

# RED CROSS HELPS WAR'S SUFFERERS

Aids 200,000 Veterans and Their Families—27,000 Disabled Still in Hospitals.

SPENDS \$5,866,255 IN YEAR

Individual Attention Assured to All Physically Ailing or in Distress.

Washington. — War service five years after the armistice, which on November 11 the American Red Cross marks with the opening of the annual membership canvass, shows that during the past year assistance was extended by the Red Cross to some 200,000 ex-service men or their families. To 130 hospitals throughout the country approximately 75,000 ex-service men were admitted for treatment, and to 63,296 of these men definite and specialized service was extended, the Red Cross annual report discloses. In all hospitals under government operation a total of nearly 27,000 disabled veterans were reported by the Surgeon General of the Army.

These facts of the aftermath of physical and mental disability five years after the World War, and the burden resting upon the relatives and dependents of the ex-service men, show conclusively the great need of the Red Cross to act as a supplementary arm of the government in service to these many thousands of men who wore the uniform of the United States. It should be emphasized that government assistance is necessarily standardized along specified lines affecting them as a whole. The Red Cross service is to the individual man and the solution of his problems. This the Red Cross designates "home service" for its aims to give the loving care and interest of the home to these men undergoing physical reconstitution far from their actual home influences.

Year's Expenditures \$5,866,255

In the year ended last June 30 the Red Cross reports \$3,920,000 spent by its Chapters in extending individual attention to the ex-service men and \$1,946,255 spent by National Headquarters of the Red Cross, a total of \$5,866,255 in behalf of the men called to duty in the World War. The Red Cross since July 1, 1917, has spent nearly \$164,000,000. Today there are 3,608 Chapters in as many localities carrying on this work, aiding the individual veteran, assisting his family, furnishing creature comforts and funds to tide over troublesome periods.

The strong connecting link between the Red Cross and the United States Veterans' Bureau takes the complications out of difficult cases of claims. The Red Cross in this work requiring personal representation of the ex-service man has acted in appeal cases, insurance matters, personal and family problems, camp and hospital activities, and in cases of death. This service handled nearly 12,000 compensation and insurance claims, and 2,225 allotment and other claims.

Solves Serious Problem

The financial problem of the ex-service man when traveling to and from hospitals is a serious one, and in meeting this constant demand the Red Cross expended \$138,334.17 during the year. For extra recreational equipment in Veterans' Bureau training centers \$14,306 was spent, and for the blinded veterans in the government school funds were supplied to enable some of these unfortunate men to enter business as storekeepers and poultry raisers.

In Veterans' Bureau hospitals the record of a single month illustrates the large service rendered by the Red Cross. For example, 15,504 new cases required attention, and a total of 26,097 cases were acted upon; 49,368 letters and 1,363 telegraph messages written, and more than 1,800 entertainments given in recreation houses for the benefit of the patients.

Authorities declare that the present is a critical time in the lives of many of the disabled ex-service men who during the five years since the armistice have developed misgivings of recovery.

Work Among the "Regulars"

Service to the enlisted men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps is a charter obligation of the Red Cross, which in the last year recorded over 200,000 cases of assistance extended and 334,420 visits to the sick and disabled. Inquiries by the Red Cross at the request of Government authorities into the home conditions of soldiers, sailors and marines aggregated 17,714, and there were nearly 6,000 instances where the Red Cross located men for their families.

All these activities constituting a single responsibility of the American Red Cross demonstrated during the year that its "war service" in behalf of the veteran and the man enlisted in the nation's defensive arms must go forward unflinching and without stint of funds. The work of the last five years has welded a close bond of regard between the men who sacrificed and the Red Cross, whose efforts are praised and indorsed by the veterans' organizations. To do all that can be done to soften the consequences of the hard blows of war is the supreme duty of the Red Cross, to which the work and

### The Origin of Cowboys.

The word cowboy used to designate herdsmen on the ranches of the Far West was first applied to British marauders and Tories who plundered the people east of the Hudson river during the occupation of New York.

