THE Red Cross is not an investment nor a charity. It is a sacrament.

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WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Generally fair and cooler tonight and Wednesday.

POSTSCRIPT

TOPEKA, KANSAS, TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 21, 1918—EIGHT PAGES

THREE CENTS

NEARLY ONE-HALF OF CITY'S QUOTA ALREADY RAISED!

$31,848.97 Raised in First Half Day for Red Cross.

Topekans Subscribe More Liberally Than Ever Before.

HONOR FLAGS IN BIG DEMAND

Workers Enthusiastic at Noon Meeting at C. of C.

Father Hayden Paid Tribute to Great Organization.

TODAY'S REPORTS.

Team No. 1	$3,285.00
Team No. 2	1,537.75
Team No. 3	931.00
Team No. 4	1,946.00
Team No. 5	654.50
Team No. 6	1,165.50
Team No. 7	604.00
Team No. 8	1,169.25
Team No. 9	4,847.10
Team No. 10	2,096.80
Team No. 11	2,339.00
Team No. 12	1,170.07
A. T. & S. F. general offices	5,262.50
A. T. & S. F. storehouse	878.50
State House	1,961.00
Additional	2,000.00
Total today	$31,848.97
Quota	78,000.00
Necessary	46,151.03

Reports from the charging troops of the Red Cross at the first campaign luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce showed a subscription of practically $32,000 for the first half day of the 1918 Second Red Cross war fund campaign.

The $2,000 which is tabulated in the report is the contribution of the Willis-Norton mills and was made too late to be included in the team reports. Incidentally, it is the first report of a contribution made by any of the Topeka mills, principally because it has been the only mill called on for a subscription so far in the campaign. Ralph Baer, captain of the team which is in charge of the solicitation among the mills, said today that every mill in the city would be called upon either today or tomorrow and advised all of them to have their check books on tap for substantial subscriptions."

Reports from the 1917 campaign showed a total subscription of $34,250 for the first half day of the first war fund campaign, but $15,000 of this first report of the 1917 campaign represented presubscriptions in large amounts secured by the executive committee. W. Mulvane, campaign manager, Horace Hall, and others prominently identified with the local chapter of the Red Cross, said this noon that the record reports this noon far exceeded their fondest hopes and that the record set this noon was in reality a bigger report than that of the first day of the 1917 campaign.

One Third County Quota.

The $32,000 reported at the luncheon this noon represents more than one-third of the entire quota for Shawnee county. And better even than that it represents only a portion of the report expected from the business district of Topeka. Not a dollar of the subscriptions reported today was from either the rural or the residential districts. Reports from these districts will be made at the luncheon for the women's teams and the captains of the school district teams at the Chamber of Commerce Saturday noon.

Father Hayden, dean of all Topeka ministers, delivered the pep speech at the luncheon this noon. His first statement was remarkable for its brevity and for its "meat." He said: "This is not a time for speechmaking but for real work."

Father Hayden characterized the American Red Cross as "a cause that appeals to a man's nature, as a cause which is necessary to the prosecution of the war."

"Serve Till Death" Motto.

"Between the time of the Caesars and the present the care of the wounded has been revolutionized," he said. "Caesar had no Red Cross to care for his wounded, nor had he even an effective organization of any kind to do this work. But what nation of modern times would even consider going to war without the aid of the great Red Cross machine to back up the men behind the guns.

"The Red Cross," declared Father

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SEIZE DUTCH SHIP

Germans Are Holding It Pending Settlement of Present Disputes.

Amsterdam, May 20.—The Germans have seized and taken to Swinemeunde, Prussia, the Dutch steamship Agneta, which was bound from Stockholm for Rotterdam. According to the Handelsblad, the German minister at Stockholm refused to supply the steamer with a safe conduct as the German naval staff has decided not to issue any until the conclusion of negotiations now in progress between the Dutch and German governments.

RAIN DID NOT COME

Little Chance Now for Showers—Cooler Tonight and Wednesday.

Today's Temperatures.

7 o'clock	72	11 o'clock	83
8 o'clock	74	12 o'clock	83
9 o'clock	76	1 o'clock	86
10 o'clock	78	2 o'clock	85

The temperature for the day averaged 10 degrees above normal. The wind was blowing this afternoon thirty miles an hour from the south.

