

HIGHER MORALE FOR YANKS KIN

Red Cross Home Service Section Will Look After Folks at Home.

TAKE BURDEN FROM SOLDIERS

Men in Service Are Often Distressed by Distressing News From Home—Cheerful Letters From Folks Is Greatest Need.

Washington.—The American Red Cross has issued the Red Cross Handbook, the book which is intended, among other things, to strengthen the morale of the people at home as written by W. Frank Persons, the director general of civilian relief of the American Red Cross.

"Again and again word comes from overseas of men disheartened by bad news from home, making a brave effort to go on with their work but with no zest to it," Mr. Persons says. "It is the task of the home service sections of the Red Cross to see to it that there are in the families of these soldiers no anxieties or problems which are likely to get into letters and bring distress to the soldiers overseas and no loneliness which we could help meet here.

Want Letters From Home. "Not comfort kits, nor even smokes will so warm the hearts of our boys as the letter from home saying that all is well and that the home service of the Red Cross is standing by."

Mr. Persons recently returned from France where he organized the bureau of home service in the American Red Cross organization in that country. He asserted that his observations in France made him more firmly convinced than ever that proper conditions in the homes of soldiers and sailors and the maintenance of close contact between the men and their families was necessary to preserve the morale of the soldiers.

"The fighting man wants to know all about what is going on at home," Mr. Persons continues. "He wants to know all the details about his family and then about his friends and his community generally. He wants to be kept in touch with local civil affairs and what is going on in his town and state. We are coming to see that this interest is a powerful support to a man's stamina. It keeps him sane and healthy. It braces him up to know that those with whom he has lived and who mean so much to him appreciate the sacrifice he is making.

"Any worry about the condition of his dependents or relatives tends to put a soldier into a condition where he is subject to shell shock. I have this on the authority of eminent specialists who are dealing with such cases in the military hospitals. A soldier who is untouched by bullet or shell may, from shell shock, return to his trench in such nervous condition as to require hospital treatment and a long rest. The best insurance against this serious by-product of modern warfare, the physicians say, is for the man to go over the top or meet a charge in a buoyant, untroubled frame of mind in which his sole concern is the grim business at hand. Cheerful letters from home help to produce the proper mental attitude, but confidence that the home folk lack for nothing is an essential foundation.

Red Cross Will Help. "Soldiers become concerned when letters fail to come regularly, anxious and uneasy when disquieting rumors arrive, and worried and distraught when they learn of troubles at home. An American commander at the front and a leading military surgeon in Paris both stated that the Red Cross could do nothing more important from a military point of view than to maintain the welfare of the homes of our fighting men.

"There can be no more certain means of steadying his morale than to give him the assurance that, whatever may happen to his folks at home the home service section of the Red Cross chapter in his own town may be depended upon to act promptly, sympathetically and adequately to maintain the comfort and peace of mind of those he has left behind.

"Home service must be as reliable and as considerable, as capable and as effective in helping soldiers' and sailors' families as is the trust company that looks after their worldly goods. That is just what home service should be—a huge trust company on which the soldier may rely."

HUNS ARE POOR FIGHTERS

Pittsburgh Man Writes That Americans Are Superior in Every Way.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—More evidence that the German as a fighter is inferior to the American is shown in a letter from Capt. J. J. Firestone to friends here: "My theories of the German army have taken a complete change," he testifies, and I positively, without prejudice, have a great admiration for the superiority of the American army. Our boys have initiative and are a great deal braver. The officers of the enemy no doubt have had longer training than ours, but it ends there. The common soldiers or enlisted men are not to be compared with ours."

CHUFCH NOTICE

The Rev. Geo. N. Edwards of Billings Asst. Supt. of Congregational Missions in Mont. will preach D. V. at the following points on Sunday May 4th. slow time Coalwood School at 10:30 a. m. Gaskill School at 1:30 p. m. Carl Clarks School at 3:30 p. m. Bridgeview Broadus at 8:00 p. m. Doyle Creek School Monday May 5th at 8:00 p. m. slow time and at Broadus Tuesday May 6th at 8:00 p. m. slow time.

Disbursements of School Funds district no. 28, beginning April 1, 1918, and ending April 19th 1919.