### City of Byzantium.

The city is also known as Byzantium, which is the older name. Constantinople was founded, according to tradition, by a band of settlers from Megara under the leadership of Byzas in 658 B. C. and received its name from him. It was nearly a thousand years before the Roman emperor Constantine rebuilt the city, called it by his own name and made it the capital of the empire. It was also called "Roma Nova" or "New Rome" on account of this latter fact.

### Want to Reach 100?

Want to live a long time? Ostriches are regular octogenarians, as most of them live to be from 70 to 90 years of age, while individuals that reach the century mark occasionally occur, says Nature Magazine of Washington. These novel speedsters of the sandy plains eat grass and grain in generous amounts, and for dessert consume pebbles, glass or even iron or any other scraps of metal they can get hold of. This foreign material aids them to digest their food in the same way that grit is essential in the diet of the ordinary hen.

### SEND IN THE NEWS

Suggestions To Correspondents About Writing News Items

The Polk County News is the only newspaper published and circulating in any community in Polk County. Contributions of news items from any section of this territory are welcomed.

Anything of interest to any number of people in this territory is sufficient to be written and printed. Typewritten letters are preferred. If this is not possible, then write plainly. Use plenty of paper.

Always begin letters by dating thus: Tryon Oct. 10.

Correspondents should bear in mind five important points WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE AND HOW.

That is, tell WHO it's about, WHEN, WHERE AND HOW it happened.

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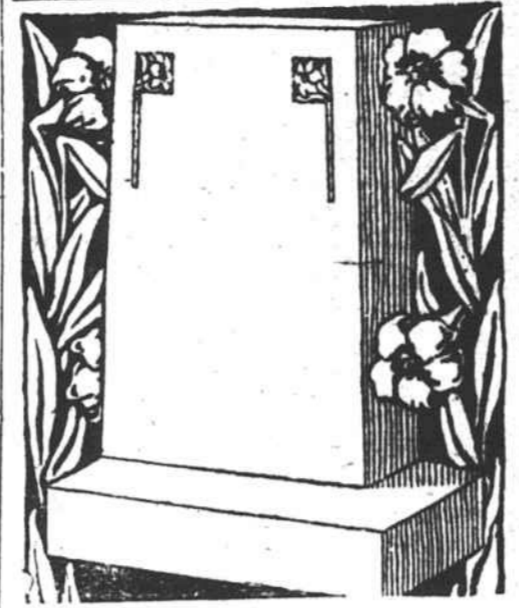
Tell what's going on among your own people and your neighbors. Birth, deaths, marriages, personals, reunions and social gatherings are good copy.

Be careful in spelling names and initials. Names are important. Mention everybody connected with the news item.

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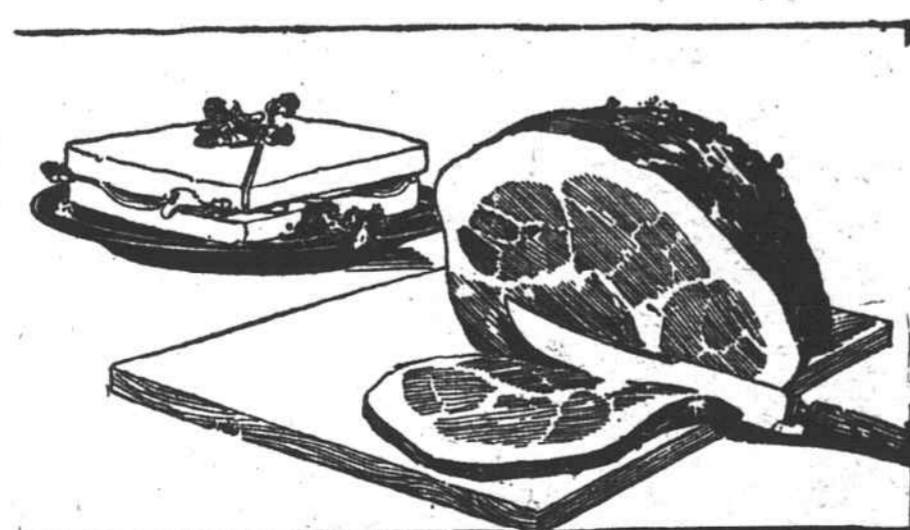


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