

T WILL take not fewer than 15,000,-

000 members of the American Red

Cross to take care of the sick and

wounded soldlers, look after their

families, and relieve the sufferings

of the women and children and old

men of war-trodden lands. Fifteen

million members! That means 10,-

000,000 new members, and the Red

Cross has set out to get them before

the sun sets on Christmas day.

They are to be known as Christmas members,

these 10,000,000 new ones, and it is in the Christ-

mas spirit that they are to be recruited—the spirit

of unselfishness, of caring for the afflicted, of

5,000,000 who now wear the Red Cross emblem

are giving all the Christmas cheer they can to the

boys in khaki. They need it. Tens of thousands

of them, and it may be hundreds of thousands, are

now in France with Pershing, facing the terrible

Germans across the desolate waste of No Man's

Land. Millions more are to go after them, and

other and still other millions until the foe which

claims the world for Germany is willing to go

They will have a cheery Christmas this year.

Every man in France will have a little packet

from "home," with the love and good wishes of the

American people-and that means a lot to the

young fellow who perhaps never before spent

Christmas away from his home folks. It will put

camps for their turn to go across, will also have

as merry a Christmas as the Red Cross can pro-

vide. Christmas trees, with gifts of some kind,

bearing a world of cheer and hope from the great

heart of the American people, will greet every

This Christmas will be a merry one for the

whole of the army and navy. The boys have

not been long away from home, they have had

almost none of the hardships of war, and they

War has taken almost no toll from them thus

far. Belgium and France, Serbia and Roumania,

have borne the brunt of frightfulness and our

boys have been spared. So it will be a merry

Next year it will be different. The pinch of

privation will be felt in the land-voluntary, to a

great extent, but it will be felt. There will be less

to eat and less to wear, and millions to be fed

and clothed who no longer produce, and all the

nation will save all it can to give to those who

are fighting, and to those defenseless ones on the

will be full hospitals. There is where the Red

Cross comes in-wherever there is disaster. The

hospital buildings, the equipment, the surgical sup-

plies, the surgeons and nurses and orderlies, the

ambulances and the drivers and the stretcher

shoulders of the Red Cross. It will carry it, be-

cause it has the backing of the American people;

and in the meantime it must carry the load of

the nations which have already suffered more

Here are some of the things the American Red

Cross is right now doing in France; where it has

spent \$10,000,000. These extracts were taken from

a report by the Paris headquarters to Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council,

which raised a fund of \$100,000,000 for its work:

and wounded French soldiers and their families.

"We have just given \$1,000,000 for needy sick

"Our hospital distributing service sends supplies

"Our surgical dressings service supplies 2,000

"We are operating at the front line, in co-opera-

to 3,423 French military hospitals, and is laying

French hospitals, and is preparing immense sup-

tion with the French Red Cross, ten canteens,

and are preparing for 20 more; and at six can-

teens for French soldiers at railway stations we

"We have opened a children's refuge and hos-

pital at a point where several hundred children

have been gathered to keep them from danger of

ges and shell fire. At another point we have

established a medical center and a traveling dis-

to help refugee familles through the winter with

clothing, beds, shelter, and for this work the en-

tire devastated portion of France has been divided

into six districts with a resident Red Cross dele-

gate in each. Warehouses have been established

at four points to which are shipped food, clothing,

bedding, beds, household utenstls and agricultural

and distribution warehouses at important points

from the Swiss border to the sea. Two hundred

tons of supplies are arriving in Paris daily, and

From other authorities word has come that the

Germans are driving back into France, through

Switzerland, the ragged, sick, hungry and home-

less women and children of the conquered districts

of France at the rate of 30,000 a month. Held in

captivity for more than three years, they are

tiow driven forth even from the rules in which

125 tons are shipped to branch warehouses."

"We have a large central warehouse in Paris,

"We are making arrangements on a large scale

And there will be gaps in the ranks, and there

man in uniform, wherever he may be.

come to the feast with light hearts.

Christmas for them.

other side who have nothing.

than three years of frightfulness.

in a large stock for future needs.

are serving about 80,000 men a day.

pensary to accommodate 1,200 children.

plies for our own armies.

implements.

The men on this side, waiting in the training

andet into him for the task ahead.

nome and behave as a civilized nation.

