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TRY US.

## EVERY CENT GIVEN RED CROSS SPENT FOR RELIEF WORK

LIE CIRCULATED BY AGENTS OF  
UNSPEAKABLE KAISER  
IS NAILED.

### HOW SOCIETY IS SUSTAINED

Half of Membership Fees Provides  
Sufficient Funds for Adminis-  
trative Purposes—Where  
Subscriptions Go.

Wirelings of the unspeakable Kaiser  
have circulated more lies with refer-  
ence to the American Red Cross than  
any other American organization. One  
of these lies was to the effect that a  
big percentage of the millions of dol-  
lars subscribed for Red Cross work  
went to officials of the organization.  
This statement has no basis in fact  
whatever.

One hundred and twenty million  
dollars was subscribed for the Red  
Cross by Americans last June, and  
not one penny of this money has been  
spent for administrative work. When  
a membership in the Red Cross is  
sued, say for \$1, 50 cents of this  
amount is sent to headquarters at  
Washington for the administrative  
fund and the remaining 50 cents is  
kept by the chapter which issued the  
membership.

#### Where the Money Goes.

Not all of the \$120,000,000 sub-  
scribed in June has been collected.  
Collections on Nov. 1 totaled \$79,895,  
355.68. Of this amount \$9,129,389.21  
is being returned to Red Cross chap-  
ters for local relief work and the pur-  
chase of raw materials to be made  
into hospital garments and supplies.  
In addition to this total, appropri-  
ations from the war fund up to Nov. 1  
amounted to \$40,851,259.20, of which  
\$26,934,418.86 was for foreign relief.  
These foreign relief appropriations  
were apportioned as follows: France,  
\$19,581,249.47; Belgium, \$729,001; Ru-  
ssia, \$1,423,040.87; Serbia, \$493,203.76;  
Rumania, \$1,513,298.76; Italy, \$214,  
000; Great Britain, \$1,069,530; miscel-  
laneous foreign, \$113,012; Armenian  
and Syrian relief, \$1,800,000.

There has been appropriation for sup-  
plies, etc., for the United States forces in  
this country, \$3,488,729; for hospital  
work, \$379,500; for sanitary service  
about cantonments, camps, \$183,500;  
for miscellaneous items in United  
States, \$108,487.60, a total for the  
United States army of \$4,120,216.60.  
Other appropriations advanced for  
hospital funds amounted to \$220,000.  
The sum of \$7,659,000 has been ex-  
pended in the purchase of raw ma-  
terials to be worked into hospital gar-  
ments, bandages, surgical dressings,  
etc., by various lay workers through-  
out the country. As local chapters  
purchased this material at cost from  
the national organization, this sum  
will eventually be returned to the  
war fund.

Other German Lies.  
Another lie is that American sailors  
are sending word to friends that they  
are receiving so many sweaters and  
other knitted garments that they are  
using them for mops aboard ship.

The Red Cross, through George W.  
Simmons of St. Louis, general man-  
ager of the Southwest District, recent-  
ly appealed for all knitted garments it  
can possibly get. There is a pitiful  
shortage and winter is coming on. No  
matter how many knitted articles  
went aboard a ship, none of them  
would be used as mops.

Still another lie is to the effect that  
Mrs. Frank V. Hammer, chairman of  
the St. Louis Red Cross Chapter, re-  
ceives \$15,000 a year for her services,  
and that George W. Simmons, chair-  
man of the Southwest District, re-  
ceives \$50,000.

Both Mrs. Hammer and Simmons do-  
nate their services and pay their own  
traveling expenses. In addition, Sim-  
mons and Mrs. Hammer have each  
made large personal subscriptions to  
the Red Cross fund.

Yarn for Sweaters is Free.  
Another baseless German lie is to  
the effect that the Red Cross is sell-  
ing yarn to women who are knitting  
sweaters and mufflers for the soldiers.

The basis for this tale is a rule en-  
forced by the Red Cross, which re-  
quires a small deposit when yarn is  
turned over to applicants. The deposit  
is refunded when the knitted gar-  
ments and left-over yarn are returned.  
That a sweater knit in St. Louis for  
the soldiers in France was sold by Red  
Cross workers and identified by the  
woman who knit it by a piece of cur-  
rency sewed into the fabric is another  
German lie.

Heads of the Red Cross Society in  
St. Louis branded this as a bald fabri-  
cation. Nothing handed by the Red  
Cross Society is sold.

In Arcola, Ill., fond parents are  
buying Red Cross memberships for  
children of all ages, including new-  
born babies.

Everyone cannot "go across" and  
fight, but everyone can "come across"  
with a membership in the Red Cross,  
and thus help those who do fight.

