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KEEPING HOME FIRES BURNING UNTIL THE SOLDIER RETURNS

The Red Cross has for years been associated with hospitals, doctors, soldiers, sailors, battles, disasters; but it is only within the last few months that those who do not come under any of these classes have come to realize the importance of the assistance rendered by the Red Cross.

Soldiers and sailors must be encouraged to "carry on." Their morale must be upheld. The sailor or soldier who is worrying about the welfare of his family is not able to put his mind on the business before him. For this reason the Home Service Section of the American Red Cross has been organized, and to the folks at home it means neighborliness, counsel and aid—the nation's assurance to the enlisted man that his family shall suffer for no essential thing that is within its power to give.

In practically every large city of the United States there is already a class for training the workers of the Home Service section, so that they may be able to efficiently deal with the very real problems that are before them. It is not the policy of the section to force upon families the aid of the Red Cross nor to burden them with interference. No family should be approached unless some member of the family or some person capable of speaking for them has asked for the service. Because it is the desire of the Committee on Civilian Relief, under whose direction this work comes, to keep the services of the bureau strictly confidential, the wearing of any uniform by the Home Service workers has been discouraged. They call simply as friends and try to call immediately when requested.

In no instance is a visitor permitted to pry into the secrets of the family. Help is always ready, and the call usually comes from the men in the service himself. Through the workers in the camp or at the front he learns that his family may be assisted, and if he does not hear regularly or encouragingly he is quite apt to talk over with the Red Cross man or woman the affairs of his home when he learns of the friendly interest, and thus send word to his family. The school teachers also are often the informants for they know through the children of the needs at home and

Living is more difficult for every one in war times, and the mothers are lonely and discouraged, and this brings hardship on the heads of the little children. Sometimes the wife and mother is worrying over financial problems, and here the Home Service bureau is always helpful, for it actually assists her in properly managing her affairs, in planning her income and, of course, seeing that she is receiving sufficient allotment, and this regularly, and that if it becomes necessary the Red Cross is always ready to supplement the income. Where medical care or operations for the welfare of the

children are necessary the Home Service is ready to assist, to secure proper care for the children, and to take the mind of the mother.

Milk for Sick Babies

Everywhere in the war zone, there are sick babies and babies needing milk. The American Red Cross is establishing milk stations, and the babies of Italian soldiers are beginning to thrive, already under the competent care of the nurses, some of whom were Infant Welfare nurses in our own country before going overseas. At

Children of the Crusade

By JEANNE JUDSON.

Frightened and pitiful, they walk apart,
Through the familiar village street, grown strange,
Hand clasped in hand, they hear weird echoes start
From ruined homes. Fear dumbs each small, child heart

No tears rain down like dew to ease their woe,
Horror has dried the wells from which they sprang,
Like wee crusaders of the long ago,
Their phantom banners in the breezes blow.

If one should call out "Follow!" they would run,
Grime of the highway on their tiny feet,
Headless alike of dust and blazing sun,
Forget, as dreams, the horrors that were done.

None calls; weary they rest within the shade,
The ruined church, where once they learned to pray,
Long years before the war had come, and laid
Their homes in ruins, made their hearts afraid.

Before the Holy Mother low they bow,
Perhaps she hears and soon will bring them aid,
It must be she whose voice is calling now,
For see the cross is shining on her brow!

The light around her head, a nimbus gleams,
A Red Cross worker, not from Heaven, they know,
Yet Mary heard and sent her here it seems,
To lead them home to shelter and to draw.

