

## RED CROSS TO CHEER YANKS IN HOSPITALS

## HERE IS ALIBI IN TICONDEROGA CASE

A co-ordinated program of diversion and training to improve the morale and morale of America's sick and wounded soldiers, with the view to their more rapid recovery, has been adopted by the American Red Cross and the Surgeon General of the army, and will be applied in the forty army reconstruction hospitals now in operation in the United States. It was announced last night at the headquarters of the Red Cross here.

Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, head of the department of recreational leadership of the Teachers' College, Columbia University, has been made director of the program. Dr. Fretwell, who has been granted indefinite leave from the university, has already started on a tour of the reconstructed hospitals along the Atlantic seaboard. He and his assistants will visit all reconstruction hospitals, and will standardize the recreational program. He will travel under orders of the Surgeon General's office and as director of recreation of the Red Cross.

**What Program Provides.** Such extensive arrangements have been made for the diversion and training of the sick and wounded soldiers, of which approximately 190,000 must eventually be cared for in this country, that it is estimated, under the program, that it is thought the soldiers will not consider it a hardship to be confined to hospitals.

Following are the phases of the program which the Red Cross will carry out in the convalescent houses: The maintenance of a library of technical works, approved fiction, current magazines, and home-town newspapers; organization of story-telling hours; training in amateur theatricals; development of bands and orchestras and singing and the supplying of instruments and music; furnishing player-pianos and phonographs; inauguration of card games, checkers, chess, dominoes, etc.; furnishing of stereoscopes and educational photographs; presenting motion pictures, professional talent, concerts, musicals at regular intervals; supervising of social functions, such as dances and receptions; supplying of fruits, smoking materials and approved refreshments, and the supervising of "winter evening" recreations, such as popping corn, roasting apples and marshmallows.

In yards where the sick and wounded are bedridden all of these features will be provided in modified form.

**Outdoor Recreation.** For outdoor recreation the Red Cross will provide tools, seeds, etc., for the planting of flower gardens; window boxes of plants, and vines about the convalescent houses. It also will make possible automobile rides for the convalescents.

For the able-bodied personnel, the Red Cross will provide reading and writing facilities, games, entertainments, debates, lectures, and social functions.

The medical officers at the hospitals, through the Surgeon General's office, will supervise the participation of the soldiers in baseball, indoor basketball, basketball, handball, tennis, wrestling, soccer, croquet, golf, horseback riding, bowling, camping, canoeing, rowing, rifle shooting, pistol practice, route sketching, and other special games for one-arm and one-leg men.

Failure of the U. S. S. Galveston to come to the aid of the Ticonderoga, when that vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine on September 30, is attributed to the fact that it was thought the Ticonderoga was a west-bound merchant vessel, according to a report issued by the Navy Department.

The Galveston at the time of the attack was conveying fourteen vessels bound for England, the captain stated in his report to Secretary Daniels, and was not aware of the fact that the Ticonderoga had dropped behind her convoy.

When the first gun flashes were seen, the Galveston headed for the region of the Ticonderoga and opened fire with her five-inch guns. After sighting a second round of flashes, she stopped firing because of the possibility of hitting a friendly vessel, the captain stated.

The captain assumed it was his duty to remain with the convoy rather than remain with one ship when there was a chance for her escape.

A court of inquiry to investigate occurrences on the Ticonderoga has been ordered by the Navy Department, the report continued.

## URGES BETTER PAY FOR U. S. WORKERS

Declaring Government employees in many cases work for "the merest pittance," and the wages paid by the Government in many instances are totally inadequate, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury E. C. Leffingwell, before a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, yesterday, came out forcefully in favor of increased compensation for the Government workers.

Mr. Leffingwell said he had come to Washington with the preconceived notion that Washington was "the refuge of loafers," and that the first thing he discovered was that he was wrong. In the interest of the Government itself, Mr. Leffingwell said, the clerks should be given "a square deal."

"It is just enlightened self-interest on the part of the Government to give them a square deal," he said. He spoke of a number of civil service employees who, he said, could step out into private life and get \$10,000 a year. He said most of them stayed in the Government service because of loyalty, and he added they were masters of the technique of their labor and the laws relating thereto. He said they had saved the Government in war time without thought of health or personal advantage.

