

RED CROSS MET THE HUN OFFENSIVE

In Good Order

Some Supplies, But the Germans Did Not Get Them—Brought Off Workers and Ministers to Men and Refugees.

Washington, May 25.—How the Red Cross relief organization in France met the crisis thrust upon it by the great German offensive, when the lines were driven back together with those of the French and British armies, is one of the inspiring stories of that greatest of world battles, which suddenly on the edge of the conflict and in danger of being overwhelmed by the great number of refugees and wounded soldiers fleeing before the German onrush, the Red Cross relief army, too, was compelled to fall back and, while maintaining its organization and preserving its supplies, had to give every possible aid to the refugees and soldiers.

A narrative of how this was achieved and how the new Red Cross lines in the rear were organized even while the relief work was in progress has been received from Paris at the Red Cross headquarters here.

"As soon as the drive started," reads the story, "Major Perkins, head of the American Red Cross, called some aides together and made his plans. Of course the first problem was to assure the safety of all the workers in the field and that incidentally has been assured. But it was not just a question of rushing back to safety. No such simple ignominious plan occupied for an instant the thought of any relief worker. They were to retire in good order and in good season for the refugees and the soldiers. Other workers and a great mass of material were to be rushed forward from Paris.

Just as the German drive tested the resources of the allies, so, indirectly, it tested every relief organization. It was necessary to connect the relief work under a field general, to keep the transportation lines between all the various stations of the Red Cross in the field connected, to work a big plan so that the work instead of decreasing could grow.

"If you will take a map showing the present territory affected by the great battle you can follow the plan of withdrawal which Major Perkins and his staff worked out. Just Red Cross workers who were nearest the battle when it broke were those in Ham and in Croix Molignaux, northeast of Ham. From Ham, Croix Molignaux, Nesle, and Greaucourt, where their wear construction warehouses and staffs and medical relief workers, including a small hospital, for babies, they drew back on Roye. And on Sunday an organized Red Cross line was formed which stretched from Nesle to the higher Lassigny, Noyons and Soissons.

The next withdrawal was to the present line where a perfected chain of stations to help refugees has been worked out. From Beauvais on the west it passes through Clermont, Compiègne and Soissons.

Compiègne is where field headquarters have been established. As the advanced Red Cross workers withdrew from the front, the reinforcements were sent from the rear. When the first reconnoitering party arrived there, they found that there was work to do helping the refugees with whom the lines were crowded. Back they dashed to Paris to give the word. And back again to Compiègne with orders and supplies. But the refugees were no longer alone in the roads. There were soldiers also. Though the first had been to help the refugees at this point, the assistance was also turned over to the soldiers.

The Red Cross men arrived for their second visit to Compiègne on a moonlight night. Uncouth German armies were flying low and their machine guns were beating a tattoo on the town while from time to time a bomb dropped. At one man said while his car sped through the moonlight, "There was just a piece of sawn wood and a hell of a lot of noise."

"A bomb had dropped on three army trucks standing close together. Their gasoline tanks exploded and a flame shot up through the clear night. Com-

piègne was not a pleasant place that night. But the relief workers were stuck there in spite of machine guns and bombs. Finally they found the hotel which had been abandoned and taken over, as emergency Red Cross headquarters.

"A Red Cross hospital at Annel 15 miles north of Compiègne had been evacuated, but the American doctors stuck to their posts which were most fortunate for there the Red Cross had a fine supply of material which was transported back to Compiègne not only for the soldiers passing through but also for the agency canteen at the station which the day after, a unit of hospital aides affiliated with the Red Cross, had established at that point.

"So the line drew back from Beauvais to Soissons with the field organization establishing itself solidly and calmly. Fine work is being done at Beauvais and the movement of supplies is now fully organized. The refugees problem had only begun for the Red Cross, because that organization has the intention of following the great body of the refugees to their final destinations further south and continuing to help them.

"The Red Cross kept its field organization intact, but the work of construction work was destroyed. The stores were partly saved and partly given over to the soldiers to take, the rest being burned so that the buildings should not be used by them. Everyone worked his hardest and the drivers especially deserve the highest praise. The spirit of the armies caught hold of all the other workers. The refugees were resigned but uncomplaining and through those twelve days of crisis a spirit was shown by all concerned that should teach even the Germans that though they have taken some territory they have not conquered one bit of the spirit of the allies."

NEVER LEAVE YOUR AIRPLANE WHERE COWS CAN LUNCH ON IT

Aviators in Texas Have Found Cows Will Chew Up Their Planes.

