

RED CROSS TO COLLECT CLOTHING FOR BELGIUM

Never Asks Davison's Aid in Work Of Relief

Beginning March 18 and ending March 25, a seven day, nationwide campaign will be carried on by the American Red Cross and the Commission for Relief in Belgium to secure a minimum quantity of 5,000 tons of clothes for the destitute people of Belgium and the occupied portions of Northern France. At the request of Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross War Council, has granted the use of the national Red Cross organization for collecting the needed clothing.

As the commission has allowed most of its local committees to disband because of the financial arrangements made last June with the government, it has turned to the Red Cross for help. Where the local committees of the Relief Commission are still intact, they will work side by side with the Red Cross Chapters.

The practically entire exhaustion of clothing, shoes, and leather in occupied Belgium and Northern France and the shortage of these necessities in the world's markets are making it increasingly difficult for the Commission to keep clothed and shod the unfortunate people in these territories. In addition to new material, gifts of used and surplus clothing, shoes, blankets,annel cloth, etc., are needed in large quantities from the people of the United States.

The donations will be shipped at once to the Atlantic seaboard and sent overseas for distribution.

CANTEEN SERVICE FOR SAMMIES IN FRANCE

Red Cross To Serve Boys in The Front Line Trenches

The American Red Cross has just arranged to establish with the American troops in France a front line canteen service similar to that through which they have served more than a million poilus with hot drinks during the last six months, according to a cable just received by the War Council from Major James H. Perkins, Red Cross Commissioner to France.

This will consist of rolling canteens stationed close behind the front line trenches. There are now fifteen of these operating behind the French lines, from which fifty or more large receptacles of hot drinks are sent forward daily, usually in the small hours of the morning. These drinks are served free to the men going on or coming off duty.

This service has proven of such value to the French that the American army has asked the Red Cross to have this service directly in touch with the medical relief stations nearest the front. The work is often done under heavy shell fire and requires men of great bravery and sympathy.

The American army officers are manifesting a keen interest in having this service at the disposal of the American troops and have asked the Red Cross to enlist a substantial number of men of the highest caliber to undertake this work. It will be performed at the point nearest the firing line at which civilians are permitted.

NURSES NEEDED IN MILITARY HOSPITALS

Surgeon General Asks Red Cross To Supply 5,000 Nurses

Surgeon General Gorgas of the United States army has called upon the American Red Cross to supply to the Army Nurse Corps five thousand nurses between now and the first of June. These nurses are needed for service in the military hospitals both in this country and abroad. Although the Red Cross has already supplied nearly 7,000 nurses as a reserve for the Army and Navy Nurse Corps since the beginning of the war, the imperative need for a greater army of nurses grows daily as the war progresses.

According to a statement made by Surgeon General Gorgas, it is estimated that there are between eighty and ninety thousand registered nurses in the United States, and that approximately thirty thousand will be needed for service in army hospitals during the present year. The immediate need for five thousand of these is emphasized.

Miss Jane A. Delano, Director of the Department of Nursing of the American Red Cross said:

"Not only are we appealing to the nurses to volunteer for this service, but we also appeal to the public and to the physicians employing these nurses to aid in making it possible for them, without too great financial sacrifice on their part, to hold themselves in readiness to respond to the call of their country. We wish also to bring to the attention of nurses the unusual opportunity offered by the insurance law enacted for the protection of our army and navy, which applies equally to nurses assigned to duty as members of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps.

"A great responsibility rests upon the nurses of the country. They are the only group of women recognized as a part of the military establishment, and should be looked upon as the representatives of the womanhood of America at the front.

"Not only should the other women of the country encourage nurses to volunteer for service, but they should make every effort possible to protect the nurses holding themselves ready for service and share with them the responsibility and sacrifices necessary."

APRIL 1 LAST DAY FOR FEDERAL RETURNS

Penalties for Income Dodgers Are Severe—Get Your Return in if You Are Liable.

