

## HALF MILLION PEOPLE AIDED BY RED CROSS IN HURRICANE RELIEF

Porto Rico and Florida Victims  
Helped by Prompt Action;  
\$5,000,000 Given by  
Public.

One of the greatest disasters, in point of loss of life and devastation of homes, in which the American Red Cross has ever carried relief was the West Indies hurricane of September last, which swept across Porto Rico, parts of the Virgin Islands, the coast of Florida and north to end in torrential rains, flooding streams in a half dozen states. The known dead in all of the areas affected was 2,259, although it was admitted that the complete total of dead in Florida would never be known. The number of injured was estimated at 3,170. Approximately 20,000 buildings were destroyed and damaged.

At the height of the emergency the Red Cross was caring for 506,410 people—that is, feeding and clothing them and arranging for whatever shelter was obtainable. As long as three weeks after the hurricane struck Porto Rico and Florida, the Red Cross was aiding 20,236 people who were sick, of these 236 in Florida and the remainder in Porto Rico, where influenza and malaria were being treated to prevent epidemics of more drastic diseases. Large numbers of Red Cross nurses were active at both points.

In Florida more than 11,000 persons applied to Red Cross for assistance, and a great number of people in Florida and also in Porto Rico still were being cared for in the matter of food, clothing and shelter as long as two months after the hurricane, while they awaited maturing crops which would enable them to again become self sustaining.

For this relief task, the American public gave the American Red Cross a fund of \$5,000,000—the sum set forth in a proclamation issued by President Coolidge a few days after news of the hurricane was received.

The relief given by the Red Cross in this great emergency, spread over such a wide territory of sea and land, was everywhere commended and especial emphasis was placed upon the promptitude with which the organization responded. The hurricane struck Porto Rico September 13, and the first brief cabled word of it came September 14, to both Red Cross and the news agencies. Before nightfall, the national director of disaster relief for the Red Cross and a staff of four trained men had left Washington for Charleston, South Carolina, to

board a navy destroyer which upon instruction of the President of the United States had been placed at command of the Red Cross by the Secretary of the Navy. And although the next day was Sunday, a Red Cross man arrived in New York to purchase a thousand tons of food for the Porto Ricans, already reported to be starving, and the Navy again placed a ship for the cargo at Red Cross command. Late on Saturday evening there came another cable—a Red Cross nurse at St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands, addressed a plea to the mother organization in Washington and gave first warning of the plight of the people of the American possession, where no family in a population of 11,000 had escaped injury.

In the meantime the Red Cross had notified its Florida Chapters that it stood ready for any service, in event the hurricane, headed toward them, did any damage. Not content with this, the Red Cross on Sunday night entrained a disaster relief director and six workers for Florida.

Money, food, clothing were dispatched immediately to both points, and before the end of the week the Red Cross was feeding a half million people.

This prompt response was made possible by the disaster relief organization the Red Cross has brought together and trained through a series of such national calamities.

Support of this work is through the annual Roll Call for memberships. The goal in the twelfth annual Roll Call to be held Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day, November 11 to 29, is 5,000,000 members.

## VETERAN RELIEF IS BIG RED CROSS TASK

Service to Disabled in Ten Years  
Since Armistice Has Cost  
\$65,000,000.

In this year of the tenth anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the world war, the American Red Cross still finds a great army of disabled and sick veterans requiring assistance, and whose families also must be aided, according to a statement by James L. Fieser, vice chairman in charge of domestic operations of the Red Cross at Washington. In the ten years since November 11, 1918, the Red Cross has expended approximately \$65,000,000 in veteran relief work, Mr. Fieser said.

There is a daily average of 25,500 disabled and sick world war veterans enrolled in Veterans' Bureau and other government hospitals which care for these men and women, and about the same annual average of veterans succumbing to wounds and illness, for whose dependents the Red Cross is

pledged to give required assistance, Mr. Fieser pointed out.

In addition, the Red Cross, under its charter granted by Congress, has a definite duty towards service men of the regular establishment of Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and follows them to all foreign ports or duty. The expenditure in this work for the year ending June 30, 1928, was \$307,458, the annual report states.

"Upon the Red Cross rests the sacred obligation of carrying on relief work for the disabled service and ex-service men and women and their dependents, taking up the work where the Government is not able to carry on," Mr. Fieser said. "The Red Cross has 349 trained workers, serving either full or part time in the field, in liaison work, camps and hospitals, who are always in personal contact with the sick and disabled in hospitals, with the men in the regular Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and who stand ever ready to serve veterans back in civil life, who need the help of a friendly agency to aid in establishing their rights and claims.

"To maintain this staff and to support the practical services they render, the Red Cross made expenditure of \$1,169,795 for the year ending June 30, 1928. In addition 2,700 Red Cross Chapters, in that number of communities, who have established special work for the disabled service and ex-service people, expended during the past year \$1,732,000."

The annual report states that the number of death claims alone of veterans which are handled through the War Service at national headquarters of the Red Cross, has increased from 12,010 in 1923-24 to 24,602 in 1927-28. During the year ending June 30, 1928, War Service assisted Chapters in adjusting Government claims amounting, in benefits to veterans or their dependents, to \$693,203.42 in awards for compensation, insurance, adjusted compensation, burial expenses, etc. In addition to this amount, which represented lump sum payments, awards were obtained for \$183,389 in monthly installments of insurance and compensation and in quarterly adjusted compensation payments.