Suffering humanity in many nations  
is calling to us for help. We can  
help through the Red Cross.

## Help the Red Cross Do This Work; Save Your Boy, or Your Neighbor's



Red Cross surgeons and orderlies give first aid to wounded  
in little underground dressing stations in the front-line trenches.  
War records show that as many Red Cross men are killed by enemy  
fire as regular soldiers in the trenches.

#### A Trip to Washington City.

I was elected National Delegate to  
the National Convention of the W. C. T.  
U. to be held at Washington, D. C.,  
December 2-7, 1917.

I took the special train over the  
Pennsylvania Railroad, which consist-  
ed of 1 baggage, 1 diner, 1 observation  
and 8 Pullman coaches, at 12:00 o'clock  
(noon), November 29, 1917, at St.  
Louis, and was soon speeding over  
the beautiful fertile fields of central  
Illinois. We had on board 35 Missouri  
women from all parts of the state,  
including three state officers, one be-  
ing our beloved State President, Mrs.  
Nellie G. Burger. Our train also car-  
ried delegates from Illinois, Idaho  
and Texas. It was a great pleasure  
to meet and visit these noble women.

Having settled ourselves we enjoy-  
ed the beautiful landscape very much.  
We went almost straight across the  
middle of the following states: Il-  
linois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and  
across the pan-handle of West  
Virginia, and then through Maryland,  
then to the beautiful capital in the  
District of Columbia. Arrived Friday  
evening, November 30, 1917, very  
tired, indeed. Being met at the great  
Union Station by the reception com-  
mittee we were soon on our way to  
our way to the hotel where we Mis-  
souri women had reservations. After  
supper we retired for the night for a  
good rest. Rising Sunday morning  
greatly refreshed, we prepared for  
Sunday School and the morning ser-  
vices which were held in the "National  
Methodist Church." Now just a bit  
of history of this wonderful church:

A few men resolved to erect a church  
in the Capital of our nation. On  
March 30, 1852, they purchased the  
site on which the church is located.  
March 2, 1853, Rev. Henry Slicer be-  
gan to collect funds. October 23,  
1854, the corner stone was laid. In  
1860 the foundation walls were com-  
pleted. In 1869 the building was fin-  
ished at a cost of over \$200,000, as a  
"Memorial to Methodism." Pews  
were purchased and set apart for the  
President of the United States, the  
Vice-President, the Chief Justice of  
the Supreme Court, various states,  
and Canada. Each is marked with a  
silver plate with the names thereon.  
The church was dedicated February  
28, 1869. On Easter, March 28, 1869,  
94 persons were received into mem-  
bership. Sunday School was organ-  
ized the same day. The walls have  
many tablets in memory of President  
Grant, McKinley and many other  
distinguished men. The large triple  
window in the north end represents  
the death of Jno. Wesley, and is in-  
scribed, "Our People Die Well." The  
marble tiles in the vestibule were  
brought from the debris of Solomon's  
Temple. The pulpit and altar rails  
are olive wood brought from the Gar-  
den of Gethsemane and Mount of  
Olives and cedar from Mount Lebanon.  
The keystone of the arch is cut from  
a stone of Solomon's Temple. The  
ivy that covers the outside walls were  
grown from slips brought from the  
tomb of Martin Luther. Rev. Harry  
D. Mitchell, D. D., preached Sunday  
morning from Matt. 23-10; also Jno.,  
15th chapter and first clause of the  
seventh verse. It was a wonderful  
sermon. Thus the opening of our  
great National Convention.

Sunday afternoon found us in the  
largest Convention Hall in Washing-  
ton, seated to its capacity, and W. J.  
Ryan at our speaker. Words fell so

to describe this wonderful address and  
the greeting he and his good wife  
received from that vast throng.

Monday morning our Convention  
opened proper. 985 voting delegates  
in their seats beside many visitors.  
There were delegates from every  
state in the Union, also Porto Rico,  
Alaska, Japan, and two different In-  
dian tribes. Our days were filled to  
the full with many good and wonder-  
ful things. We were honored with  
the presence of about 50 Senators and  
Representatives, each giving us words  
of encouragement and God speed.

We were honored with addresses  
from many other notable such as Dr.  
Wiley, Mrs. A. Thomas Edison, Mrs.  
Bryan, Mrs. Josephus Daniels, several  
Ex-Governors and many others I can-  
not recall just now.

