the population of Lebanon has died of starvation and disease, due to lack of nourishment. Many villages are virtually depopulated, and thousands of people are in need, owing to epidemics, lack of employment and the prohibitive prices of food.

Families formerly in the best of circumstances have been reduced to destitution. Every one is clamoring for an opportunity to rehabilitate himself. Owing to a lack of physicians the conditions in many hospitals are deplorable. More than ten thousand sick civilians have been cared for by the American Red Cross during a single month, and Red Cross automobiles are transporting hundreds of ill and wounded prisoners to hospitals every day. There are at least ten thousand refugees

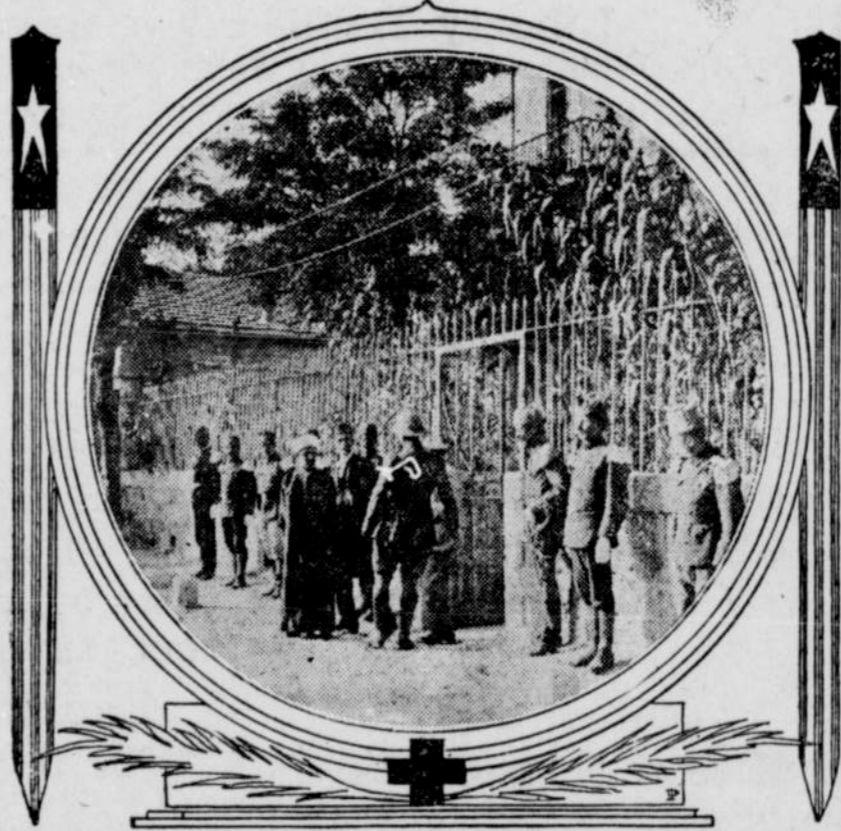
Armenians in and about Damascus and more than three thousand in the Hausran district, the cable asserts.

Dr. Finley says the American Red Cross workers have been doing everything possible to relieve this distress, but adds that greatly increased help must come at once. He requires two additional hospital units immediately. General Allenby has cabled the British War office to approve this plan.

Dr. Finley journeyed on foot from Beersheba to Dan in the wake of the advancing British forces, and at the time of sending the cable had just completed a tour of the Palestine and lower Syria, passing through Nazareth, Tiberias, Tyre, Sidon, Haifa and Beirut, reaching the latter place two days after its occupation by the British forces.

"America should be the first to help in the rehabilitation of the Holy Land, which Great Britain and our Allies have redeemed," declares Dr. Finley. "The first medium of help should be the American Red Cross, which makes no distinction as to race, creed or color. Under the trusteeship of those who recovered this sacred land, which is the cradle of three great religions, the civilized world is now given the opportunity of illustrating its highest ideals for humanity."

THE HOLY LAND



THE GRAND MUFTI, HEAD OF THE MOHAMMEDAN CHURCH (A WHITE TURBAN), ARRIVES AT AMERICAN RED CROSS HEAD-QUARTERS TO TAKE PART IN THE FORMAL INAUGURATION OF THE WORK IN PALESTINE.

CANTEN AT FRONT FOR AMERICAN "BIRD MEN"

American flying men in France are to receive special attention from the American Red Cross as the result of a request for such service that has been received from General Patrick, Chief of the Air Service. Because of the necessity of keeping aviators overseas in the very best mental and physical condition for their hazardous work officials of the aviation branch of the service have long felt they should have more comforts and opportunities for relaxation than are provided by the ordinary canteen.

In compliance with the request the Red Cross is establishing special combination mess and recreation canteens at all points in France where our aviators, either students or officers, are stationed. Extra comforts and attention will be provided for our "bird men" at these canteens. They will be presided over by American women of intelligence and cheerful personality, whose chief duty will be to create as much home atmosphere as possible in the circumstances.

The American Red Cross is to have sole charge of these aviation canteens.

ASK THE SOLDIERS.