Mr. Fieser points out that Red Cross Roll Call comes once each year, and that it is the only occasion upon which the Red Cross asks for funds with which to carry on its activities, of which War Service is one. From Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day the American people are asked to support this work through their Red Cross memberships.

Fifty nations fly the Red Cross flag. For all it carries the symbolic meaning of help in time of distress; of health preservation; disease prevention, and international co-operation in humane effort, which recognizes no frontier, no difference in language, but only merciful help for all men.

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## HOLLY SPRINGS

Harris, R-1, Nov. 4.—The farmers of this section are very busy picking cotton, gathering potatoes and corn.

Many of our people attended the funeral of Mr. Wellington Honeycutt Sunday afternoon at Floyd's Creek.

On last Thursday, Mr. Matt Henson of Henrietta was buried at Holly Springs. He has been a member of the Baptist church for many years. Rev. M. M. Huntley had charge of the funeral service and Mr. Hightower was the undertaker.

Mr. Rector Robbins and Miss Maggie Cole of Boiling Springs spent the week end with home folks.

Dr. Davis, the president of Boiling Springs school will preach at Holly Springs the third Sunday night, November 18. Everybody is cordially invited to come and hear this great speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frasier and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Memory Morgan Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGinnis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Lowery Sunday.

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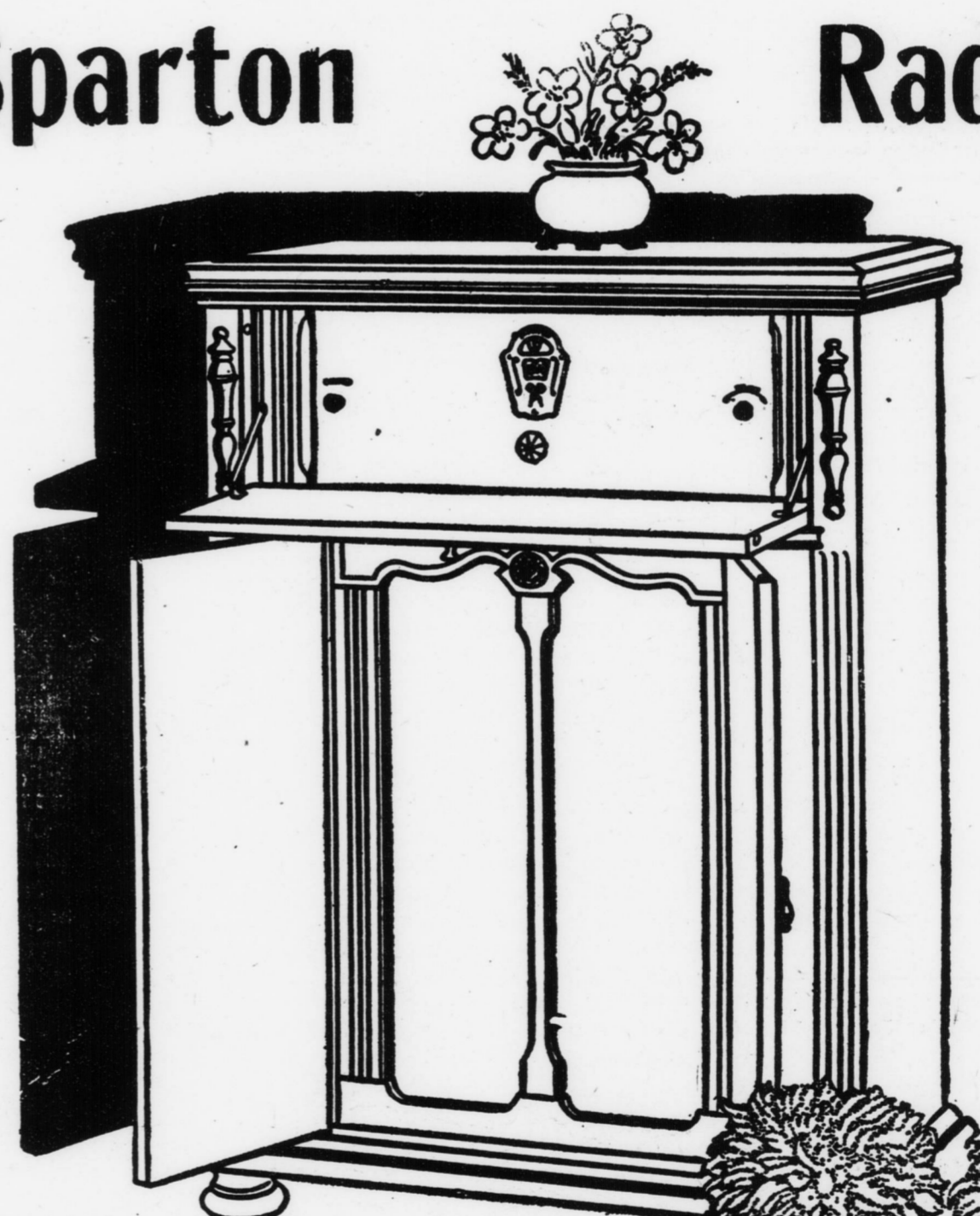
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