Dallas, Texas, May 25.—Discovery that Texas cattle will eat the wings of an airplane if the machine is left unguarded is one of the reasons why a general order to "stick with the machine, no matter what happens" is impressed upon every cadet aviator training in Texas. The cadets are instructed particularly never to leave their "ships" in fields no matter how far from the traveled road.

The fact that cows have an appetite for airplanes was discovered only after one or two machines had suffered real loss from discriminating Texas cattle.

The wide, supporting planes are covered with a cellulose preparation that makes them air tight, known in the technique of flying as "dope," and "dope" makes as tasty a meal for cows as the vines have discovered for a long time. It softens under their tongues and the cattle in their eagerness to obtain it, will chew the expensive linen planes to pieces to extract the last particle of "dope" flavor.

Another reason for the order is that an airplane is a valuable piece of property with many detachable parts offering an attractive invitation to looters if one were left unprotected in lonely field or on a road.

Souvenir hunters, however, are much more feared than thieves. Aviators who have made forced landings while on cross country flights say it requires their utmost diligence to keep curious spectators from breaking up their "ships" and carrying them away piecemeal, so eager are the country people for souvenirs.

An aviator landed recently in a wheat field not far from here. The curiosity and interest in him was so great that in less than an hour the field was so crowded that the owner of the ground had to ask the Dallas police to clean the field to prevent his growing crops from being stamped in to a total loss.

REVENUE RAIDERS IN JONES AND LENOIR MAKE BIG HAULS

(Special Star Telegram.)

Kinston, N. C., May 27.—Eight revenue raiders in Lenoir and Jones counties, during the past 48 hours, discovered three moonshine stills, made three arrests and confiscated 1,200 pounds of sugar and an automobile. The car's driver, a Greene county negro, was arrested, charged with transporting, Thad Tynall, of Lenoir county, and Clay Hood, a Jones county farmer, were the others arrested. The sugar was seized on three farms.

Italians Win Success

Rome, May 27.—The Italians have launched an important attack capturing several mountain positions, the war office announces. They have taken 800 prisoners.

have to perform they need well made clothes. There are women in the home, however, who are making a noble economy by making their own shirtwaists. To be sure the fabric costs as much as the finished waist, but the result is a blouse that wears very much better and one that feels right from the beginning.

Recently an importation of hand-made blouses came to this country from France. They were the work of aged and incapacitated French peasants working under the direction of skilled designers, who made it possible for these unfortunate folks who could not do direct war work to bring in an income and to keep one of the finest of French handicrafts.

These blouses ought to give us an inspiration for the American woman in the making of her own blouses. Aside from the fact that the material for the waists was good there was little initial expense, though the blouses fetched a high price in the American stores. The hand work was not of the blinding sort. It was for the most part fairly coarse, but immensely effective and decidedly secure and sure. For one thing the buttons were quickly made of crocheted stitches over moulds. This was effective use of inexpensive thread lace in most of them. This was whipped in by hand in most cases.

As a matter of fact any American woman with a little ingenuity can make for herself hand-made waists that are as attractive as these that are imported, and any one who has had the satisfaction of wearing well-made hand-wrought or at least hand-finished blouses will never from choice go back to the cheaply made American machine-made ones.

THEATRICAL

"Skeeter" Quinn, the best blackface of the season, made a distinct hit at the Royal yesterday and is easily the outstanding feature of Clyde Reynolds' Wonderful Girls, which opened a week's engagement beginning with matinee yesterday. "Skeeter" is destined to become famous locally, judging from the reception tendered him yesterday, and he will undoubtedly leave here with the reputation of being the best comedy artist of the entire year.

The DeGraces in their novelty wire walking, traps and novelty balancing and juggling act, was easily classed as a vaudeville act of the highest calibre, and made a distinct hit. Miss Ada Banks, the fascinating little blond soubrette, is also a feature that won much applause and fascinated and charmed by her winning ways and personality. The entire show is neat, clean and refined and introduced several new and distinct novelties.

Grand.

About the sinking of the Lusitania the ravages of the Huns in Belgium, Metro has woven a noble story, showing conditions of the period both in America and in war-torn Europe, and an exquisite romance intertwined to give a tender human note to this great spectacle, the title of which is "Lest We Forget," in eight reels, the most powerful photographic document of the war.

The star of "Lest We Forget," beautiful Rita Jolivet, was herself a passenger on the Lusitania on its ill-fated trip, and heard those immortal words of her fellow-passenger, "Why fear death? Death is the beautiful adventure of life." Her life was spared to be a living witness to the brutality of the Huns.