The showers scheduled for this part of the state failed to arrive last night. Northwestern Kansas, especially near Phillipsburg and Hanover, received a good soaking during the night, the rain amounting to an inch

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ARREST OF IRISH AN ENGLISH PLOT IS CHARGE MADE

Attempt To Discredit Irish Cause, Say Leaders.

Ireland Is Apparently Quiet Again After Storm.

SINN FEINERS DISORGANIZED

Do Not Seem To Know What To Do About It.

Many Demand Immediate Proof of Pro-Hun Plot.

Dublin, May 21.—A resolution denouncing the Sinn Fein deportations as an attempt to discredit and disrupt Ireland's united resistance to conscription and to prejudice Ireland's cause in the eyes of friendly countries was passed by the anti-conscription conference which met at the Mansion house Monday.

An official statement signed among others by John Dillon, and Joseph Devlin, the Irish Nationalist leaders, was issued after the meeting. It insists on the right of Irishmen to be arraigned in their own country, and declares that an attempt was being made to poison the minds of the English people against the prisoners. The statement concludes:

"While standing steadfast on our good rights, we shall never cease to appeal to all friends of human freedom or to inquire for ourselves whether the present attempt to force civil war on the Irish people by a transparently false pretext of military expediency does not really cover a wicked plot of English politicians to relieve themselves from their broken pledge to Ireland."

Made Clean Sweep.

Dublin, May 21.—Dublin today is outwardly still very calm. The streets are thronged with groups of men discussing the blow which fell upon the Sinn Fein when more than 100 arrests were made. It is evident the government made a clean sweep of rebel leaders in every community. It seems to have left the Sinn Feiners guideless and uncertain what action to take next, altho they immediately appointed Alderman Kelly and John MacNeil to replace De Valera and Griffith. Kelly and MacNeil are of the milder element and are expected to counsel moderation and no violence.

In their street talk, the Sinn Feiners defy the government to show proof of a German plot for an Irish uprising and demand the proof be quickly produced. The more rabid ones savagely and openly talk of treason that talk of German influence is a plot by England to kill Sinn Feinism. They declare that if the government fails to show proof

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WROTE OF LOVE

Grace Lusk Told of Life and Planned Murder.

"No Sanctity in Marriage Unless There Is Love."

Waukesha, Wis., May 21.—A blood stained note, written by Grace Lusk after she had shot Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts in the Mills home last June and inflicted what she believed a mortal wound on herself, was introduced in court by the state in the Lusk trial today. It read:

"This is the work of the man who said he loved me. Pay Bianca for the house I have spoiled. God forgive me. I love you. I have spoiled it."

The note bore no address and the name of the person for whom it was intended was not brought out.

Other notes written just prior to the shooting were filed as evidence. Her last will, making Mrs. George Hale, of Milwaukee, the executrix, was also introduced. It disposed of little personal things to members of her family and friends.

Miss Lusk grew very pale when they were read in court and crying softly leaned her head back on the shoulder of her father who sat by her side.

"I should have known better than to play with fire," said a note found in an envelope labeled: "To be opened in case of accident."

"I should have known that men have one code of honor for the women they love and another for the was no sanctity in marriage."

"I have had the theory that love between men and women was stronger than all the legal ceremonies in the world; when that was lacking there was no sancity in marriage.

"I still believe so, but the man in the case has been too much of a coward to face his wife and tell her the truth."

LA FOLLETTE ON KNEES

Asks That Senate Committee Dismiss Its Disloyalty Charges.

Washington, May 21.—Senator Robert M. La Follette today demanded that the senate committee on privileges and elections dismiss charges of disloyalty field against him by the Minnesota public safety commission.

Thru his attorney, Gilbert E. Roe, La Follette asserted there was no disloyalty in La Follette's speech at St. Paul on September 20, 1917, when La Follette declared the United States did not have sufficient grievances against Germany to warrant a declaration of war.

Roe asked the committee to report to the senate that it had found no evidence to warrant La Follette's expulsion.

A Swiss Painter Is Dead.

Berne, May 21.—Ferdinand Hodler, a leading Swiss painter, is dead here at the age of 65.

