RED CROSS WORK WELL UNDER WAY

Total of $12,339,681.87 Already Appropriated for War Relief Activities.

FIVE MISSIONS ABROAD

In six months the American Red Cross has appropriated $12,339,681.87 for war relief activities in Europe, of which $10,692,601 is for use in France. This information is contained in an official report made by Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council, to the American people, in fulfillment of his pledge to keep them closely advised of what the Red Cross is doing and proposes to do.

Besides France, the other countries to which America has sent relief are Russia, Rumania, Italy, Serbia, England and Armenia.

Most of the persons in charge of the Red Cross work in France are giving their time and paying their own expenses. A special fund of $100,000 has been privately contributed to meet the expenses of members of the commission to France unable to pay their own way.

The war council has sent to France five separate commissions, each composed of representative Americans skilled in business administration, in medical and surgical work and in other lines of Red Cross effort. The work covers a wide scope of relief, from the establishing and maintaining of hospitals for soldiers in the American Army in France to civilian aid, including the care and education of destitute children and the rehabilitation of the devastated areas.

Commissions on Way.

The commission to Russia has recently arrived in Petrograd, and the commission to Italy reached Rome on August 31. Commissions to Rumania and Serbia are now on their way to those countries, and it is planned to send a commission to Great Britain also.

The Red Cross in France has assumed the management of the war relief clearing house. It has taken over, under control of the United States Army, the administration of the American Ambulance Hospital at Neuilly. It has assumed financial responsibility for Dr. J. A. Blake's American hospital in Paris. It has allied with itself the work of the American surgical dressing committee, which distributed in France in July 782,949 dressings among 435 hospitals.

The effort has been in accordance with the expressed views of the President of the United States and of the civic and military authorities of France to co-ordinate along helpful lines all relief work being done in France and America. The first and the supreme object of the task is to care for our own Army and Navy. Toward this end the Red Cross is establishing field canteens, which it will provide for every corps of the French army, as well as for the American Army. There are now large reception camps near the coast where United States soldiers are received.

Along the route to the firing line the Red Cross has established infirmaries and rest stations. At railway stations canteens are being established where soldiers may find rest and refreshment. Baths, food, games and other comforts will be available. When American troops start for France the men are given comfort kits. Christmas parcels will be sent over later.

Worthy Causes Aided.

Various appropriations have been made to worthy causes, such as $1,000,000 for the relief of sick and wounded French soldiers and their families; $100,000 for medical research work in France, $500,000 for supply warehouses, $1,500,000 to buy foodstuffs to be sent to France, and $1,000,000 for the hospital supply service.

The transportation problem with which the Red Cross has had to cope in moving supplies overseas has been most difficult, but through official French, British and Italian co-operation with the United States Shipping Board and leading steamship and railroad companies, vast quantities of supplies are now shipped almost daily. A special Red Cross transport service has been developed in France as the railroads there are overtaxed with military needs.

Six base hospitals were sent to European fronts in advance of the American soldiers ,and more than a dozen are now actively in service there, and others are rapidly being made ready.

It is not the policy of the Red Cross to rebuild French villages, but it is hoped to afford new starts in life to a large number of persons now destitute through ravages of the German army. A provisional experiment along this line is being worked out.

TWENTY-THREE AMERICANS WIN FRENCH WAR CROSS

Ambulance Men Decorated by Government During Last Week for Work in Heavy Fighting.

PARIS, September 10.—Twenty-three American ambulance men have been decorated by the French government with the war cross during the last week for their work in the recent heavy fighting. They are:

Robert J. Flynn, San Anselmo, Cal.; Jehne Hann, Detroit; Roy Stockwell, New Bedford, Mass.; Russell Tahley, Springfield, Mass.; James M. White, New York city; Richard M. Atwater, Scarsdale, N. Y.; William B. Gilmore, Chambersburg, Pa.; Ewen MacIntyre, Brighton, Mass.; Oswald Chew, Philadelphia; William Dock, St. Louis; Lansing M. Faynen, Durham, N. C.; Robert S. Paradise, Gerards Cross, England; E. Frazier Clark, Detroit; David Van Alstyne, jr., Williamstown, Mass.; Harmon B. Craig, New York city; Berkeley Wheeler, Concord, Mass.; Theodore Miles, Mount Carroll, Ill.; Lars Potters, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lloyd S. Celter, Brunswick, Me.; William Anderson, Evanston, Ill.; R. H. Bryard Bowie, Philadelphia; William Agar, New York city; Joseph P. Kayes, Concord, Mass.

The citations recite the bravery of the ambulance men under fire on various occasions, recording here and there the destruction of their ambulances and referring to gas attacks through which they worked. The citation of Harmon B. Craig, who died in July, having been wounded by a bursting shell, says:

"He was a very conscientious and cool conductor, who under all circumstances while under the enemy artillery fire gave proofs of his devotion and disdain of danger and showed, notably on the 28th and 29th of June, the greatest energy in accomplishing his duty along a road that had been discovered and bombarded. He was mortally wounded on July 15 by a bursting shell in front of his post at a moment when he was attending to the removal of wounded under a most violent fire."