This great eight-act production provides a mighty panorama of events now historical, connected with the opening days of the war, and follows its progress through the later thrilling months. A beautiful love story shines like a star through the darkness, the roar of battle sometimes on the stage, a mighty accompaniment to the human drama being played. Many Americans unable to go abroad and engage in actual fighting or works of mercy have wished they might see with their own eyes a part of what has been going on in Europe since August, 1914. "Lest We Forget" shows far more of actual events abroad during the great struggle of decency against barbarism than any one person, whether combatant or non-combatant, could possibly see. Besides being a great love story, it is a valuable chronicle of the war. "Lest We Forget" is to be shown for the last times at the Grand today.

Bijou.

The third installment of the great battle of Picardy, as presented by Pathe News, the only news weekly to get the original direct footage of the great drive on the battleground of freedom, is the featured attraction on today's issue of Pathe News, first released to New York last Saturday and in Wilmington today. Americans in Picardy in the first installment starts—and that is the most cheering news of all to Britain's tired troops. And from the South also—comes the other ally—France—all armies now one, and then a marvellous picture of some of Foch's reservists that are to turn the great drive now starting from yesterday's report, into a decisive victory and end the war. The first picture shown of the great allied reserves, waiting to jump in at the proper moment. There is quite a number of startling scenes which follow.

"Hubby's Holiday" is a two reel Selig comedy-drama with an all-star cast that will be found as funny and amusing from start to finish. You never saw many Selig comedies—but when you do you may expect something good.

Then comes "His Fishy Past" a roaring Pokes and Jabs comedy scream.

ENGLAND STUDYING DOGS.

In View of Scarcity of Food Question What to Do With Pets.

London, April 30.—The government is wrestling with the problem of what to do with dogs in view of the rapidly diminishing stocks of food. It seems pretty settled that the number of dogs is to be reduced. There are hardly any dog biscuits left, and many are manufactured, as the low grade flour from which they are made is wanted for the textile trades.

Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, refused to include a heavy tax on dogs in his budget which he introduced in the last week of April. His friends said that such a tax would kill dog breeding as an industry, and would work unequally between rich and poor. The poor man's dog would be sacrificed while the pampered Pekinese would flourish.

Now the alternative proposal is to prohibit the breeding of dogs during the war except under license. The effect of this would be to allow the perpetuation of pedigree breeds which have taken many years and large sums of money to produce, and also useful dogs like sheep dogs and army dogs. The breeding of mongrels and petty fancy dogs would be prohibited.

There will be no interference with people who have a dog. They will in the future need all their ingenuity to keep their pets fed.

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PRISONER MADE ESCAPE.

Went Out With Lawyer to Seek Bondsmen and Didn't Come Back.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, May 27.—The sheriff's force and police here are looking for W. A. Harrington, a white horse dealer under sentence of six months to the State's prison for larceny of a few dollars' worth of old harness from a negro. Harrington escaped from the court-house here when he was permitted to leave the sheriff's office in company with his counsel to seek bondsmen to give his appeal bail. The sheriff has offered a reward for the man. Tobe Tiller, who was convicted with Harrington and also appealed, has given bail. Securities put up by Harrington for his bond were not satisfactory to the court and it was during his efforts to get a satisfactory bond that he escaped. Harrington is prominently connected in Pitt county.

JOHN BRIGHT HILL GETS WEST POINT APPOINTMENT

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, May 27.—Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hill, of this city, will learn with interest of the appointment to West Point of their youngest son, John Bright, who is now employed at the government shipyard in Wilmington, but will leave in June to begin his military training at West Point. Dudley Hill, the only other son of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, is in the signal corps of the aviation service of the American army in France.

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THE HOME MADE BLOUSE.

The inexpensive ready made blouse has undoubtedly been a great boon to the woman who dresses on a small dress allowance and who has little time to devote to sewing. Sometimes as little as a dollar she has been able to buy a waist that was cut on fashion, in lines and really designed by a clever designer. War prices seem to have affected the price of the cheap blouse very much. While to get a good hand made blouse we have to pay much more than we did before the war. The stores still show dozens of waists from a dollar to two dollars apiece.

But when it has ever been made of a cheap material, or expeditious for the woman on a limited income to buy these cheap blouses is another matter. Their freshness and attractiveness are something that soon fades. The lace—and they almost always have cheap lace or embroidery—looks "tacky" after a few washings. The color of the cotton deteriorates. Whereas a blouse made of good material will come out of the wash if it is properly bleached and sunned white and dry till it is practically worn to thread, the cheap blouse takes on a yellowish hue early in its career and keeps it despite careful washing.

Moreover such cheap blouses usually wring or pull, the material becomes wrinkled and the seams sag.

Because we have to economize in every possible way we have returned to the sewing machine and the paper patterns with a vengeance. Of course there are women who still buy ready-made waists. But they are many that are buying better ones because they realize that with the (tasks they