ALLIED ATTACKS ARE SPEEDED UP ON WIDE FRONTS

Many Gains Are Made in Harassing Actions.

Germans Fail To Counter-Attack Nearly Always.

FRENCH TAKE 400 PRISONERS

German Artillery Very Active Near Arras.

Air Activity Is Especially Important Now.

London, May 21.—Fighting is speeding up on all fronts, according to the night official reports. Successful coups were made by allied troops in Flanders, in Picardy, in southern France, on the Italian front and in Macedonia.

French troops attacking east and northeast of Locre, on the northern portion of the Flanders front, gained all their objectives last night on a front of nearly two miles, Field Marshal Haig reported.

The British won a minor engagement east of Hebuterne, between Arras and Albert.

French detachments penetrated the German first and second lines northwest of Rheims, the French war office announced. Violent artillery fighting was reported north and south of the Avre.

Gain in Macedonia.

The Italian war office reported the repulse of enemy patrols between the Astico and the Adige and a successful sortie at Capsile.

On the Albanian front, in Macedonia, French and Italian troops, in a three days' action, drove back the Bulgars on a wide front west of Koritza, advancing their positions twelve and a half miles. This is the most important advance on this front in more than a year.

The German war office claimed that the French assaults near Mont Kemmel "broke down with heavy losses."

The fighting on the Italian front, according to the Austrian war office, resulted favorably to the Austrians.

British Improve Positions.

London, May 21.—Northwest of Merville, in the Flanders salient, the British improved their positions last night the war office announces.

Thirty prisoners and six machine guns were taken by the British in this operation. A counter attack on the new positions launched this morning after a period of heavy shelling was crushed by the British artillery and machine guns.

Delay in the launching of the expected German offensive apparently is giving the allied troops little concern as they improve their positions here and there by strong local attacks. Whether the Germans are prepared to renew the heavy fighting is not yet clear, but strangely they do not react against the Anglo-French nibbling tactics.

French Capture 400 Huns.

On the Lys front between Mont Kemmel and the heights of Mont Rouge and Scherpenberg, the French have greatly improved their positions in a forward movement along a front of two miles. Not only were important gains made but more than 400 German prisoners were captured. The enemy has yet made no counter attack there nor has he made any effort to re-take the village of Ville-sur-Ancre on the Somme front, captured in a gallant attack by the Australians Sunday. Between the Somme and Arras the British are harassing the Germans by rushing their outposts and the French have been successful in similar operations in the region of Rheims in the Champagne. The German artillery fire is especially violent on the sector south of the Somme and north of Bethune, northwest of Arras.

To Bethune has come the fate of so many other towns and cities of northern France and it is now a mass of ruins as a result of the German bombardment.

Lots of Action in Air.

There is no letup in the intense

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CONFESSES MURDER

Man Held by Wichita Police Gives Up and Tells of Crime.

Wichita, Kan., May 21.—O. A. Ray, 35 years old, a garage owner of Ford, Kansas, confessed to the police here at noon today to the murder of Clarence Leclerc, 35 years old, in this city last Saturday. Leclerc, who was a motor car salesman, while demonstrating a second-hand car to Ray was shot to death in an orchard in the suburbs of this city.

Ray was arrested near Pratt, Kansas, the following day when the battery in the car had to be replaced. He declares in his confession that the theft of the car was his only reason for the crime. Leclerc was shot three times. Ray has a wife and three children at Ford, Kan. He at first declared that he bought the stolen car in Arkansas City, Kansas, and said that he had not been in Wichita.

This morning he was confronted by 12 persons who saw him here Saturday just before the murder was committed. The telephone company produced a record of a telephone call which Ray made from this city to McPherson, Kan., Saturday morning.

After shooting Leclerc to death and leaving the orchard with the motor car, Ray painted it green during the night and started home with it the following morning.

Irish Must Not Hoard Silver.

Dublin, May 21.—An order in council makes it a criminal offense under the Defense of the Realm act, to hoard silver in Ireland or to exchange current coins for an amount exceeding their face value.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TRAGEDY

Mrs. Raymond A. Cottle and 11-year-old daughter, Joyce. Mrs. Cottle killed her little girl and then took her own life, at 1207 Tyler street, early this morning.