While it is getting these new members, the

alleviating suffering.

"And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." -- I

Agonized Europe cries for your aid. Make Christmas really worth while by answering generously the appeal of the Red Cross Society. Read this stirring article by Charles Lee Bryson

they have existed, so that the Germans may no longer be responsible for their starving

The Red Cross would not be true to itself or to the people who have founded it and are supporting it, if it did not do everything it could to comfort and help these sorelytried ones. The relief of human suffering is its sole object, and it has never withheld its hand when there was anguish to be soothed. But in this case there is another object to

be attained—call it selfish if you will. In backing up France, and making her people stronger to endure, the Red Cross is saving the lives of American soldiers. This was admirably expressed in the great Chicago Red Cross conference by Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council. "You may ask how all this work among the

French people is of any help to our boys-how it is saving their lives," said Mr. Davison. "Til tell you: We ask General Pershing what he wants, and he says, 'I don't want anything, for our boys, but for God's sake buck up the French. Give them courage. Hearten them. They have been fighting for three years, and if you want to do anything for me and our boys, make the people understand that we are here, and are going to take our places in the line as soon as we can get ready.'

Then Mr. Davison went on to show the strain under which the French have lived for more than three years, with the German terror holding much of their land and hammering night and day at their lines to break through and take Paris.

"And if that French line should break," he said, "you know what that means. There's nobody but those boys of Pershing's to stop the Germans, and, ready or not, they'll have to fill the gap. If we can help the French line to hold, we save our own boys until they are all ready to take their

Mr. Davison pictured the weary French soldier coming out of the trenches for a ten-day rest. He is tired half to death, covered with dirt and vermin, his clothing worn. Does he go home? He has no home, perhaps. His wife and children were swept away before the German tide. His home is gone. He says, "I can live in hell in the trenches, but I don't see why my family should be in hell too."

But now the American Red Cross is in France. It meets the soldier when he comes from the trenches, takes him to a house prepared with your money, and he is made comfortable. He is given a bath, his clothing is cleaned and sterilized, his hair cut, his whiskers trimmed, and he sleeps for an hour-maybe ten hours.

Then he is taken to his family, if the Red Cross has been able to find his, family. He finds his wife and babes, or his old mother, in a house or a shelter of some kind supplied and furnished by

When the days of his leave are up, that soldier goes back to the trenches a new man. He knows now that America, with her millions and millions of fighting men, and her billions and billions of money, and the tender care of her Red Cross, are behind him. And he goes back into the war with a new determination, and says, "so long as I live, I will fight."

"And so long as he holds that line, he is taking the place of some American boy who is not yet trained to take the trenches. That line must be made to hold for months yet, for General Pershing has said that if he can help it, his boys shall not go into the hard fighting before February.

When they do go in, then will come the real test of the American Red Cross—then will be the days of harvest, of which today is the day of sowing. For when the wounded begin to stream from the evacuation hospitals back to the bases, the warehouses of bandages and pads and gauze and splints and hospital garments and surgical supplies will melt away like mist before the sun. And in that day. If the Red Cross have not a membership of something near the desired 15,000,000. trained to make and ship all these supplies in a great, never-faltering stream, the American soldier will be ashamed of the land for which he is fighting, and many will lose limb or life which could have been saved.

These are not the opinions of a novice-they are the convictions of men who are now at the front in France and Belgium, and who see, every day, the horrors of war which it is the work of the Red Cross to mitigate. It is only a few weeks since Maj. Grayson M. P. Murphy, an officer of the regular army of wide experience and great ability, now Red Cross commissioner for France, cabled his convictions on this subject. And what he said was, in substance, that unless the Red Cross immediately sent a vast supply of all manner of hospital supplies, the American army would stand in danger of disaster and disgrace. He used those words-"disaster and disgrace."

Few who have not been through a modern military hospital can conceive what an enormous amount of supplies it requires. French surgeons report that it often requires an entire box of 7,000 gauze dressings for a single patient. There has been such a scarcity of dressings in France that they have been driven to use these dressings over and over, trying to boll and clean and sterilize them as well as they can, instead of throwing them away and putting on fresh ones.

There has, at times, been such a dearth that wounded soldiers have had their bleeding wounds stanched with old newspapers, with the result that they have always been infected, and gangrene and lockjaw have claimed many a poor fellow who could have been saved.

