

\$10,000,000 AID FOR VETERANS

Red Cross Provides Friendly Service of Many Kinds to Army of Disabled.

BULK OF WORK BY CHAPTERS

2,397 of These Are Helping Ex-Service Men Obtain Benefits U. S. Provides.

One field of Red Cross service alone, that of assisting disabled veterans of the World War, entails expenditures \$4,000,000 greater than the aggregate receipts of the Annual Roll Call of 1920, the American Red Cross announces in a statement urging a wide-spread increase in membership at the Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 24. At the present time National Headquarters and the nation-wide chain of Chapters of the Red Cross is spending approximately \$10,000,000 annually for the relief of disabled ex-service men and their families, while the aggregate receipts from last year's Roll Call were approximately \$6,000,000.

It is in the 2,289 of the 3,060 Red Cross Chapters which still are helping solve the veteran's problem of adjusting himself to a normal civilian status that the greater part of the cost of this service is borne. Of the total sum spent for veterans' relief last year, National Headquarters expended a total of more than \$2,000,000, while the remaining disbursement of approximately \$7,000,000 represents the contribution of Chapters in this country-wide effort to assist the Government in providing the aid sorely needed by these men and their families.

An Ever Expanding Problem
That the problem of the disabled service man is ever-expanding and probably will not reach the peak before 1925, is the assertion of well-informed Government officials and that 2,397 Red Cross Chapters regard it as their most important work is evidence that the expansion is in nowise confined to a particular section but is, on the contrary, nation-wide. At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1921, there were 26,300 disabled service men in the 1,692 United States Public Health Service, Contract and Government Hospitals and Soldiers Homes, and that number is increasing at a rate of 1,000 a month.

Thousands of these men receiving medical treatment, compensation and vocational training from the Government today, started their efforts to obtain them through the Red Cross Chapter. The Chapter, acting as the disabled man's agent in claims against the Government, informs the man as to the procedure necessary to gain for him that which is provided him by Federal statute. His applications for compensation, medical treatment and training are properly filed with the aid of the Red Cross Chapter.

Many Forms of Assistance
If there is delay before the man's claim is acted upon, the Red Cross Chapter lends the man money to meet the imperative needs of himself and his dependents.

Most vital to the man's gaining full benefit from the Government's care is keeping his mind free from worry about his home. Keeping the veteran's family from hardship of every kind and informing him of its welfare is an other province of the Chapter. Free from fear on this score, the man's recovery and advancement usually is rapid.

Every month during the last year, the American Red Cross has given service of one kind or another to an average of 129,215 former-service men and their families. An indication of the extent of the faith reposed in the Red Cross Chapter is to be found in the fact that there were 325,544 requests for friendly aid in the solution of personal problems.

448 Workers in Hospitals
While the man prior to entering Government care leans largely on the Chapter, afterward he comes into contact with the service provided by National Headquarters. There are 448 Red Cross workers in the United States Public Health Service and contract hospitals and other institutions in which these men are being cared for, whose duty is to provide for his recreation, help him with his compensation claims, keep him in touch with his family; in short, meeting his every need outside of that provided by the Government. While these are a few of the responsibilities of the National Organization, they are by no means all. Among other Red Cross accomplishments for the year are:
It handled 70,732 allotment and allowance claims.

It delivered through its Chapter organization 83,655 allotment checks to veterans who had moved from the addresses furnished to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

It provided a special fund of \$10,000 for medical assistance to men under vocational training.

It made 32,495 loans totaling \$450,000 to men taking vocational training, of which 85 per cent has been repaid.

FEEDING HOGS BY WHOLESALE

On California Ranch Five Thousand of the Animals Are Accommodated at the Same Time.

A miniature railroad system consisting of five miles of standard gage track, an 18-ton steam locomotive, an auxiliary and emergency gasoline locomotive and a fleet of 30 specially arranged feeding cars is used on the Diamond Bar ranch in California to feed 5,000 hogs. And it takes two men less than one hour to do the job.

The mechanical equipment is the most ingenious and unique of any in use. Feeding yards are arranged so they front on both sides of the track. At the front of each yard is a large hog trough. Directly over each trough is a gate, hinged at the top, operated by a trip release which causes the gate to swing outward so that the porkers may have access to their feed when the dinner gong sounds.

A 1,500-gallon tank has been mounted on a flat car and a series of agitator paddles, operated by a small gasoline engine, have been installed inside this huge vat. These paddles stir the feed constantly and keep it mixed thoroughly.