### SECURITY LEAGUE PROBE LAGS.

No hearings in the National Security League investigation were held yesterday. The special Congressional committee making the probe held an executive session and decided not to call any further witnesses until Tuesday.

## The Days of Real Sport



## Demobilizing Troops As Fast As Feasible, March Tells Critics

Denial of the frequent criticisms taken on the floor of the House recently against the War Department for unreasonable delay in discharging soldiers was made in a letter from General March, chief of staff, to Republican Leader Mann, which was read in the House yesterday.

General March went into great detail to explain the method of granting releases, and declared by following this plan the desired result would be accomplished with the least delay. His letter reads in part:

"The determining principle is that all of our soldiers, whose services are no longer needed, are entitled to discharge. The method adopted, it is believed, will accomplish that result with least delay, and without favor to those who might have influential friends to influence them or to take up their cases individually with the War Department."

**500,000 Men Discharged.** "As a result of the unit demobilization scheme of the War Department, during the past six weeks upwards of 500,000 men and approximately 50,000 officers have been discharged from our temporary forces. This constitutes an average for the whole period since demobilization got fairly under way, of over 20,000 a day for six days a week. Certain large units organized for overseas service were promptly demobilized en bloc, and during that process this daily discharges ran well over 30,000."

The chief of staff pointed to orders authorizing commanders to release enlisted men where there is sickness or other distress in the soldier's family, or when he is needed to resume employment in which there is urgent need of his service. He continued:

"Both soldiers and civilians, on learning of these instructions, seem merely to submit a request for his discharge, stating that he had definite employment waiting for him and that he should immediately be discharged. Only such soldiers as could show themselves to be within the terms of the order were entitled to be discharged. Favorable action could be taken only on those applications which disclosed cases of exceptional merit."

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**14 SUFFRAGETTES JAILED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT**

The apprehending in excess before Judge McMahon in Police Court yesterday, fourteen suffragettes of the National Women's Party were sentenced to the District Jail for forty-eight hours. Immediately after their arrest at the prison, the women declared their intention to go on hunger strike as a protest against their arrest.

The suffragettes in the court room yesterday, Judge McMahon quickly brought to a halt the women, and they were sent back to their cells.

Miss Arnold was sentenced to five days' imprisonment, and Judge McMahon reserved decision in the case of Miss Nolen until Monday.

**HE DESERVES IT.** Congressman Chandler of Oklahoma yesterday introduced into the House a bill providing a pension for Kootenai, Idaho, for his services in the Indian war. The twenty-six letters and seven hyphens make a Congress record for a surname.

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## HURLEY SAYS U.S. MUST AID FRANCE

PARIS, Jan. 26.—The United States must aid France in the commercial war which that country faces with Germany, Edward Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, declared at the Franco-American dinner here last night. He said that the end of the war could not be considered to have been reached until France is entirely rehabilitated commercially.

American assistance, Hurley said, will consist chiefly of furnishing the ships to increase France's merchant marine. Distribution of raw materials depends upon fair and equal rates for shipping, he pointed out.

Germany has devoted half her effort for twenty-five years to building up a great military machine, said Hurley, and the remainder to commercial pursuits. As her war machine has been permanently eliminated, she can devote her whole energy to commerce and industry in the future.

"Say what you will about her methods, Germany has demonstrated her efficiency in commerce, and with her whole effort devoted in the future to trade, other nations will always have in her a formidable competitor, no matter what restriction it becomes advisable to put in her path," said Hurley. "To solve this problem, France must organize, as she cannot meet it relying on isolated individual efforts."

French products should be protected by a "Made in France" trade-mark, Hurley proposed.

"The commerce and industry of France are now free to make her a greater nation than she ever was before," he said. "You will, with your energy and skill, place her in the position in which the world wants her—one of the leading nations of commerce and industry. If the people of France will enthusiastically support their commercial and industrial leaders as they supported their gallant army, I have no fear but that her devastated districts will quickly be rehabilitated, and her trade and commerce restored as important factors throughout the world."

## 250 WOUNDED YANKS SEE SHUBERT-GARRICK SHOW

Between 200 and 250 wounded sailors and marines, convalescing at the Naval Hospital, were guests yesterday afternoon of Mary S. Correll and the management of the Shubert-Garrick Theater at the matinee performance of "Just Around the Corner."