Items.	Amount.
Fuel	\$181.50
Teachers Salary	3,203.00
From Teachers salary	639.00
New Equipment	610.68
Freight from Miles City	142.03
14 months rent of School house	96.65
Tex Books	150.00
Library Books	95.73
Stationary	37.71
Repair work	110.76
Janitor work	17.00
Maps and charts	22.59
Advertisements	24.00
Insurance	330.00
New School houses	5,600.00
Clerks salary	100.00
Bond interest	272.00
Total amount expended	11,031.15
Total amount remaining on hand	
General fund	2,051.48
Building fund	4,332.75
Library fund	64.88
Bond interest fund	185.97

Clerk Mrs. V. I. Rowsey.

WEIGHS 250, BUT HOPES TO ROLL INTO BERLIN

St. Louis.—George L. Finley of Fillmore, Ill., six feet 2 inches in height, has joined the marine corps at the St. Louis recruiting station, and hopes to "roll right into Berlin." He is a farmer lad.

IS LIEUTENANT AT NINETEEN

Indiana Youth Believed to Be Youngest Commissioned Officer in Army.

Attica, Ind.—Rupert Julian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Julian of Williamsport, Ind., is believed here to be one of the youngest if not the youngest commissioned officer in the United States army. He is not yet nineteen and is a lieutenant in the aviation corps. He was preparing to enter Purdue university when the United States declared war and immediately enlisted in the aviation corps.

GIRLS TAKE CARE OF BABIES

Organize Association to Give Mothers Chance to Help in War Work.

Cleveland, O.—Lydia Woldke, aged fourteen, has organized another war association here. It is called the "Borrow-a-Baby brigade." The organizer explains that the brigade will help women with babies who are willing to do Red Cross work if they can get some one to take care of the children while they are so engaged. Lydia is seeking members a mong girls between the ages of fourteen and seventeen, and is securing a number of members for her new organization.

CHEERING THE 'WOUNDED'



Miss Winifred Holt, who is working for the blind in New York and Paris, cheering American soldiers who are convalescing at an evacuation hospital of the Twenty-sixth division.

NEGRO DIES AT AGE OF 147

Answers Intelligently All Questions Put to Him About Revolutionary Times.

New York.—Claiming to be one hundred and forty-seven years old, William Maslos, a negro preacher, died here recently after being admitted to Bellevue hospital.

He answered all questions put to him by the incredulous doctors about Revolutionary times, and his answers were so intelligent that the hospital authorities put him on record as being of that age—the oldest patient ever admitted to the hospital.

He told the doctors that Uncle Sam is about to bring the draft age up to forty-five, but that he could give away a hundred years and still be over the draft age. Neighbors say he was born in Richmond, Va., in 1771.

HUNS ORGANIZE GAS MEN FOR "AFTER WAR"

With the French Army in France.—A German order recently found on the battlefield requests the different units to furnish lists of officers and men who have shown aptitude in the gas section and "who desire to continue in that service after the war." The order invites even mutilated soldiers whose infirmities do not incapacitate them for this work to send in their names.

CHAIN GUNNERS IN TREE

Huns Had to Be Tied Up When Americans Attacked Them in Belleau Wood.

Washington.—Edward Hunn, a wounded American soldier back from France and convalescing at Walter Reed hospital here, declared that he had seen German machine gunners chained to trees in the battle of Belleau wood, where American marines so distinguished themselves.

"My company was one of the first to advance at Belleau wood," he said. "We had got up to the hill through a thick underbrush and German machine gunners above us sent many of our fellows 'west.' We got near the Germans and I saw some of them in trees firing their machine guns at us.

"It was about this time that I was wounded. My company was ordered to fall back and wait until morning.

"The next morning our fellows took that section of Belleau wood. Twenty-six machine guns were taken, and the fellows told me that the men I saw in the trees had to be unchained before their bodies could be buried."

Miles City, April 17 On Monday, April 23, Miles City will entertain the "flying circus", one of the squadrons which is touring the United States in the interest of the Victory Loan drive which is to be under way on April 21.

