

FLORIDA LEADS RELIEF RECORDS

Heads Major Disasters of 1926. Red Cross Active in 62 Emergencies in Year.

ALSO SERVES FOREIGN LANDS

Preparedness to Cope with Great Disturbances Gives Good Results in Action.

Facing one of the largest rehabilitation efforts of its whole history, as a result of the Florida hurricane, the American Red Cross already had behind it a record of service in 62 disasters at home, up to the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1926.

When the hurricane struck Florida with such devastation and loss of life, the Red Cross National Headquarters was just congratulating itself that a year had passed without a major disaster within the borders of the country. The destruction in Florida has been tentatively estimated by Director of Disaster Relief Henry L. Baker, of the American Red Cross, in terms of relief work ahead of the organization.

This takes into account all successful surveys by experienced and place the injured at 4,000, of the stricken Gulf Coast of Moorehaven and Clewiston. 1,200 injured sent to Miami and 500 were suffering with major fractures. In two other east coast communities the injured numbered nearly 1,000. The homeless were conservatively estimated at 50,000. Such figures sketch only vaguely the human and material problem which the American Red Cross is still doing its utmost to solve.

For comparison the other outstanding recent disaster, the Midwest tornado of March 18, 1925, can be described in more detail. In that catastrophe the final check showed 800 dead, 3,000 injured and 6,847 families of approximately 30,000 men, women and children rendered homeless. The final relief operations of the Red Cross were brought to a close March 18, 1926, exactly a year from the day the tornado struck five states.

So terrible did the death and destruction impress itself on the experienced Red Cross forces rushed into Florida that Chairman John Barton Payne did not hesitate to call for a relief fund from the whole country of \$5,000,000. The Red Cross concentrated every resource in trained personnel on the stricken region.

The New Jersey munitions explosion, in July, while terrible as a spectacle, could not compare with either of these other two disasters in final destructiveness. It gave the Red Cross an opportunity for service in which Red Cross nurses treated 86 injured, and during the height of the emergency fed between 700 and 800 people driven from their homes. More than 400 cases were registered with the Red Cross after the explosions for assistance in regaining their hold on life through rehabilitation work. This latter is a regular part of the Red Cross relief operations in all disasters, and means a task continued long after the country has ceased to think of the occurrence itself.

The year has seen a new measure of disaster relief preparedness inaugurated by the Red Cross, under which a trained reserve of medical and other relief experts is constantly on call for any service. This preparedness justified itself in both the New Jersey explosion, and in the Florida hurricane. In the latter the Red Cross had at call more than 300 experienced disaster workers with a network of prepared Chapters all over the country. This preparedness, constantly demonstrated, is cited as material assurance that the country is better protected today than ever before from the suffering such misfortunes engender.

Bad as were domestic disasters in both the last fiscal year and recent months, some of those abroad in the same time have been comparable, especially a flood in Mexico. Altogether the American Red Cross served in the name of the American people in more than 15 foreign catastrophes.

The Tenth Annual Roll Call for membership to maintain such activities will be held from November 11 to 25, and is an opportunity for all to enroll themselves in the American Red Cross.

"TALLEST BUILDING" TITLE HELD BRIEFLY

Superior Height No Longer a Distinction.

New York.—With the skyscrapers of each year being lost in the shadows of the taller ones erected in the next, the designer who wishes to plan a distinctive building no longer can rely upon superior height alone.

Most of the cities of the United States are seeing their "tallest buildings" eclipsed, one after the other, as the result of a construction trend which has been gaining momentum for several years.

In the past, especially in the early part of the century, the erection of a building taller than any of its neighbors, or taller than any in the same town, was a guaranty that it would stand out prominently for a considerable time.

"World's Tallest" Record. In New York city several buildings successively acquiring the title of "tallest" held it long enough to gain national reputation. The American Surety building, one of the first downtown skyscrapers, was followed by the Flatiron building, and then by the Singer building. The title of "world's tallest" was then captured by the Woolworth, which held it unchallenged until the planning of the 81-story new Book tower in Detroit.

Most of the cities of America today are witnessing similar processes of "overtopping." In Cleveland the new Union Terminal tower will rise 711 feet, considerably higher than the previous tallest building, except the Woolworth building.

The peak of the Brooklyn skyline was for years at 23 stories, the height of the Chamber of Commerce building. Suddenly it went to 28 stories with the Court Renssen building, and scarcely was this completed when work was begun on a new 30-story structure, and another, which is to go to 35 stories, all within a few blocks of one another. In nearly every section of New York city buildings which previously stood out as isolated skyscrapers are today surrounded by taller ones, like groves of trees.

Try for Distinction. When this overlapping occurs a structure can still hold its rank as one of the "leading buildings" through distinctive features other than height. Architects now plan to insure permanent prestige for the buildings they design by modern floor plans and lighting effects, exteriors made attractive by skillful use of terra cotta and other decorative materials, efficient elevator facilities and generally convenient equipment throughout. Care is also being taken to avoid the buildings' ever assuming an appearance of "oldness" by the use in many cases of facing materials which can be washed with soap and water.

