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THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, 1920.

USE COMMON SOBER JUDGMENT

It would appear unnecessary to say to the business men, professional men and farmers of Edgecombe county, all of whom are of more than ordinary intelligence, to use common sober sense, not to lose their heads in useless attack upon individuals, bureaus or industries, but to look at the present situation with good judgment and with cooperative energy endeavor to weather the storm and right the ship of commerce with the least possible disturbance to any interest.

That we are at a crucial point in history none will deny. That the present crisis demands the best endeavor of all to extricate each one in the community from an awkward situation is apparent to most of us and what must be done is to take hold of the condition with energy and cohesive action.

What we are trying to drive into the minds of all is the need of clear minded determination to be unselfish to the extent that each will help the other to a degree that all may be enabled to carry on until conditions improve.

For instance if a farmer realizes, as he eventually must, that he should sacrifice his tobacco in order to save his cotton, let him go determinedly to work and market his tobacco in small lots so that he may get the best results possible, then take the money realized upon his tobacco crop and pay part to his bank, and merchant, so that all may be benefited a little and that the money may be kept in circulation.

Take a concrete example for instance:

Suppose a farmer owes his bank one thousand dollars and his note is coming due in a short time. It is the duty of that farmer to sell enough of his crops to reduce his indebtedness by fully a fourth of the loan.

As one prominent banker very truly stated:

"If all the farmers who are owing any bank would make up their minds to be prepared to reduce their loans by twenty-five per cent when due, we could also reduce our borrowings, and thus put the commodity in good financial standing."

Suppose all the farmers in Edgecombe county would take this example to their hearts and carry out such a program the banks and merchants would be enabled to assist the farmers in holding part of their cotton crop should the prices be below the cost of production when their cotton was ready for the market.

Above all else it must be realized that all extravagance must cease. The time is now here for the most frugal habits. It would be nothing less than a crime for men and women to be wasteful during this crucial period. It matters not whether you owe a dollar or not the example you set will surely be followed and it is at such a time as this, as it was during the war, that the best traits of every person is shown.

Let us all get down to rock bottom and do such things as we would have done to us. This is not pleasant after the era of utmost plenty, but when necessity calls we want to find our people answering the call as did the second generation before us and as we have recently seen in the present generation of our stalwart and

heroic boys of North Carolina.

With a determination in the minds of all to do the right thing, whatsoever may face us, to aid our fellow man to the utmost of our ability and to be sparing in our use of the gifts that God will allow to us through these perilous times will be sufficient assurance that none will have aught to fear, no matter what seer or prophet may aver calamity, dire disaster, or the many ills that humans are prone to call down upon us, for then we shall be walking in the path that is clear and right and none can gain-say the wisdom of so doing.

To enable the blind in Japan to earn a living, a law is in force prohibiting any but blind persons practicing massage. Consequently a great many of these unfortunates act as masseurs.

Why Suffer?

Cardui "Did Wonders for Me," Declares This Lady.

"I suffered for a long time with womanly weakness," says Mrs. J. R. Simpson, of 57 Spruce St., Asheville, N. C. "I finally got to the place where it was an effort for me to go. I would have bearing-down pains in my side and back — especially severe across my back, and down in my side there was a great deal of soreness. I was nervous and easily upset."

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Her unusual power in literary interpretation has aroused enthusiasm in many parts of the country.

The dome of the famous Palace of Justice in Brussels is made of paper mache.

African princes require their bride to have their teeth filed like a saw.

Wasps have a capacity for recovery in accordance with their remarkable muscular powers, and will speedily emerge from stupor induced by a strong dose of chloroform.

In the Pacific islands cricket is played with an enthusiasm unknown in the land of its birth. Sixty or seventy men play on a side, the average game lasts three weeks, and concludes with a combined murderous assault on the umpire.

The speed of an otter under water is amazing, fish having no chance against him. In some places in India, otters are kept by the natives to catch fish for them. They are tied to stakes like dogs when not working, wear plaited straw collars, and seem happy.

MAKING WAR ON DISEASE MENACE

American Red Cross Announces Budget of \$48,200,000 For Current Year.

NEW DISASTER RELIEF PLAN

Continuance of Heavy Work Abroad Deemed Necessary to Protect United States—\$21,000,000 Less Than Last Year.

A program of relief and service toward which appropriations of \$48,200,000 have been made has been outlined for the American Red Cross for the fiscal year, July 1, 1920, to July 1, 1921, according to official announcement by national headquarters of the organization at Washington. The figures for 1920-21 are \$21,000,000 below those of 1919-20, in which \$69,400,000 was spent.

Important among the items of the budget for the present year is the appropriation of \$31,000,000 for relief in foreign lands, which includes \$11,000,000 in purchased supplies on hand and not distributed.

Must Protect United States.

This will enable the American Red Cross to continue its humanitarian effort to aid stricken peoples to re-establish themselves, to fight the disease epidemics which threaten many countries and to efface largely the remaining traces of the blight left by the World War. It is regarded as social as well as physical sanitation on a large scale that will have a direct bearing on future conditions in America.