I visited all the great buildings and  
historic places of Washington, also  
Mount Vernon. Sat in Congress  
through the opening session, also one  
other session on the Wednesday fol-  
lowing. Sat in the great Senate  
Chamber during the reading and dis-  
cussion and voting on declaring of war  
on Austria Hungary. There was not  
a vote against it in the Senate. I met  
many of our Missouri men there, such  
as Stone, Clark and Hensley and  
many others.

When I left Washington for Mount  
Vernon we passed the great Washing-  
ton Monument which I visited later.  
I thought how great our forefathers  
were. Then when we came to the  
grand old Potomac I thought of the  
great men of the Civil War. As we  
crossed the river and over in Alexan-  
dria, Virginia, I thought of my good  
friend back in old Missouri, Thos. P.  
Fits. As I viewed Mount Vernon and  
Robert E. Lee's old home and Arling-  
ton cemetery I thought of the blood  
that was shed that we all might be a  
free Christian people. I pray God  
that we may always remain so.

It is wonderful, indeed, to see the  
work of our great government going  
on. So many things I would like to  
tell if space would permit.

We left Washington Friday even-  
ing, December 7, in a great snow  
storm, and I must say through the  
coal fields of Pennsylvania it was a  
wonderful sight to see those mount-  
ains covered with snow and rivers  
frozen over. Never will I forget  
the beautiful things I saw while in  
Washington and we came home great-  
ly encouraged with the assurance that  
we had reason to believe the Federal  
Amendment for National Constitution-  
al Prohibition will be passed before  
the holidays.

Mrs. DELLA STEVENSON,  
County President W. C. T. U.

State Taxes in Missouri and Illinois.

Democratic Press Bureau.  
The taxpayers of our sister state of  
Illinois have just been greeted with  
the following official announcement  
contained in a dispatch from Spring-  
field under date of December 7, 1917:

"The state tax rate for 1917 will be  
90 cents on the hundred valuation. The  
figure, an increase of 10 cents over last  
year, was reached at a meeting of the  
State Commission, consisting of Gov.  
Lowden, State Treasurer Lon Small  
and State Auditor Russell."

When this rate of 90 cents in Illinois  
is compared with 18 cents in Missouri  
taxpayers in this state will no longer  
wonder why Illinoisans are coming in  
large numbers to Missouri.

While the Illinois tax rate has been  
increased 10 cents, the Governor of  
Missouri will convene his legislature  
in extra session next spring to reduce  
our rate by about the same amount.

#### State to Assist Counties in Building Dirt Roads.

The State Highway Depart- ent has  
requested this paper to publish the  
fact that state and federal aid can be  
obtained to pay one-half the cost of  
grading and otherwise improving  
earth or dirt roads. "In north Mis-  
souri," the letter from the state depart-  
ment declares, "the opinion seems to  
be general that the state and federal  
money will only be available to pay  
for the construction of brick, con-  
crete, bitulitic, or some other type  
of high-class paving. This is not  
correct. In this connection the  
United States office of Public Roads  
issues the following instruction: 'States  
may submit for approval any kind  
of road, even an earth road, and  
approval will be given if the construc-  
tion be substantial in character, suit-  
able for traffic needs, and meets the  
terms of the federal act.' This matter  
was discussed at length at the recent  
convention of state highway officials  
held at Richmond, Virginia, where it  
developed that more than 90 per cent  
of the roads to be improved during  
the next year or two will be of earth  
construction. The high cost of ma-  
terials, the inability of railroads to  
furnish cars when needed, and the  
scarcity of labor are important fac-  
tors, while there is another advantage  
in having a subgrade settle well be-  
fore the surfacing material is applied.  
The State Highway Department, in  
co-operation with counties in the  
construction of properly graded earth  
roads, will, of course, proceed on the  
theory that the roads are to be hard-  
surfaced as soon as conditions will  
permit, and will require a pledge of  
this character from county, township  
or district officials.' This is good  
news; not only in North Missouri, but  
all over the state, and this paper is  
glad to have an opportunity to pass  
this information along the line. Let's  
get busy in this county NOW, by call-  
ing upon the State Highway Board  
for our share of state and federal  
funds.

Jack Frost's icy breath has certain-  
ly been felt this week.

The thermometer registered twen-  
ty-three below zero Monday morning  
(the 10th.) It has been below zero  
for over a week until to-day (Sunday),  
it has been a little warmer. Quite a lot  
of canned fruit and vegetables have  
frozen in cellars.

The Death Angel came Saturday  
morning and took Mrs. Columbus  
Asher from our midst, at 3:45 A. M.  
She had been a sufferer from dropsy  
for four months. Blood poison set up  
in her left arm. She leaves an aged  
husband, two brothers and three sis-  
ters to mourn her loss. Interment was  
made in the Parker Cemetery Sunday  
evening. We sympathize with the  
bereaved ones.