During the week more than 500 wounded service men were entertained at the Shubert-Garrick Theater, and the management plans to continue providing such entertainment for the convalescent soldiers, sailors, and marines.

## HINES ASKS AID OF STATE RY. BOARDS

By Universal Service.  
With peace time conditions returning on all the nation's railroads, Director General Walker D. Hines yesterday enlisted the aid of State railway commissions in developing the policies of the Railroad Administration.

Director General Hines, expressing his opinion on the aid which State commissions would be able to offer, said:

"Since I have become director general, I have been giving careful consideration to the development of the policies of the Railroad Administration along lines adapted to peace conditions. One of these questions which I began to consider at once was the question of relationship with the various State commissions, fully believing that the nation's transportation functions are no longer primarily war functions, and that it is of great importance to invoke to an increasing extent the aid of the State commissions."

"Mr. Max Thelen expects to assume his duties as director of public service February 1, and immediately thereafter, I hope, with his assistance, to be able to get a clear and helpful understanding with the State commissions on this highly important subject."

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## GERMAN-AUSTRIAN UNION IS PLANNED

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—Union of Germany with German-Austria will be the first question to be taken up by the national assembly at Weimar, Foreign Secretary Brockdorff-Rantzau announced.

The total of ballots polled in the

national elections was 29,000,000, of which the majority Socialist delegates received 13,500,000.

The German ministry is attempting to reorganize the army and strengthen the Polish front "sufficiently to resist aggression."

### WARSHIP GOING TO NEW YORK.

The battleship Connecticut, which sailed from France January 20 with 1,000 troops, reported yesterday that she had changed her course and was proceeding to New York instead of Newport News, as announced Thursday. The vessel is expected to reach New York February 2.

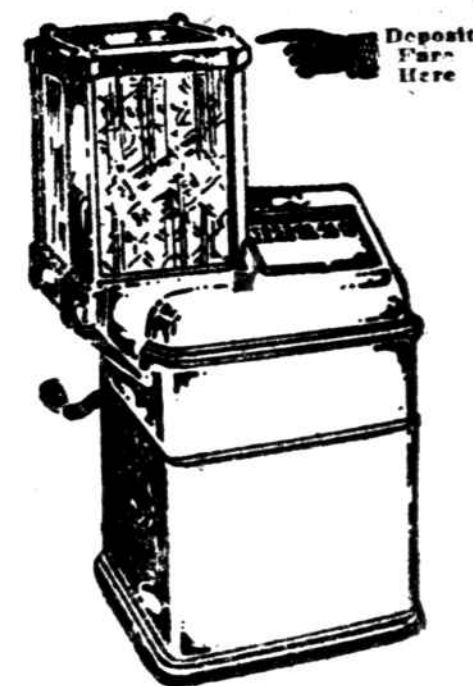
## Washington Railway and Electric Company Notice to the Public

Beginning today, Sunday, January 26, 1919, the prepayment method of fare collection and registration will be effective on all cars in service.

The front door will be used for exit purposes only. Conductor will remain on the rear platform collecting and registering fares as passengers board car.

In order to prevent congestion on the front platforms of cars and to permit the conductor to properly collect and register fares the public are respectfully requested to board cars at the rear, permitting the front to be used exclusively by those desiring to alight. The co-operation of the public in this respect will insure a greater degree of safety to those boarding and alighting and will avoid the annoyance occasioned by conductor passing back and forth through the aisle of the car.

Passengers will kindly assist the conductor by promptly moving toward the front as they enter the car.



## Fare Boxes on the "Columbia," or H Street, Line

Also beginning today all former pay-as-you-enter cars on the Columbia, or H Street, line will be equipped with fare boxes. Kindly assist the conductor by having the exact fare ready and deposit same in the fare box.

Conductors will give passengers requiring it the exact change for any amount up to \$2.00. Where change is desired, the ENTIRE amount will be returned to the passenger, who is requested to then deposit the proper fare in the box. Fares for two persons may be paid by a dime deposited in the box, but if it is desired to pay only one fare, the dime should be handed to the conductor and change received from him. We fully appreciate the spirit of co-operation and believe that these changes will work for the general good of the service as well as the personal comfort of our patrons.

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