CYCLONE IN STATE

Destructive Tornado Sweeps Over Ellis County.

All Occupants of One Farm House Killed.

Plainville, Kan., May 21.—A tornado destroyed part of Codell, this county, early today. Mrs. Walter Adams and her baby were killed. A child of Frank Jones also was killed and two are reported missing.

Two ranches were devastated, according to reports reaching here.

Hays, Kan., May 21.—A tornado sweeping over the northern part of Ellis county this morning killed five persons and caused considerable destruction of property.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Geist and their three grandchildren, all in the same house, twelve miles from here, were killed.

Further details are lacking because of damaged wire communication.

Farmers lost some stock by the wind and several farm buildings were blown down.

Frank G. Huber, at Ellis, was hurt internally and his arm was broken.

Salina, Kan., May 21.—Five persons were reported killed in a tornado which swept thru central Kansas early today. Most of the loss of life was north of Hays, where thousands of dollars in damage was done to farms.

HUNDRED "OVER TOP"

Barber County Among Those Over Red Cross Quota.

St. Louis, May 21.—One hundred counties in the southwestern division of the American Red Cross already have "gone over the top" in subscriptions to the second war fund, according to Chairman John L. Johnson. Barber county, Kansas, with a pledge of $27,000 and a quota of $12,000, leads with a percentage of 225.

In Maitland, Holt county, Missouri, a mass meeting was held at which many farmers were present. When urged to contribute either $35 or a fat hog, the farmers gave hogs until 135 porkers were donated, thus adding about $6,000 to the fund.

The first town of more than 100,000 inhabitants to report being over the top was Dallas, Texas. With a quota of $225,000, the town has raised $464,000, and has set its mark at $525,000.

Senate Passes Naval Bill.

Washington, May 21.—The naval appropriation bill for $1,587,000,000, an increase of $202,840,000 over the measure as passed by the house, was reported favorably to the senate today and will be called up tomorrow.

EVERY MAN IS IN

12 Santa Fe Departments Report 100 Per Cent Today.

The Freight Auditor's Office Leads All Others.

Upholding the patriotic reputation established in former campaigns, the Santa Fe general office is "making a mark for other institutions to shoot at" in its Red Cross war fund drive. At 2 o'clock this afternoon twelve departments reported that their employes had subscribed 100 per cent. The employes in one department, that of W. W. Strickland, general freight auditor, had subscribed 207 per cent of a day's payroll. Every employe in the department is included on the report.

Departments reporting 100 per cent subscriptions included the general baggage agent, the chief special agent, the general safety agent, the general claim agent, the signal engineer system, the general passenger agent, the general freight auditor, the general ticket auditor, the general watch inspector, the industrial agent and the publicity department.

Three Departments to Report.

Out of 1,264 employes in the 19 departments that had made complete or partial reports at noon today, 1,102 subscribed. Three departments have not yet reported to the general manager's office. Their returns, however, are expected to be up to the average. There are about 1,400 employes in the total of 21 departments in the office and workers declare that a showing of 100 per cent will be made before the drive ends.

The general freight auditor's office leads all other departments that have reported in the average amount subscribed per employe, the payroll considered. The total amount of subscriptions in the department was $1,438.50. The following is a list of the subordinate departments under Strickland, the percentage of employes subscribing and the per cent of the day's payroll subscribed by each office:

This Fine Showing.

Department.	No. of employes.	Per cent of employes.	Per cent day's pay.
General	15	100	173
Agents accounts	32	100	235
Computing machine bureau	20	100	200
Government	3	100	163
Interline	67	100	214
Revising	44	100	261
Overcharge	32	100	182
Statistics	46	100	229
Tracing	34	100	139
Transcribing bureau	12	100	123
Total	305	100	207

Fines Follow Wages Skyward.

London, May 21.—Police court magistrates here have decided to raise the scale of fines for all the ordinary offenses under their jurisdiction. The reason given is "on account of war conditions and because people are earning more money."

THE ONE BIG THING

BY EDWARD BELLAMY PARTRIDGE.

War is said to be The Great Refiner, and yet in four years of burning and bleeding and pounding it has not produced a single military genius, great as Napoleon was great.