To call this "the opportunity of a life time" for the people of this district is not exaggeration. Unless one has visited the larger cities, or flying fields established during the war, it is impossible to conceive of the aerial exhibition which will be staged by the visiting flyers, who are advertising the Victory Loan drive.

Aerial warfare as it actually was at the front will be demonstrated by these planes and flyers, who will give a realistic exhibition of what war in the air means. American observation planes will take the air and will be attacked by Hun airplanes. United States scouts will ascend and drive off the enemy. This will be made even more realistic by the use of 5 five captured German fockers which have been repaired and put into commission.

Following the warfare demonstration a stunt program will be given. Army flyers will do anything that can be done with a plane and they will exhibit every stunt known to the flying world.

A parade will be given during the morning and the air spectacle will take place during the afternoon. Special train accommodations are to be provided for visitors to Miles City on this date.

The "flying circus" is traveling by special train consisting of 9 nine end-door baggage cars and three Pullman sleepers. It carries over 100 officers and men. Six American aces, members of the famous Lafayette escadrille, are to be among the pilots. Major Carl Spatz, who has won the distinguished service cross for his aerial achievements; Major Kenneth Marr, one of the organizers of the Lafayette escadrille; Captain John A. Hambleton, commander of the 213th aero squadron and credited with six German machines; Captain W. H. Hoover, six planes; Lieut. H. W. Foolner, three planes and Lieut. Geo. W. Puryear, two planes, are among the flyers who will pilot the machines.

The Pennsylvania railroad in June found places for 1,148 more women employees on its lines east of Pittsburgh. This addition makes the number of the road's women employees in non-office positions 8,354. This is remarkable progress toward feminizing the great railroad; but feminization nowadays, in view of woman's proved capacity for man's work, does not carry the old signification of the term.

Lord Northcliffe, in an article in the Petit Parisien, says: "I have lived both in Germany and the United States, and I believe that America alone could beat the Germans." And there are about 100,000,000 Americans who agree with this estimate of their fighting capacity, once they get started fairly.

SEE MENACE IN AIRPLANE

Aged Chicago Woman Hurt by Oil Can Falling From the Sky.

Chicago.—A dreadful glimpse into the future is to be sighted in the fate of Mrs. Susan Tingley, ninety-three years old, of Rushville, Ind., who was badly hurt when an oil can fell from the sky as she was sitting in her yard. The theory is that it fell from an airplane. Now think of the day when the silver of the air becomes as common as a tin Elizabeth. Fancy going into the backyard only to be smitten on the brow by a couple of pounds of beefsteak and a tricycle which father was bringing home when his machine tilted a little. Peace? Some might think war preferable.

MICKIE SAYS

IRENE, GIT ME A GLASS OF WATER! I JEST HAD A ANWFUL SHOCK! THAT OLD HARD-BOILED EGG WHO'S BACK SIX YEARS ON HIS SUBSCRIPTION, HE COME IN AFTER WE BEEN THREATENIN' T' SUE HIM. 'N HE WANTED THE BOSS TO THROW OFF SOMETHIN' ON THE BILL BECUZ IT WUZ SO LARGE!! KIN YOU BEAT IT??



The meeting at Olive last Sunday resulted in forming of a committee to handle the special County Seat election for this fall.

Chas. Jesse Chairman A. S. Her Secy, and Treas., Jim Thompson, O. W. Cason, W. M. Mc Lees, A. J. Iron and Chas. Daly. A campaign expense fund was started and the neighborhood of \$800.00 was attained half being in cash and a part in pledges.

Not all the rottenness in the world is German-inspired but all that has been German-inspired has been rotten.

Conscientious objectors in Great Britain are to lose their votes. But they ought, as voluntary martyrs, be willing to sacrifice something for conscience' sake. Probably, however, their martyrdom is not of that brand, and they will complain of the injustice done them.

NOTICE TO GRAIN GROWERS

The State Board of Hall Insurance has issued the State Hall Insurance law in pamphlet form. Application blanks together with full information regarding the law can be obtained from your County Assessor or will be mailed on request from the State Board of Hall Insurance at Helena, Montana. The pamphlets are brief and will enable a grain grower to get full information regarding the new State Hall Insurance law at first hand.

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