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the third one of the family to have  
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in the timber Thursday, December 13.  
Friends and relatives learn of his  
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#### Thorough Work

How Ironton Citizens Can Find Freedom  
From Kidney Troubles.

If you suffer from backache—  
From urinary disorders—  
Any curable disease of the kidneys,  
Use a tested kidney remedy.  
Doan's Kidney Pills have been tested  
by thousands.

Grateful people testify.  
Can you ask more convincing proof  
of merit?

Geo. E. Heatherly, retired farmer,  
Fredericktown, Mo., says: "Doan's  
Kidney Pills have been of benefit  
to me and I don't hesitate to say so.  
They gave me relief from backache  
and severe stiffness through my back  
and regulated my kidneys. I was giv-  
ing such good results by Doan's Kid-  
ney Pills that I shall keep them on  
hand to use as a preventive."

Price 80c, at all dealers. Don't  
simply ask for a kidney remedy—get  
Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that  
Mr. Heatherly had. Foster-Milburn  
Co., Proprietors, Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Eggs, Ten Cents Hundred!

An Oklahoman has been devoting his  
spare time to a study of prices: the  
long ago, and has rediscovered the fact  
that during the reign of Henry IV of  
England a goose cost 7 cents, not a  
pound, but the whole bird; eggs were  
16 cents a 100; 16 pounds of butter  
could be had for 25 cents; wine was  
5 cents a quart, and a whole carcass  
of beef could be obtained for \$7.50  
How the imagination is stirred by  
those figures until one reads that  
skilled carpenters were paid 12 cents  
a day and less skilled workers in pro-  
portion. The Oklahoman is much  
puzzled by it all, but at least he sees  
clearly when stating that the only  
hope is in increased production.—San  
Francisco Chronicle.

Mrs. Martha Edmonds.  
(Blair Gazette.)  
Mrs. Martha Edmonds, mother of  
Auburn and Charles Edmonds of this  
city, died at her home in Bellevue on  
Tuesday, November 20th, at 3:45 A. M.,  
after an illness of ten days. She was  
72 years of age.

The deceased was a member of the  
Bellevue Baptist Church and a faith-  
ful Christian until God called her  
home.

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#### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward  
for any case of Catarrh that cannot be  
cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken  
by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-  
five years, and has become known as the  
most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's  
Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on  
the mucous surface, expelling the Poison  
from the Blood and healing the dis-  
eased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh  
Medicine for a short time you will see a  
great improvement in your general  
health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medi-  
cine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send  
for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.  
Sold by all Druggists, etc.

Advertisement.

Ask Your Banker.

Everyone should strive to have a  
bank account, especially every man  
and boy, be it ever so small. One loses  
nothing in the esteem of his employer  
and friends by being seen going into  
or coming out of a bank. Neither  
does the individual lose any self-res-  
pect by being seen at a bank counter,  
which is more than can be said of some  
places. There are plenty of good  
banks; pick out one and stick to it;  
and when you are tempted to invest  
in some alluring get-rich-quick scheme,  
go to your banker and ask his advice.  
It will not cost you anything to do this,  
and may save you a loss you cannot  
afford. It may safely be assumed that  
if this course were pursued by all of us  
the money sunk in swindles, fake  
schemes and impossible enterprises  
would be reduced to a point where it  
actually would not pay to make the at-  
tempt. Before investing, ask your  
banker. Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Wanted—Wool sheep and  
horses for sale.

## RED CROSS DRIVE FOR MEMBERS TO COMMENCE DEC. 17

ENROLLMENT OF 15,000,000 BY  
CHRISTMAS EVE IS THE  
GOAL SET.

SOUTHWEST QUOTA 2,000,000

Every Person With Red Blood in His  
Veins, Who Is Not Already a  
Member, Will Join  
By Dec. 25.

"Make it a Red Cross Christmas!"  
This is the slogan of the Southwest-  
ern division of the great American  
Red Cross, which will begin a drive  
Monday, Dec. 17, to obtain 2,000,000  
new members in the states of Mis-  
souri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma  
and Texas.

A similar drive is to be made at the  
same time in the other 12 divisions of  
the Red Cross throughout the United  
States. The Red Cross has 6,000,000  
members at the present time. Fifteen  
million members by Christmas  
Eve is the goal of this wonderful or-  
ganization.

Outside of the army and the navy  
the Red Cross is the most important  
instrument for winning the war. Facts  
and figures dictate this statement and  
not sentiment.