Harmon Craig was a Harvard student and a member of the American Field Service Corps. A high explosive shell tore off his leg below the knee and he died later in a hospital. Craig's parents are John Craig, manager of a Boston theater, and Mrs. Craig, widely known on the stage as Mary Young.

Plan Real Melting Pot.

NEW YORK, September 10.—A call to all citizens irrespective of race or creed to join in a movement to crush disloyalty within the United States and to labor for the assimilation of aliens on an exclusive American standard has been issued by a committee of native and foreign born Americans, headed by Theodore Roosevelt. The appeal is entitled "The Children of the Crucible," and its signers declare that "the true test of loyal Americanism today is effective service against Germany."

If you want work read the want columns of The Star.

GERMAN PEACE "FEELER" CIRCULATED IN WASHINGTON

Purported Outline and Terms Given to Diplomats Here Resemble General Tenor of Pope's Proposal.

What purported to be an outline of Germany's peace terms has been circulated among diplomats here within the last two weeks. It has been regarded by the entente embassies and most of the neutrals as a "feeler." The origin of the so-called terms was not disclosed, but they are said to have been written by Foreign Secretary von Kuhlmann before his visit to Vienna, which since has been pointed to as strengthening the probability that they bear evidences of authenticity.

Briefly, the so-called terms were as follows:

"Restoration of Belgium and northern France, to be paid for out of the sale of Germany's colonies to Great Britain.

"Alsace and Lorraine to be independent states. (High French officials recently have stated anew the determination of France to be satisfied with nothing less than the recovery of her lost provinces).

"Trieste to be a 'free port.'

"Serbia and Rumania to be restored, and Serbia to have a port on the Adriatic.

"The Balkan question and the status of Turkey to be subjects for negotiation.

"Disarmament and international police.

"Freedom of the seas, with Great Britain in control of the English channel until the projected tunnel is built between Dover and Calais."

This outline of terms, circulated without definite stamp of any official authority, it will be noted, bears in many respects a resemblance to the general tenor of the peace proposals of Pope Benedict.

By some diplomats such an outline is regarded as presenting something susceptible of discussion. It is discussed merely a a possibility, without having yet advanced fully into the range of probability.

RAILROADS MOVE FREIGHT IN UNEXAMPLED VOLUME

Fairfax Harrison Reports on Achievements Through Co-Operation of Various Lines.

Freight of all kinds is now moving in unexampled volume, declares a statement issued at the direction of Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroad war board. The statement enumerates the accomplishments of the board in meeting the nation's transportation requirements since its organization, four months ago.

The board is composed of Chairman Harrison, Howard Elliott, Hale Holden, Julius Kruttschnitt, Daniel Willard and Samuel Rea. Its task is the operation of the 693 railroad systems of the United States as one continental system.

"Freight generally is moving in unexampled volume," says the statement. "Practically every factory in the country is moving to its capacity, turning out supplies for the government, the allies and for the American people.

"If the maximum amount of transportation is to be obtained the shipping and traveling public and all railway employes will have to continue to co-operate; in many ways submit to many inconveniences, and sometimes even bear losses due to changes in the transportation service."

What the board has succeeded in accomplishing is set forth in the following summary:

Reduced the car shortage 70 per cent and increased the general efficiency of the roads in moving freight 16 per cent over 1916.

Saved 20,000,000 miles of train service annually by eliminating passenger trains considered not essential to pressing war needs.

Averted freight congestion by moving promptly empty cars from one road to another, irrespective of ownership.

Saved 50,000 cars by pooling lake coal and ore and 133,000 cars by pooling tidewater coal.

Increased generally the loads heretofore carried by cars of all classes.

CONCESSION FOR MRS. BESANT.

British Ready to Remove Restrictions on Theosophical Society Leader.

LONDON, September 10.—The Indian government has announced that it was prepared to recommend the removal of the restrictions placed on the activities of Mrs. Annie Besant, head of the Theosophical Society, and her coworkers, if it were satisfied that they would abstain from unconstitutional and violent methods of political agitation during the remainder of the war, says an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Bombay.

For alleged preaching of revolt in India Mrs. Besant was expelled from the presidency of Bombay last year, forbidden to lecture or take part in meetings or publish her writings in India, and, with her associates, was restricted to residence in certain areas.

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NO MATERIAL DECREASE IN EXPORTS OF COTTON

Reduction in Shipments to European Neutrals to Have But Small Effect.

No material decrease in the volume of cotton exports from the United States should result from license restrictions recently placed on the shipment of that staple, the Department of Agriculture announces.

Reports that reduction in shipments to the European neutrals will cut off markets for 4,000,000 bales are branded as absurd by the department, which presents figures to show that the neutrals last year took only 700,000 bales.