It has not produced a single master mind, wise as Socrates was wise.

It has not produced a singleuseful invention, useful as the electric telegraph is useful.

It has not produced one truly beautiful work of art, beautiful as the paintings of Raphael were beautiful.

But, in a most unexpected way, it has lived up to its name. It has produced one supreme thing; a thing greater than the military genius of Napoleon, more wonderful than all the philosophy of Socrates, more useful than the electric telegraph, more beautiful than the masterpiece of any painter who ever held a brush.

It has given us the Red Cross.

Never in the history of the world has there been an organization so unselfish. The Red Cross asks no reward from those it serves; it does not demand loyalty; it does not encourage a "belief;" it does not even expect thanks.

It is a new spirit abroad in the land; a spirit that makes the present war more tolerable, and that, if it lives, will make future wars as impossible as a railroad to Mars.

WOMAN SHOOTS DAUGHTER, THEN KILLS HERSELF

Mrs. R. A. Cottle, 1207 Tyler, Demented Over Divorce Case.

"Oh, Mamma, Don't Do That!" —Then Shot Was Heard.

DRESSED IN NEW NIGHTGOWNS

Left Note Telling Officers Whom To Notify Here.

Husband Was Short Funds to Insurance Firm.

A revolver shot rang thru the flat at 1207 Tyler street at 1 o'clock this morning. It awakened the daughter of Mrs. Nellie Terrell, who rooms above the flat occupied by Mrs. Raymond A. Cottle. She heard Joyce, the 11-year-old daughter, say:

"Oh, mamma, don't do that."

Two more shots rang out in rapid succession, awakening Mrs. George Moeser and several roomers and the family of J. D. Bradfield, tenants of the apartment house. The police, coroner and sheriff were summoned.

Mrs. Cottle had placed a revolver next to the heart of her daughter and pulled the trigger. The child after pleading with the mother, turned over in bed and died almost instantly. She then pointed the revolver at her own heart and pulled the trigger twice. The revolver, a 25-caliber affair, was new and was found on a chair opposite the bed.

Mrs. Cottle had sued herhusband for separate maintenance two weeks ago. Debts had piled galore on his head as well as on Mrs. Cottle before and afterwards, investigation by the officers revealed. Cottle travels for the Bank Savings Life Insurance Co. with headquarters on the third floor of the Mulvane building. He was on the road at the time but was located at Paola and is now on his way to Topeka. To the insurance company alone he owed several hundreds of dollars, his answer to his wife's separate maintenance suits reveals.

She Collected Alimony.

Mrs. Cottle called at the office of Mrs. Mary Chapin, clerk of the district court, Monday afternoon and collected $50 temporary alimony awaiting her at the office. She appeared calm and unworried at the time. It is presumed she purchased the revolver with her alimony money.

Mrs. Terrell and her daughter noted Mrs. Cottle's depression last night and endeavored to persuade her to go to the park with them. She refused, and instead calmly made arrangements for the murder of her daughter and the taking of her own life.

Mrs. Cottle disrobed and put on a fresh, new nightgown. The daughter also was garbed in a new nightgown. Paper dolls and a "Peter Rabbit" book with which she was playing just before going to bed were found on the floor.

Mrs. Cottle unlocked the front door of their apartment. She wrote two short notes and placed them in the hall. The notes follow:

"Notify Mrs. J. A. Blair, Blue Mound, Ill."

"Please call a coroner and an undertaker. MRS. COTTLE."

Letter From Father.

A letter from Cottle written a few days ago from a hotel at Osage City was found on a table. Its contents follow:

Dear Joyce and Mamma:

Da Da came to Osage City this afternoon and am O. K. I hope my pair are, too. Da Da does sure feel bad, he hoped he could get mamma to let him come back. I thought I couldn't stand it, not coming out to dinner today. Be a good girl and Da Da will see you the last of the week. Tell mamma Da Da wishes she would write to him. That would be some comfort. Love and kisses to you and mamma. DA DA.

Charges Against Husband.

Mrs. Cottle in her separate maintenance petition charged that her husband had refused to pay her hospital

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YANKEES RAID HUN

Americans Chased Fritz in His Own Trenches.