Central Europe, the chief sufferer from the conflict, today is facing another winter of famine, pestilence and ruin. Typhus decreased much during the summer months where last winter it had its greatest stronghold, but physicians who investigated the situation at the behest of the League of Red Cross Societies have given their unqualified opinion that this coming winter will see a recurrence on an unprecedented scale. The Red Cross feels it must continue preventive measures abroad to keep this and other deadly maladies from the United States.

Millions for Work at Home.

When the disease was sweeping Central Europe last winter the American Red Cross, with the aid of the governments of afflicted nations, undertook the fight against it. Hospitals were established wherever possible and food and clothing were distributed to the undernourished populations, who by reason of their undernourishment were easy prey to the epidemics. Where organization contributed last year to the great inroads made by the disease, and the presence of well established hospital centers, the American Red Cross this year will undertake the work with a new confidence.

Including the total of \$11,000,000 in supplies left from the last fiscal year, the \$31,000,000 is \$21,000,000 less than the expenditures for 1919-20.

Appropriations for domestic activities total \$10,700,000.

The largest item of this "home" budget is \$7,800,000 for civilian relief work. This includes service and assistance for families of soldiers, sailors and marines, and work incidental to disaster. Of the total appropriation for civilian relief, \$5,000,000 is held in reserve for the carrying out of actual disaster relief.

Reduced Overhead Expense.

The Red Cross invariably is the first thought of a community visited by calamity. With this in mind, it was determined by the Executive Committee in preparing the budget of 1919-20 to have a fixed reserve fund from which to draw in these instances.

For assistance to soldiers, sailors and marines in hospitals and in camps this year \$1,000,000 has been set aside. Four million two hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated for improvement of health and prevention of disease throughout the United States during the current twelve months. The Red Cross is co-operating fully with the United States Health Service in this work and through its Junior Red Cross is doing much to spread among children the principles of sanitation. An appropriation of \$1,000,000 has been made for developing the peace time program of the Red Cross by service to its chapters in all regions.

The appropriation of \$48,200,000 is exclusive of the local expenditures of the 3,000 or more chapters. Administration expenses this year will be \$1,800,000. Last year they were \$2,300,000.

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The American Red Cross is carrying on a wide program of service for the disabled World War veterans receiving treatment in United States Public Health hospitals, and those being trained through agencies of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

In each of the Public Health Service hospitals Red Cross workers devote their time to the general welfare of the service men from the day they enter the receiving ward until they are discharged. After the soldier's discharge the Red Cross continues its friendly service through the Home Service Section in his own community. The Red Cross maintains a convalescent house at all of the hospitals, where patients can amuse themselves after they are well enough to be up and around. Parties and picture shows in the wards are also furnished, with occasional excursions when convalescence comes.

Great service has been rendered by the Red Cross in mental cases in identifying those who have appeared in state hospitals for the insane, and helping them secure compensation due from the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

In the Federal Board's various district offices the Red Cross worker, acting with the Home Service Section, makes necessary loans to the men, arranges suitable living conditions, helps collect evidence and supply facts to the Board, assists in "appealing cases" and settles various personal difficulties for the men. The workers also follow up and aid all men who discontinue training.

The Red Cross agents find men "lost" to the Board, help clear up delayed cases and aid the college counselors in their friendly work with the men. Many Red Cross chapters have set up recreation facilities, and in some instances living clubs, so these victims of war may have attractive surroundings and the fun which must go with effective school work.

To the American Red Cross Institute for the Blind near Baltimore, Md., more than half of all the Americans blinded in the World War have come for training. The Institute, through the Red Cross, long ago conducted an exhaustive industrial survey to determine the vocations for which blind men could be fitted. As a result it is putting forth well trained men equipped to meet the social, civic and economic requirements of their respective communities.

HOME SERVICE FOR EVERYBODY IN NEED

Do you know what the present day Home Service of the American Red Cross is?

Many people do not know that, besides completing the work for ex-servicemen, especially the disabled, it provides the same neighborly service to families in general that it formerly gave families of soldiers, sailors and marines.

"Home Service covers a wide and varied field," says Frederick C. Munroe, general manager of the American Red Cross. "It gives aid to families in solving such problems as budget planning, marketing, tiding over times of financial stress, keeping children in school, helping crippled children, widowed and deserted mothers, children backward in school and children in conflict with the law. It renders service to the homeless and transient, to the illiterate, to tenement dwellers, to the unemployed, and gives friendly assistance and advice to foreign speaking groups."

In addition to helping families in the solution of their own problems, Home Service helps in strengthening the weak spots in the social life of communities. It joins hands with others to make communities safer, healthier and happier.

Organizing action along lines in which the community is already interested is one of the objects of Home Service. It has established community meetings, patriotic celebrations, pageants and picnics. Rest rooms, recreation facilities, play supervisors and moving pictures have been provided. Through Home Service other agencies are influenced to bring about improved commercial amusements and better school facilities and to promote traveling libraries as well as to secure county agricultural and home demonstration agents.

If you need assistance at any time, go to the secretary of the nearest Red Cross chapter and describe the situation. Your confidence will be sacredly respected and every possible effort will be made to aid you.

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