April 1, 1918, is the final day allowed under the federal income tax law for the filing of federal income tax returns. Persons who are required to file returns under the provisions of law and who fail to get their returns in on time are subject to severe penalties, as follows:

For making false or fraudulent return, not exceeding \$2,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, and, in addition, 100 per cent. of the tax evaded.

For failing to make return on time, not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, and, in addition, 50 per cent. of the amount of tax due.

If on account of illness or absence from home you are unable to render your return within the time prescribed by law you may obtain an extension of 30 days if a request therefor is filed with the collector of your district before the due date of the return. In this request you must state the reason why the return cannot be filed within the time prescribed by law.

Collectors of internal revenue are not authorized to grant extensions of more than 30 days, but the commissioner of internal revenue has authority to grant a reasonable extension beyond 30 days in meritorious cases. If you desire an extension of more than 30 days your request should be addressed to the commissioner and should contain a detailed statement covering the reasons which make it impossible for you to file your return on or before April 1.

The internal revenue men are now completing their tour of the country, during which they were in touch with the people of every city and town. If you failed to get in touch with the deputy which visited your section it is not too late to get advice. Consult your postmaster as to where the nearest deputy is now. Get your blank form, study the directions and the requirements as shown thereon and make your return without fail if your income was sufficient to come within the bounds named in the law.

It is pointed out by Commissioner Roper that it is important that the people comply with the federal laws as fully as they are complying with the drafts for men and the conservation of foods and fuel. "The war must be paid for," says Commissioner Roper. "Congress has as much right to conscript a just portion of income as it has to conscript our boys. The tax for 1917 is designed to reach moderate as well as large incomes, so that all persons who are in financial position to bear a portion of the heavy government expenses can be assessed in proportion to their ability to pay.

"The man who is barely making a living or barely supporting a family is not affected by the 1917 law. But the man who is able to bear a share of the burden has been reached by the new law, and he should accept his responsibility in the same patriotic

spirit that our young men have shown in offering themselves for this great purpose of the country to make the world safe for people of all kinds to live in and to govern themselves."

This tax is one which recognizes women as on an equal basis with men. The unmarried woman or the married woman with a salary must make tax return just the same as any man. Only the woman supporting her mother or other members of her family may take out \$2,000 exemption.

Under the law the head of the family is the one whose earning power contributes to the family's support.

Similarly a widow with small children to support can take out \$2,000 exemption and \$200 additional exemption for each of her children under eighteen. Thus it is intended that the law shall work no hardship to women having to struggle to get along. But each must file return if her income is \$1,000.

A man whose wife dies and who is left with small children to support upon a moderate income may also take full exemption under the new tax law and also claim \$200 exemption for each of his children under eighteen.

The widower under the law is a single man and must make tax return accordingly. Married men need not file returns unless they are earning \$2,000 or more.

"This is as much a national obligation as the reporting for duty of a man drafted for service with the colors," says D. C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue. "As it stands, it is much a matter of the man or woman's own conscience. It is for him or for her to determine just how far he is liable to the tax. He must figure his own income and if it reaches the figures named in the law must make faithful report upon it to the proper authority.

"This tax is distinctly a war measure and will be in effect during the war.

"This is a people's tax—it reaches right down into the pockets of the small wage earner; it makes him a partner in the job of winning the war."

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7:37	4	Lv. Watonga	Ar. 400	9		5:10
7:45	9	Lv. Barron	Ar. 460	15		5:05
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7:55	13	Lv. Drowning Ford	Ar. 125	2		5:00
8:00	14	Lv. Valls Mill	Ar. 140	2		5:00
8:05	16	Lv. Damascus (W) (T)	Ar. 820	15		4:55
8:10	18	Lv. Laurelsdale (G.C.)	Ar. 400	10		4:50
8:15	23	Lv. Taylor's Valley (W)	Ar. 600	15		4:45
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8:50	46	Lv. Lansing	Lv. 280	7		4:10
8:55	48	Lv. Berlin	Lv. 195	5		4:05
9:00	50	Lv. Warrentonville	Lv. 390	8		4:00
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