GEN. MARCH SURE VICTORY

Planned to Send 20 Divisions to France Was With Complete Confidence of The

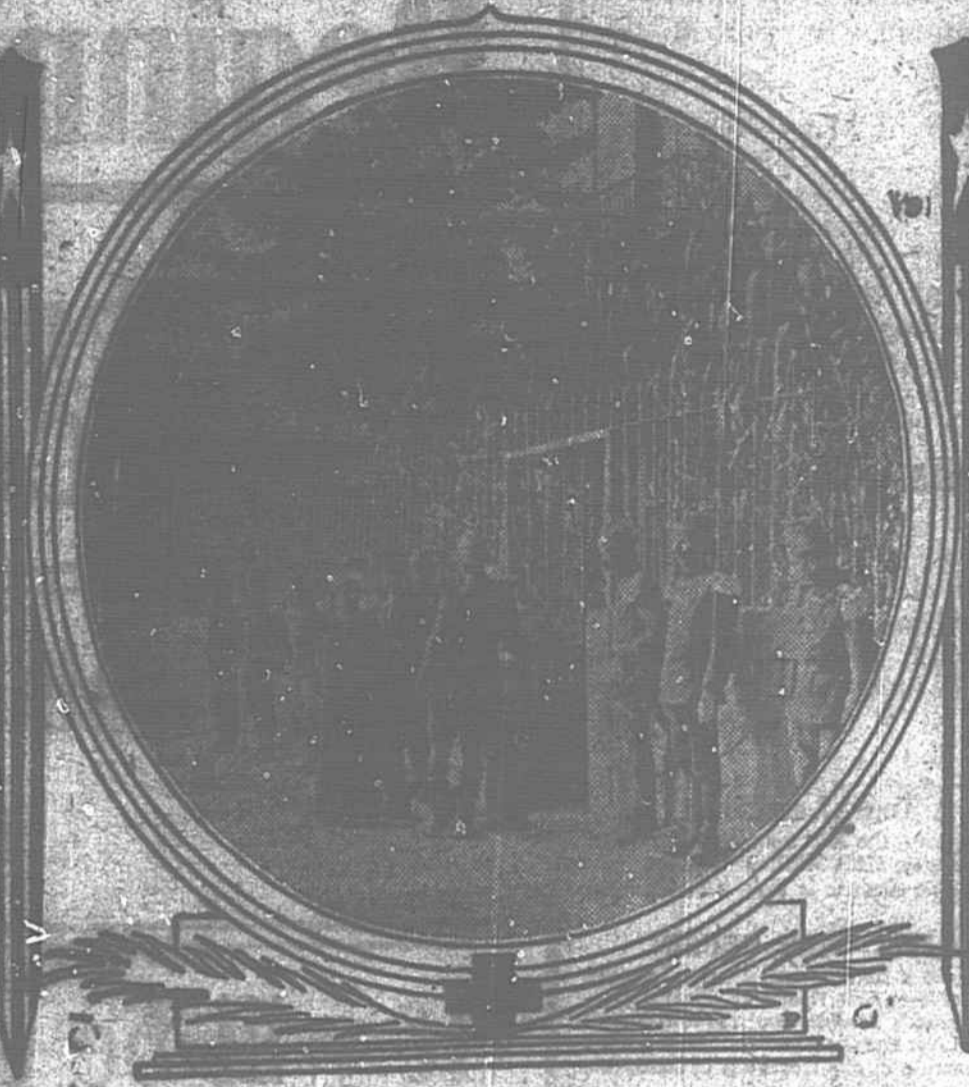
Washington, Dec. 12.—The army program of 20 divisions to be sent to France by June 30, 1919, was announced today with complete confidence that Germany could and would be defeated during 1919 if the project was carried out. General March, chief of staff, declared in his annual report to Secretary Baker and made public today. That conviction was based on a comprehensive study of the whole war situation ordered by General March immediately after he assumed his duties as head of the staff last March. "After a study of the entire situation," the report says, "including an accurate estimate of the potential strength of our allies on the western front and of the probable German strength as was possible to come to the conclusion that the war might be brought to an end in 1919, provided we were able to land in France by June 30 of that year 20 divisions of a strength of 2,500,000."

"Up to the signing of the armistice troops were being transported to France monthly in accordance with that program. The rest went for themselves."

THE RED CROSS WILL CALL

When the great mother in the world calls, all the work of the American Red Cross is that the American Red Cross is present, wherever there is a need. It will call for the 22,000,000 children of the world who are orphaned and who are in need of help. One happy child is a call to the Red Cross. A heart is a call to the Red Cross. A hand is a call to the Red Cross. A voice is a call to the Red Cross. A life is a call to the Red Cross. A soul is a call to the Red Cross. A spirit is a call to the Red Cross. A heart is a call to the Red Cross. A hand is a call to the Red Cross. A voice is a call to the Red Cross. A life is a call to the Red Cross. A soul is a call to the Red Cross. A spirit is a call to the Red Cross.

THE HOLY LAND



THE GRAND MUFTI, HEAD OF THE MOHAMMEDAN CHURCH (A WIFE TURBAN), ARRIVES AT AMERICAN RED CROSS HEADQUARTERS TO TAKE PART IN THE FORMAL INAUGURATION OF THE WORK IN PALESTINE.

ILL-TREATMENT OF PRISONERS SHOULD BE PUNISHED

London, Dec. 10.—German officials guilty of acts which resulted in injury or danger to British prisoners of war should be held personally responsible, Lord Robert Cecil, former assistant secretary of state for foreign affairs, says. This statement was made in a message relative to the attitude of the government on the subject of treatment of prisoners, which has been generally discussed since the signing of the armistice, Lord Robert said.

The ill-treatment of prisoners is not like occurrences in battle, committed in hot blood or ignorance. It is deliberate, cold-blooded cruelty and ought to be punished if there is any relic of justice left in the world."

ALLIED FORCES WILL TEMPORARILY OCCUPY BERLIN

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—Allied and American forces will temporarily occupy Berlin as exercising police supervision, according to the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin, which says that an American wireless dispatch to this effect has been intercepted by the Germans. The newspaper says that Hamburg will be away on a tour of the country, speaking for the League to Enforce Peace. He cancelled these speaking engagements and stated that he would remain in Washington.

The reason for this action on the part of the Allies is said to be a regrettable incident during which a supervisor of a prisoners' camp shot three Frenchmen.