Patrol Returned Without a Life Lost—Air Is Active.

BY FRED S. FERGUSON.

With the Americans in Picardy, May 20 (night).—An American reconnaissance patrol penetrated the German wires tonight, put the enemy patrol to flight and returned safely to the American lines.

The patrol crept across No Man's Land, at a point where the lines are about 200 yards apart. In the distance, the shattered church tower and the jagged walls of other buildings in Cantigny stood like ghosts in the moonlight.

A strong boche patrol suddenly attempted to surround the Americans, but scattered when the latter opened fire. The American patrol made its way back without losing a man.

Air Is Alive.

The greatest aerial activity continues day and night along the front. Bombs were dropped near an American hospital, but no one was injured. The barking of anti-aircraft guns, the breaking of shells in the sky and the hum of airplane motors is almost constant.

Across, in the German lines, flashlights streak the sky, mingling with the flare and glare of guns.

The expected bombardment, in conjunction with the scheduled resumption of the German offensive, has not materialized. This morning the American artillery shelled German positions and the boches made only a slight reply.

RUSSIA MAY BE GIVEN MILITARY AID BY AMERICA

President Wilson May Decide on Such a Step.

Many Influential People Are Urging Move.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT

Get In Before Germany Gains Control of People.

Allies Now Agree With Wilson on Question.

BY CARL D. GROAT.

Washington, May 21.—Direct American aid for u sia—troops, more Red Cross workers, or money—is being urged upon the government from influential sources today.

Troops, especially the foreign speaking men of this nation, are strongly urged. The problem, taken up seriously some time ago and rejected as impracticable then, is coming to the fore again.

Aid in the form of troops would be given only if Russia were agreeable. The Americ..n position is that Russia should not be forced to accept anything she does not want, and she has clearly indicated she would regard as an encroachment any intervention by Japan.

The suggestion for Red Cross workers contemplates the infiltration of far larger numbers of these than has been undertaken to date. Their work naturally would be non-military. But their presence, some urge, would be a stimulus to Russia and encourage the growing anti-Germanism there.

Should Help Financially.

It is held that strong financial reinforcements would give the Russians a chance to develop themselves, organize their shattered government and cement the anti-German movement.

The state department today characterized the whole problem as military and left the impression that the war department was giving serious consideration to some form of help.

Members of congress who have

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BIBY TO THE R. C.

Well Known Topekan Drafted for National Service.

K. & L. of S. Will Give Him Leave of Absence.

W. A. Biby, national treasurer of the Knights and Ladies of Security, promoter of the K. & L. of S. Home and Farm, and one of Topeka's best exponents of the silver tongue, has

W. A. Biby, who will enter National Red Cross Work.

been caught in the dragnet of the Red Cross and summoned to Washington for final instructions before going on a speaking tour in the interests of the Society of Mercy.

Will Leave Friday.

Biby will leave for Washington Friday for a conference with H. B. Wallace, director general of military relief of the American Red Cross. After the conference Biby will tour the army and navy camps and barracks in the United States, speaking for the Red Cross, and when this tour is finished, it is expected that he will be sent to other places and communities in the interests of the organization that is the first to aid in battle or in disaster.

In an interview this morning Biby said that the home and hospital project of the Knights & Ladies of Security organization will not be allowed to lie on the table during his absence, as arrangements will be made whereby this important work will go on.

Has Good War Record.

Biby came to Topeka about two years ago as the new national treasurer of the Knights & Ladies of Security. Straightway he began making for himself a name in the community as a speaker of finest water and a man with the interests of the community at heart. When America went to war in 1917 and the first liberty loan, the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. opened their campaigns for war funds Biby sprang into the limelight as a war speaker and four minute man.

The draft of Biby is directly traceable to Carroll B. Merriam, of the Merriam Mortgage company of Topeka, who was drafted into the Red Cross service a short time ago. When Merriam went to Washington as assistant director of training camp personnel, he carried with him the determination to put the Biby speaking ability to national, instead of local use.

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN GO TO RED CROSS SHOW

Big Junior Hippodrome of Movies and Vaudeville.

School Kiddies Do Their Bit for Week's War Fund.

IT DID NOT COST A CENT

Acts, Music and Concessions—Everything Is Donated.