Much has been said and written re-  
garding the sentimental side of the  
Red Cross and too little has been said  
and written of the actual work which  
the Red Cross does. As a matter of  
fact, the Red Cross is nothing more  
than God's own instrument for mak-  
ing the world safe for democracy. All  
of the armies and all of the navies of  
all the allied countries would be im-  
potent unless back of them there was  
a Big Something making for the  
moral which is the backbone of every  
fighting machine.

Morale Makes an Army.  
Every soldier and every sailor must  
know that his country is backing him  
up with something more than munitions  
and a uniform; he must know that  
the spirit of the country is behind  
him, that its humanity is reach-  
ing out to him and reaching out to his  
brother in the trenches. All-Powerful  
One, the Big Director of Humanity, is  
going to take care of him and take care  
of his family while he is fighting.

Morale and munitions win wars.  
The Red Cross is morale with a big  
M, and without the Red Cross there  
could be no such thing as morale.

A few facts covering a few of the  
activities of the Red Cross since the  
United States went into the big war  
is sufficient proof of all these state-  
ments. No man with red blood in his  
veins can read these facts and then  
refuse to become a member of the Red  
Cross, unless he already is a member.

Because of the enormity of the task  
and because of the fact the United  
States was unprepared for war, the  
War Department has been slow in get-  
ting supplies to cantonments, and in  
many instances soldiers would have  
suffered had it not been for the quick-  
ness of the Red Cross in coming to  
their relief. Some red tape, of course,  
attaches to the Red Cross. At a South-  
ern cantonment 2,000 of the men were  
without shirts; the War Department  
was not able to furnish the immediate-  
ly. The Red Cross stepped in and  
within 24 hours every man was properly  
outfitted.

Blankets Are Supplied.  
At another cantonment the men had  
an insufficient supply of blankets and  
the government could not put through  
a requisition in time to alleviate the  
suffering which followed. Again the  
Red Cross went to the rescue of the  
government, again it proved it was  
the government's right-hand ally.

At still another cantonment sweat-  
ers were furnished for more than 2,000  
soldiers who were without overcoats.

One of the biggest things the Red  
Cross is doing in America and  
throughout the countries of the Allies  
is civilian relief. Here are some cases  
in point which alone are sufficient to  
make membership in the Red Cross  
synonymous with citizenship in the  
United States:

CASE ONE—Mother with daughter  
twenty-five, son twenty-two and daugh-  
ter thirteen. Son is drafted. Mother  
taken dangerously ill, without hope of  
recovery. Oldest daughter must resign  
her position, paying \$25 per month, to  
nurse mother. The soldier's allotment  
of \$20 only income.

Home Service Section investigated;  
found an excellent family never in  
want before, now in dire straits and  
needing great assistance. Chapter  
made a grant of \$10 a week to provide  
finances for living expenses, medi-  
cines, doctor bills, etc., and are mak-  
ing encouraging calls to the family  
and assisting the daughter in nursing  
her mother. Financial relief alone  
would not have been enough in this  
case.

Splendid Home Service.  
CARE TWO—Man enlisted in army and  
served in June, 1917, called for discharge  
October 15, 1917, on the ground that  
he was unable to do more than  
carry a rifle.

Children in the public schools  
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course of their education.

Additional funds necessary over and  
above the soldier's allotment. This  
was splendid home service, for it con-  
firmed an expectation and by the  
same effort relieved the worried mind  
of the soldier's father.

CASE THREE—An aged father and  
twenty-two year old son, twenty-five and  
older boy were drafted. Two weeks later  
the second boy was taken to military  
and died. The old lady was distressed  
not only because of the loss of her son,  
but because they had a growing crop,  
their only means of support, without sur-  
vivors to gather it.

Home Service Section marshaled  
the neighboring farmers, gathered the  
crop, helped to market it and gave  
kindly advice and assistance to the  
old people. That was all that was  
needed, but it was good home service.

CASE FOUR—Referred by Canadian  
Patriotic Fund, American citizen enlist-  
ed in Canadian forces, leaving a wife and  
four children in United States. Man for-  
merly earned \$10 per month and took  
excellent care of his family. He made  
an assignment of \$25 of his pay; the  
Canadian government made an additional  
separation allowance of \$20, total of \$45  
per month income to his wife and four  
children. Woman willing to reduce  
allowance to \$30 per month income to \$15  
per month without great sacrifice to  
health and enjoyment of her life.

Allowance Made for Wife.  
Home Service Section investigated,  
found an excellent family and enthu-  
siastically recommended grant of \$10  
per month to be added to the \$45. This  
was enough to relieve this woman of  
the constant worry and fear which  
was rapidly driving her to a neurotic  
condition. There will