There is a cutoff delivery spout at the bottom of the tank which is so arranged with a hood that it can be extended directly over the rows of troughs as the locomotive hauling the feed car steams slowly down the feeding alley.

One attendant operates the cutoff valve and fills each trough with feed, while the other releases the gates after the feed is deposited.—Cincinnati Post.

Mud Pie Census.

Doctor Russell, who tells us that in a spoonful of good apple and there are more living organisms than there are people in the United Kingdom, has probably not wasted his time making an accurate count, but there is no doubt he is well within the mark, observes the London Chronicle.

A French bacteriologist recently caught his little son playing with a mud pie, and, borrowing a small portion of the mixture, carefully analyzed it in his laboratory. He found it teeming with microbes, but only took a census of the harmful varieties.

He found when he had finished his labor that the little bit of the "pie" he dealt with contained the following germs: Diphtheria, 1,800,000; measles, 2,450,000; smallpox, 900,000; lockjaw, 3,600,000; dysentery, 900,000; pneumonia, 505,000; tuberculosis, 620,000. And the total of nearly 11 million was only a percentage of the organisms in the delinquency.

JOHN F. CHRISTIAN



John F. Christian, son of George F. Christian, secretary to the President.

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SAN MATBO

Services will be held in the Presbyterian church on Thanksgiving Day at ten a. m.

Dr. J. W. Gamble left Friday, to spend a week or more in Miami.

On Tuesday afternoon a social meeting of the V. I. A. was held at the home of Miss May Crosby. The ladies spent the afternoon pleasantly but rain prevented a full attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Browning and Alden and Ralph Crosby motored to Gainesville Friday to attend the Home-Coming Day celebration at the University.

Mrs. Clyde Usina and son Clyde of St. Augustine arrived Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Usina's mother, Mrs. Lula Bailey.

Clifford Bailey and his sister, Miss Jessie, celebrated Clifford's birthday with a supper party Sunday night. The guests invited were Misses Clara Kephart, Carolle Meigs Ophelia Currie, Mary Ruth Woodruff, Roy Hagan and Joe Lamon.

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The Christmas Seals issued by the Florida Public Health Association are being sold here by Mrs. J. S. Ax-tell for the V. I. A., and also by the school children. Any child who sells twenty-five may receive a pin by reporting to Mrs. Lewis Bailey. Buy all you can and so help toward securing a Public Health nurse for Putnam county.

Street Commissioner J. O. Ecker is doing some good and much needed work repairing shell roads town.

Capt. H. R. Lyle returned to Jacksonville Saturday after a ten days' visit with his brother, Mr. G. W. Lyle. Miss Jane Lyle returned home same day from a visit with Mrs. Grace Ritchie in Jacksonville.

Miss Clara Kephart was the guest of Miss Jessie Bailey for the week-end.

A party of young men from Lowell, Mass., in company with etta shrdil ell, Mass., is camping near Live Oak. They made the trip by automobile.

Miss Martha Baron and cousin,

Florida East Coast

RAILWAY

Flagler System

Departure of passenger trains from Palatka, Union Station, for East Palatka, daily:

No. 101—10:10 a.m. No. 103—1:40 p.

No. 105—4:50 p.m. No. 107—5:55 p.

Arrival and departure of passenger trains at East Palatka Station.

SOUTHBOUND DAILY

No. 29—Miami Local..... 11:45 a.m.

No. 85—Havana Special..... 5:15 p.m.

No. 37—K. West Express..... 11:13 p.m.

NORTHBOUND DAILY

No. 38—K. West Express..... 6:10 a.m.

No. 86—Havana Special..... 10:42 a.m.

No. 30—Miami Local..... 5:15 p.m.

Trains 85 and 86, through, between New York and Key West, via A. C. L. north of Jacksonville; dining car service. Trains 87 and 88, through sleeper New York and Miami, S. A. L. north of Jacksonville.

J. D. RAHNER, G. P. A.

Miss Benoit of Lowell, Mass., arrived Saturday and will spend the winter in the Baron home.

The public school is closed for the week while some renovations are being made to the building. The teachers, Miss Perry and Mr. Price, are spending the week in their home in the western part of the county.

Miss Grace Rowley came over from St. Augustine yesterday to spend

Thanksgiving with her mother and sister.

C. A. Bailey came near being without a car when Sunday night thieves attempted to take it from the yard near the house. In trying to start the car the noise aroused some members of the family and Bailey arrived on the scene in time to save his car, but the thieves escaped.

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