Excellent and Amusing Bill for Two Big Crowds.

This is a great afternoon for the school children of the city. Thousands of them, anxious to contribute their mite to the Red Cross, swarmed down town to the auditorium to attend the big hippodrome moving picture and vaudeville show arranged by the publicity committee of the Red Cross and the Junior Red Cross today.

Not one cent of the money raised at the show will be diverted for any purpose whatever. Every single copper is to go to swell the second war fund. Actors, actresses, stage hands, motion picture operators and musicians have all donated their services and the movie theater owners have contributed reels of pictures. It is expected that the Red Cross will benefit by the two performances this afternoon many hundred dollars.

Ticket Sale Large.

All day Monday the teachers in the city and parochial schools were beset with demands for tickets. The tickets sold for 10 cents each, and when the young hopefuls who will bear so important a part in the American reconstruction after the war presented their dimes for the entrance cards many was the story of privation and self denial that that lone dime represented. As far as the children are concerned the purchase of a 10-cent ticket represents to them as great an expenditure as their fathers' contributions of as many dollars. Most of the children who bought the tickets scorned the idea of asking father or mother for money to give to the Red Cross, even thru a show, and earned the piece of silver by running errands, pulling weeds in some one's war garden or like menial labor so repugnant to the soul of the child.

Two shows were given at the auditorium this afternoon, one at 4 o'clock and one at 5 o'clock. Superintendent Wilson announced that in many schools the children were dismissed in time for them to reach the auditorium before the 4 o'clock curtain.

Boy Scouts at Doors.

A detail of boy scouts in full uniform was in charge of all the exits and entrances at the auditorium this afternoon. A corps of high school girls dressed in white and wearing the head dress of the American Red Cross with the blue veil acted as ushers. The names of the girls who had already consented to act as ushers this morning are: Misses Marian Bartell, Marguerite MacDonald, Eva Kittering, Irenna Rosenthal, Merriam Van Horn, Helen Claypool, Florence McCord, Gladys Norton, Gladys Holl, Hazel Glenn and Norma Meade. There will be about fifteen other high school girls in the corps, but their names could not be learned this morning.

During the performance this afternoon "Bing Bang Bill" Biby, prominent war speaker of Topeka, and staunch friend of all the little folk, delivered a four-minute talk on the influence of the children in the war, the work they do and the example they can and do set their parents and mature friends. Miss Mildred Hazelrigg played a number of selections on the big pipe organ before the performances.

Afternoon Program.

The complete program for the two shows this afternoon is:

Novelty Performers.

Walters and Hastings, piano and singing.

Vera Sabina and Company, dancing.

Howe and Barlow, gymnastics.

Francis Pierlot, songs.

Silber and North, foolishness.

Majestic.

The Jass Trio.

Miss Galloway and Chorus.

Orpheum.

Pathe News.

Iris.

Comedy reel.

Cozy and Gem.

Comedy pictures.

Miss Adelle Foster, of Omaha, in aesthetic dancing.

Credit Due Business Men.

Great credit is due busy Topekans for the time and energy they have placed in this enterprise in their efforts to make it a success. The matter was placed originally in the hands of Roy Crawford of the publicity committee of the Red Cross. Mr. Crawford jumped into the task with both feet. He assembled actors, moving pictures, musicians, thru the kindness of the theaters all over the city, including his own, and then made the arrangements for the hundred and one details that always pop up at the most untimely moments.

From the W. F. Roehr music house was contributed the piano. The Jenkins store and the Royal bakery contributed fans for the children. That there might be ice water for the kiddies, the Mutual Ice company donated ice and the Dibble and Exchange groceries and the Kresge 5, 10 and 25-cent store gave the cups and jars for the water.

The ice cream was offered most enthusiastically by the Topeka Pure Milk company and the Beatrice Creamery. Then it was necessary to get the cones. Despite heavy orders for this commodity, the Poehler Mercantile company thru Manager Gufler sent 1,000 cones to the auditorium. But 1,000 more cones were needed. It didn't take long for Manager Kistler of the McCord-Kistler Mercantile company to complete the number.

The children were well taken care of thru the efforts of the teachers, the boy scouts and the girls from the high school.