THE POLK COUNTY NEWS



Over \$2,000,000 in Fund for War Sufferers-National Budget ls \$5,543,077.

AID TO VETERANS STANDS FIRST

Expended \$9,738,448 in Services to Mankind Last Year at Home and Abroad.

Washington .- With a budget of \$5,-543,077.81 for carrying out the program of service during the current fiscal year, beginning July 1, the American Red Cross announces that this amount was \$4,195,370.41 less than was expended during the fiscal year expenditures reached a total of \$9;-\$96.09 was devoted to relief of refu- charge. gees in Greece who had been driven out of Asia Minor. In announcing the budget for the year. the statement from National Headquarters emphasized the fact that its extensive work at home and abroad depends almost wholly upon the nation-wide support of the organization through enrollment of membership in large numbers during the annual roll call, which will be in progress from November 11 to November 29 under the auspices of the 3,600 Chapters in the United States and throughout the world. These Chapters, it is pointed out, during the last fiscal year expended of their own funds approximately \$3,920,-000 in work for the men who wore the United States uniform during the World War, so that the estimate of some \$15,000,000 expended during twelve months by the American Red Cross as a whole is considered conservative.

Soldier Service Stands First From July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1923. the American Red Cross spent nationally and through its Chapters close to \$164,000,000 in_behalf of American soldiers who served in the war and their families. During last year the figure alone mounted to more than \$5,866,-255, and for the current fiscal year National Headquarters has set aside under the heading, "Assistance to Disabled ex-Service Men and Women, \$2,065,834.20. The Chapters will continue to do their part, so that it may be predicted with confidence that again more than \$5,500,000 will be disbursed in the large variety of services to the disabled men and women and their families-services for which the Government cannot provide and which reach the individual case with the sympathy and understanding only actual contact can insure. This work of the American Red Cross approaches the fifth anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the World War with only slight decrease in calls for service in the interest of the welfare and rehabilitation of those who suffered physical disability in the service of their country. In the interest of the enlisted men serving in the Army and the Navy the budget provides \$309.020 for the current year. This is obligatory under the Red Cross charter, for the organization must act in matters of voluntary celief and as a medium of communication between the people and their Army and Navy. Domestic Program Extensive The domestic operations of the American Red Cross comprise an accurate indicator of the continuing calls for expansion in all the established and authorized services. The budget aggregates \$4,636,449.70, as against expenditures during the last year of \$4,452,066.20. The abnormal demands in the foreign field in the last several years, however, have largely subsided, and in consequence \$906,628.11 has been set for the 1923-24 budget under foreign operations. On this amount \$394.303.91 is set aside for engagements which will close the work for the refugees in Greece, for whose amelioration \$2,695.695.09 was xpended up to June 30, when the merican Red Cross withdrew, and ie work was taken over under the ontrol of the Greek government. For iquidation and completion of general elief in Europe the budget provides \$100,000, and for American Junior Red Cross projects, foreign and insular, and assistance to Chapters listed under foreign operations.

Men and Sheep. Men are like sheep, of which a flock is more easily driven than a single one .- Whately.

Religion Must Be Spread. Religion is a fire which example keeps alive, and which goes out if not communicated.-Joubert.

Uselessness.

About the most useless worry we know is the anxiety of the baldheaded man about whether or not he looks funny to people who are topped off with hair .- Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Secrets of the Earth's Crust.

A very delicate piece of apparatus which can be used for divining the presence of metals under the ground has been invented. A mass of heavy ore, even if buried, affects the pull of gravity on the instrument.

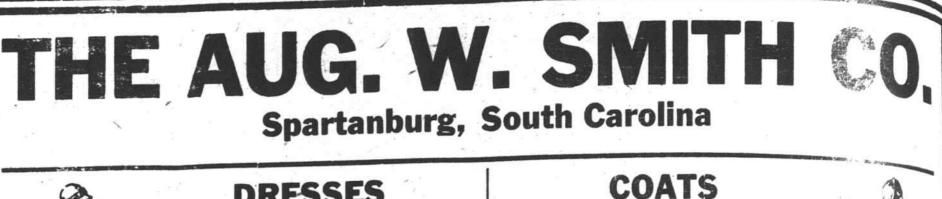
Bad for Nighthawks.

In Spanish cities at eleven o'clock at night the doors of all rooming houses are closed and locked. After that hour one can get in only by calling the guard or watchman of his particular block. This is an old Spanish custom which holds over to the present day ended last June 30. During that year in nearly all the cities of Spain. The watchman carries a lantern and the 738,448.22, of which amount \$2,605, keys of all the houses under his



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The readineess of the American Red Cross to answer immediately with effective service in cases of emergency is an outstanding feature of its program that is universally recognized. During last year \$525,000 was spent for relief in 110 disasters, which was \$207,500 in excess of budget provisions. This year \$400,000 has been appropriated for this service. Since 1881 the Red Cross has administered more than \$20,000,000 in relief work following disasters.

Other budget items in the schedule for domestic operations include .\$1,-282,524.20 for service and assistance to the 3,600 Chapters and their Branches; \$80,000 for assistance to other organizations, particularly stressing child health activities; \$194,-



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600 for Junior Red Cross projects and service; \$10,824.20 for assistance to Nurses' Training Schools, and for other activities \$111,456.80. For supervision of service activities and general management of the entire American Red Cross less than \$225,000 is allotted.

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