Devise Instrument for Testing Tension of Cloth

Washington.—How tight should the covering on an airplane's wings be? A new instrument that measures the tension of the cloth that holds the helium in a dirigible as well as that used on planes has been perfected in the laboratories of the United States bureau of standards.

It is of great importance, say experts, that the tension of the fabrics used in aircraft should be exactly right. If it is not taut enough, the operation of the plane is unsatisfactory. If it is drawn too tightly, there is likely to be strain on the metal framework.

The new instrument was constructed at the bureau of standards for use in the bureau of aeronautics of the Navy department. It is simple and easily operated and will test different portions of the fabric used on a machine without disturbing the covering as a whole.

Contrary Herd of Deer Haled Into U. S. Court

Los Angeles, Calif.—Thirty thousand deer in Kaibab forest in northern Arizona, having outwitted, outrun and generally defeated plans of cowboys to transfer them to new forage preserves, face the mandate of a special United States court.

Each year as snow drives the deer to lower altitudes a forage shortage develops, forcing the animals to eat bark of trees which threatens large stands of valuable timber. Thus far the animals have evaded numerous ingenious schemes to transfer them, including a rodeo which was to end in a drive across the grand canyon to a new preserve.

The case was submitted to a special court of three judges here recently, the government contending the excess deer should be shot, while the state claims existing laws forbid hunters to enter the preserve.

Indians Hunt to Buy Squaws Sell Stockings

New York.—John N. Melvorth, returning from northern British Columbia and Alaska, where he bagged 12 mountain sheep, caribou and Alaska sheep for the United States biological survey and the National museum in Washington, told of penetrating regions never before explored. In this country, he said, he found a nomadic Indian tribe living in primitive fashion by hunting and fishing, but with some of the Indian women wearing high-heeled shoes and silk stockings, which they had obtained at trading posts in exchange for their furs.

MIGHT.



Mr. Collier Down—This chicken is tough.

Mrs. Collier Down—But the dealer assured me that it was tender. He wouldn't tell a lie for a mere chicken.

Mr. Collier Down—But he might for an old hen.

GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS.



Vivian—Young Sweetly told me that he proposed to you the other evening and you refused him.

Violet—Yes, poor boy! I really felt sorry for him, and if he hadn't left me so hurriedly I might have relented and accepted him after all.

Vivian—Yes, that's what he said.

THE ONE ADVANTAGE.



Bronson—How do you like living in a flat?

Woodson—Great! Splendid! Bronson—But you haven't as much room as you had in your house.

Woodson—That's just it—no room for my wife's relatives.

HE HAD PLENTY OF COLOR.



Bang—So you are back from the mountains, eh? Well, you didn't get reddened up very much.

Wang—Didn't, eh? You ought to see my back from sleeping on a corn-husk mattress three weeks.

THOSE SEASHORE PRICES.



Green (seaside)—Hello! old man. Here for the season?

Wise—No; merely for a day or so. I only brought a couple of hundred with me.

Russell's "Franklin"

ly Praised in Reviews

(From the Chapel Hill Weekly) "Benjamin Franklin, the First Civilized American," by Phillips Russell, alumnus of the University of North Carolina, has won much praise from the book reviewers. It is published by Brentano's.

Harry Hansen, whose column, "The First Reader," appears in the New York World and other papers throughout the country, says of the book:

"The next statue in the Hall of Fame to be taken down and dusted is that of Benjamin Franklin, who comes to us rejuvenated by Phillips Russell. This entertaining book on a sturdy old American patriot tells so many tales not in the official biographies that Mr. Russell automatically cuts himself off from mention in the list of books recommended for Sunday school libraries."

The News and Observer, after remarking that Franklin made the labors of his biographers exceedingly difficult by writing one of the most fascinating autobiographies in the English language, says that Phillips Russell "has written a life of Franklin which in frankness, emphasis on the human factor, and spirited treatment will not be shamed by comparison with Franklin's own autobiography."

The author has been skilful in his choice of passages quoted from the autobiography, and he has woven these in with information obtained from governmental archives from the Franklin letters preserved in Philadelphia, and from documents in France and England. Particularly entertaining are the chapters that tell of the friendships between Franklin and Frenchwomen when he was an ambassador at the court of Louis the Sixteenth.

Explaining why he calls Franklin "the first civilized American," Mr. Russell says: for narrowness, superstition and bleak beliefs, he was mirthful, generous, open-minded, loving, tolerant and humor-loving."

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J. N. Lasater, Administrator of the estate of Needham H. Harris, deceased,

vs. Willie H. Harris et als.

Notice The defendants, Willie H. Harris, Mamie Harris, R. G. Harris, Fannie Harris, Nathan Harris, Daisy Harris, Abraham Harris, Dora Harris, Till Bennett, Lola Bennett, A. Davis and Lillie May Davis, and all other persons interested in the estate of Needham H. Harris, deceased will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, for the purpose of selling real estate which is described in complaint; and that said defendants will further take notice that they are to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court at his office in the Court House at Pittsboro, North Carolina, on or before the second day of December, 1926, and answer or de-

mur to complaint filed in this cause or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded. This 1st day of November, 1926. E. B. HATCH, Clerk of the Superior Court for Chatham County, N. C. Nov. 4, 1926.

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