"With the present crop of 12,499,000 bales," said the department's statement, "and with a record of 7,491,086 bales taken in the United States last year, with an unprecedentedly small carryover, with Liverpool and continental stocks nearly 500,000 bales less than last year, with dry goods stocks low everywhere and a certain increase of demand in the United States, due to the mobilization of 2,000,000 soldiers within twelve months and supplying them with khaki and tents, there is no reason whatever for doubt that there will be demand for all the American cotton in sight available for export.

"Last year's American takings were 7,491,086 bales and last year's exports, 5,947,165 bales, a total of 13,438,250 bales or 989,250 bales more than the estimated crop of this year."

BELGIAN QUEEN ON AIR TIP.

Flies Over Section Which Is Under German Control.

PARIS, September 10.—Queen Elizabeth of Belgium recently made an airplane trip over a section of Belgian territory under German control. With King Albert, she was visiting the front in Flanders held by the French troops, and during her stay went to an aviation center, where for some time she watched the expert airmen perform various feats.

Queen Elizabeth then expressed a wish to obtain a glimpse once more of some of the sections of her unfortunate country still in hostile hands. Her wish was gratified, as she was taken on board an airplane, which, with an escort of pursuit airplanes, flew over the enemy lines and above some villages occupied by the Germans.

Socialists Urged to Aid Government.

NEW YORK, September 10.—All socialists in the United States, organized and unorganized, were urged to "put all their energy, strength, ardor and enthusiasm at the disposal of the government, so that the war may be carried to a rapid and victorious conclusion," in a statement by socialist delegates to the Minneapolis conference of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy on their return here.

CORN AT ITS HIGH PRICE IS CHEAPER THAN WHEAT

Same Quantity Contains Twice as Much Nutriment as Flour, Food Administration Announces.

Even at the present high prices, unprecedented in previous quotations, corn meal continues to be the cheapest food found in a survey of fifty staples, according to a compilation of the food administration.

A dollar's worth of corn meal contains twice as much nutritive value as a dollar's worth of wheat. To be exact, 47.4 cents' worth of corn meal, at present quotations, equals in food value a dollar's worth of wheat.

Corn meal is expected to play an important part in the food administration's efforts to conserve wheat products. There is four times as much corn raised in this country as wheat. This country now raises enough corn to feed itself, and through the use of the corn meal here may release enough wheat to make up the deficit in Europe.

It is hoped the war-time conditions may bring about a higher appreciation of corn meal in Europe. Already Italy is consuming considerable corn, but it is the only European nation that accepts it as a proper foodstuff. One reason for this is that in France, England and Belgium virtually all the baking is done in public bakeshops, and corn cannot be prepared to be sold over the baker's counter.

The corn crop in this country for 1917 is estimated at 3,191,000,000 bushels, as compared with 2,583,241,000 bushels in 1916.

Revive Breakfast as a Function.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

LONDON, August 15.—Breakfast as a political and social function is being revived. Premier Lloyd George used a breakfast party to announce the success of the Paris conference to a party of Frenchmen, and has had numbers of breakfasts at 10 Downing street, when business is freely discussed. Lord Rhondda also invites business men to breakfast when important plans are being arranged.

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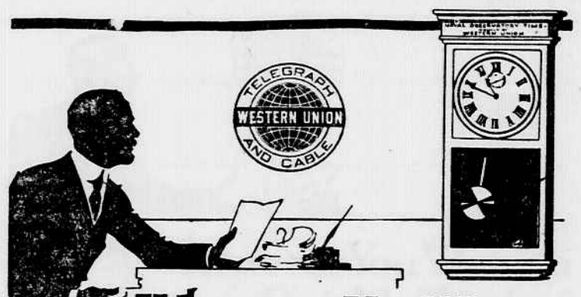

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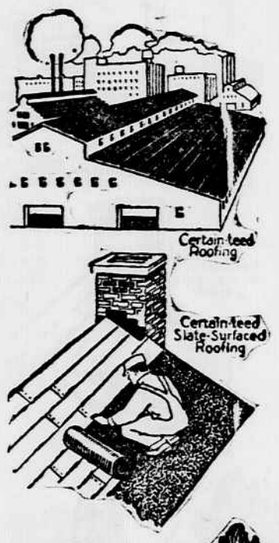

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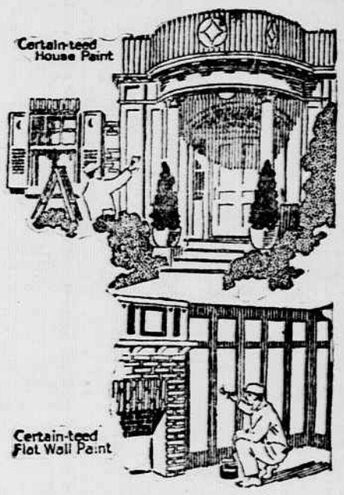

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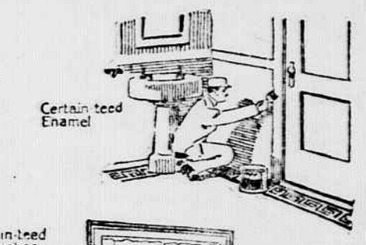

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