That the soldiers, sailors and marines are deeply appreciative of the canteen service of the American Red Cross is given ample evidence many times every day. The keynote of their appreciation is perhaps best expressed on the post cards which they send to the "folks back home" when en route to points of embarkation. From a dozen picked up at random the following sentiments were taken and "speak for themselves":

- "Red Cross are sure treating us great en route."
- "Red Cross are sure making it happy for us."
- "Support Red Cross in everything."
- "For God's sake never say 'No' to the Red Cross. They're wonderful."
- "Long live the Red Cross."
- "The Red Cross are angels to us the way they treat us."
- "Canteen service 100 per cent. in Toledo; fifteen carloads of us well taken care of."
- "Red Cross serving coffee. Oh, they do so much for us!"
- "Do all you can for Red Cross—they do so much for us."

THE RED CROSS ROLL CALL.

When "the greatest mother in the world" calls the roll the week of December 16-23 the hope of the American Red Cross is that the answer for the entire American people will be: "All present, or accounted for."

It will be the occasion for 22,000,000 adults and 8,000,000 children to renew their membership and for all others to join. One happy slogan of the roll call announces that "all you need is a heart and a dollar."

Why does the Red Cross at Christmas conduct a membership campaign? Because it unites the people in an intimate way with the organization they have supported so magnificently. In other countries one of the most impressive things about the American Red Cross is the size of its membership, attesting truly popular approval.

This Christmas, when our country is out of the deep waters of the war, every dollar paid for an annual membership in the Red Cross will be a direct Christmas gift to our land, air and sea forces and to those who have felt the sting of war in a way that we in this country have not experienced. The ministrations of the Red Cross will be as good a substitute for Christmas at home as can be furnished under the circumstances.

The women of America, seeing in the Red Cross an extension upon a universal scale of the mothering instinct, will be quick to answer "Here" to the roll call, because service and sacrifice are womanly qualities and they are Red Cross qualities.

President Wilson, as president of the American Red Cross, says: "I summon you to the comradeship!"

"I think if the people of America could only see and realize what the boys are doing out here," said a Captain after Chateau-Thierry, "they would gladly back them up with their last dollars and their lives if necessary."

MEAT INCREASE AT TIME NEEDED

Producers Responded Nobly When Demand Was Shown to Them.

CATTLE AND HOG FIGURES.

Government Justified in Pork Policy Which Now Provides Chief Supply to Meet Three Billion Pound Fat Shortage.

In line with the general plan of conservation formulated by the U. S. Food Administration immediately following the entrance of the United States into the war the contribution made by the meat producers of this country to the war program is of particular significance, as it demonstrates the hearty co-operation accorded the Food Administration by the meat producers of the country.

According to reports of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, there was an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs, these figures compiled to January 1 last. In the same period there was a decrease of 819,000 head of sheep, but indications are this decrease will show an increase following the latest reports.

Since January 1 unofficial information indicates an increase in hogs of not less than eight per cent. and not more than fifteen per cent. compared with one year ago, with an increase in average weight.

Following the request of the Food Administration for increase in hog production for the fall of 1918 and the spring of 1919 the increase may yield not less than 1,600,000,000 pounds more of pork products than were available last year. Without this increase the shipping program arranged by Mr. Hoover regarding animal food products would have been impossible.

The dressed hog products during the three months ending September 30, 1917, amounted to 903,172,000 pounds, while for the same months of 1918 the production was 1,277,589,000 pounds, an increase of over 374,000,000 pounds for the quarter.

During the same period in 1917 inspected slaughter records of dressed beef showed 1,233,000,000 pounds as against 1,454,000,000 pounds for the three month period ending September 1, this year.

We must increase our meat shipments, especially our pork products, to meet the added demands of the millions liberated from German oppression. And at the same time we must look forward to the rehabilitation of the European meat herds. The policy which guided our meat program in the past year has been fully justified, for only the heavy pork production which it has brought about will enable us even partly to satisfy the increased demands on us for the coming year. There will be a world shortage in fats, and it is to the United States that Europe must look to supply its deficiency. At the same time there will continue to be heavy demands for beef. Owing to the limited refrigerator shipping capacity European imports of beef for some time will be limited. The United States, Australia and Argentina will be able to maintain a supply that will keep all available freezer vessels operating at capacity.

America's Pledge to the Allies When Their Lines Were Breaking

America will send the food, whatever needs for victory. They believed, they stood fast and with our men they carried on—to victory.

THE TEST NOW FULFILLED.

This government is nothing more than the expression of the people, and if we are to win the war it will be only because every man, woman and child charges himself daily and hourly with the test, Does this or that contribute to win the war?—Herbert Hoover, April 18, 1918.

With the solemn obligation of providing that "margin" of food that would safeguard against starvation our friends in Europe the housewife and the consumer have learned hitherto to ignore and unsuspected things about food, have absorbed a whole "college education" in food values, food handling, buying and substituting that they will not want to forget.

Our voluntary food-saving not only saved the Allies and made vital contribution to the winning of the war, but saved to ourselves in administration expenses the outlay out of our own pockets that any effective system of rationing would have extracted. It would have cost us about \$45,000,000 to have policed ourselves as against the 2 cents per capita for co-operating.

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.

America's food Saving saves starving people

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