U. S. CONGRESS UP AGAINST A DIFFICULT TASK

Mr. Wilson Considers That His Highest Duty at Present Lies in France, Arranging the Final Terms of Peace. Vice President May Act For Him Here.

Congress met on Monday of last week, for the short session ending March 4. For the first time in the country's history it faced a situation where the President of the United States would be absent from the country for a number of weeks. This caused much excitement, many members of Congress condemning the President's plan and others approving it.

There was great surprise when it was learned that Woodrow Wilson was to go as a regularly appointed plenipotentiary of the United States. His commission as plenipotentiary will have to be signed by himself as President.

The President's chief purpose in attending the Peace Conference is understood, is to support and define his twenty-three peace points, especially the first fourteen of them. Those points were accepted by Germany and the Allies as the broad basis of peace. Question has arisen as to the exact meaning of some of them, and Mr. Wilson's presence is desired to explain the exact meaning.

He wishes, too, to see that only a just and lasting peace is made, and one which is in harmony with American ideas. He considers this his most important duty at present, far more urgent than attending to routine business at Washington.

On the eve of the President's departure for Europe it was understood that he had asked Vice-President Marshall to remain in Washington, ready to act for the President at a minute's notice if that should be necessary.

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GERMANY MUST RETURN THE STOLEN TREASURE

Paris, Dec. 9.—(Havas)—Attenuation or mortgage of railways, mines or other undertakings in which the German nation is interested is forbidden by a decision announced by the mixed conference being held at Spa. Foreign stocks belonging to Germany, as well as gold in the Reichsbank, come under the provisions of the decision. It is announced that negotiable instruments, documents, public records, articles of art and bills of bank of France and Belgium taken by the Germans during the war will be returned. Restoration of cash or bank notes will be made to Belgium during the present month. It is also agreed that Germany will remit to the Allies the gold taken out of Russia, especially 23,000,000 francs received from the soviet government.

Many a young soldier who set sail for Europe in an ordinary transport will embark for home in a transport of delight.

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DISCUSSES LOW PRICE COTTON.

Staple Has Dropped \$10 Bale in Month; Reasons Below Cost of Production.

Declines in the price of cotton and peanuts are especially noted in the monthly report of producers' prices, issued by the Division of Statistics and the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. Cotton, says the report, has fallen about \$10 a bale, and peanuts are down to 4 to 6 cents pound.

The low cotton market, says the report, appears to be due to concerted withdrawal from the market on the part of cotton mills, which are uncertain as to future conditions in the goods market. Since Europe is practically bare of cotton and cotton goods, it is expected that exportations will gradually increase with the cessation of exportations. The government recently announced that 2,000,000 more bales of cotton would be exported this year than were sent out last.

This fact, taken with the fact that the government does not intend to cancel contracts with mills, so long as the mills fulfill them, is indicative of higher prices to come, says the report.

and proceeds: "Farmers are advised to refuse to sell at present prices, but good care should be taken of the held cotton and it should not be allowed to damage. The Division of Markets will be glad to assist in locating suitable storage places and aiding in securing loans on cotton when desired."

"With all Europe, with the exception of Denmark, South Russia and Hungary, under the necessity to import food from America, farmers should have no fears for any great fall in prices for this year's crops," says the report. "Cash No. 2 white cotton in the Chicago market sold for average price of \$1.32 1-2 to \$1.41 during November as compared to \$1.35 1-2 to \$1.48 7-8 during October, there being no very great change during November. The November average for eleven North Carolina towns was \$1.39 1-2. Special reports from twenty-one counties indicate a range of prices of \$1.40 to \$2.10 and an average price for corn of \$1.74 3-5. The low price quoted for corn are \$1.40 per bushel for Alexander, \$1.50 for Randolph and \$1.55 for Pasquotank county.

"Irish potato movement from producers to market has been very light in Western North Carolina during the month of November. Farmers who failed to sell in September and October have as a rule preferred to hold their potatoes rather than sell on the November market. Prices have averaged about two cents per pound de-

livered in bulk to central distributing points like Asheville and Waynesville. "Sweet potato prices average for eleven North Carolina towns \$1.40 2-5, and \$1.40 1-5 in nineteen counties the range being \$1.00 in Cabarrus, Caldwell, Randolph and Alexander and \$2.00 in Mecklenburg county."

WANT TO RETAIN THE CONQUERED COLONIES

London, Dec. 9.—Natives of Germany's colonies want to continue British rule, said Walter Hume Long, Secretary of State for Colonies, speaking at Westminster tonight.

"Our representatives at the peace conference should see that the case for our retention of those colonies is put forward in full strength. It will be a gross injustice to our great millions to tell them that these colonies which in a large measure, they conquered by their blood and valor are to pass under the control of anybody but the Empire to which they belong."

After the surrender of Germany's allies it did not take long for the German army to become an "also ran" and it ran fast.

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