Terrible as it is to think of, they have at times been driven to operate in France without chloroform or ether-none was to be had.

These, no doubt, are the things which Major Murphy had in mind when he said that disaster and disgrace awaited America less the supply of surgical necessities is hastened.

Even if the lads who are about to go into the

fighting line were not our own American boys, the Red Cross would be bound to do all it could for them. But they are our own. We do not fully realize it yet, but we will later on. From every city, every village, every farming community, from almost every family in the whole land, one or more boys will help fill the lines in France-and it is for them, for your friends and mine, for your relatives and mine, that the Red Cross is working.

It is going to take men and women by the million, working all their spare time, and a good deal of time which they do not now think they can spare. And it is going to take hundreds of millions of dollars-all we can spare, and maybe all we have, whether or not we think we can spare it. Belgium is crushed, Serbia is obliterated, Roumania is little more than a memory, Russia is impotent, Italy is bearing a heavy cross, France is immortal in spirit but growing thin. There are left chiefly the British lion and the American engle, and the English-speaking boys who bear them aloft. If they fall, civilization is dead,

There is no longer any question that civilization is fighting for its very life. Germany has set out to force the whole world to live under the German imperialistic plan. President Wilson, in his nowfamous Buffalo speech, said:

"It is amazing to me that any group of people should suppose that any reforms planned in the interest of the people can live in the presence of Germany strong enough to undermine or overthrow them by intrigue of force. . . . Any man who supposes that the free industry and enterprise of the world can continue if the Pan-German plan is achieved and German power fastened upon the world, is as fatuous as the dreamers of Russia,"

There never has been any question that the American soldier will fight to death, if need be, when once he begins the job. It is the task of the American Red Cross to so supply and fortify those boys that just as few of them as possible may be sacrificed.

That is what the Red Cross has in mind when It comes to your house, or your office, or your kitchen door, or wherever you may be found, and asks you to be one of the 15,000,000 Red Cross members to stand back of those boys in khaki. This is not to be a money campaign. Money is the least important matter of this moment. What is wanted is members. The Red Cross wants these 15,000,000 men, women and children banded together in chapters, organized into committees, and trained to the minute to do whatever is needed for the boys in France and for their families at home, and for those suffering ones who have lost everything but bare life.

If the call is for warm clothing, it wants these 15,000,000 trained to make and turn out the kind of garments needed so that they may go by trainload and shipload at once. If it is for knitted goods-there has already been a call for 6,000,000 knitted arficles and it is almost or quite filled by now-these 15,000,000 must be organized to get yarn and knit, or get others to knit, and deliver the goods at once. And if it is for bandages and gauze dressings and other things for the wounded, as assuredly it will be many a time, there must be a trained Red Cross membership to get them made and in the hospitals in time to save life.

God help the American army in that day if the people have not been quick to unite with the Red Cross and supply the things the wounded boys must have. And God plty you and me in the days when the boys come back from over there-such of them as come home-and listen to the excuses we will try to make if we fall to keep them supplied with everything they need in their fight

There will be another call for money before long. When the country gave \$100,000,000 to the Red Cross war council last summer, the great men at the head of it estimated that, by careful spending, they could make it last six months. The next call probably will be for a larger sum, maybe as much as a quarter of a million dollars. If so, the American people must give it. Every cent goes for relief work. In what he termed his "public accounting," Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council, said in a recent speech that of every dollar given the Red Cross for relief work, about \$1.02 is spent for relief. What he meant is that not one cent goes for overhead expense, which is cared for in another way, but that the whole fund, together with about 2 per cent interest which it accumulated while in bank, goes for relief.

All that will come later, when the Red Cross needs more money to carry on its work of mercy.

What it needs now is members-10,000,000 added to the 5,000,000 it now has. Every member should be at least of the class called "Magazine Members." It costs \$2 a year, and entitles the members to the really wonderful Red Cross Magazine every month, filled with news and colored pictures of what the great order is doing all over

If you are a member, renew; if not, become one when the Red Cross committee comes. It is merely trying to get you to help win your war, and care for the unlucky-who may be some of your own family.

HAD LITTLE DESIRE TO ROAM

The Americans have contributed largely to the European spirit of patronage. Each year, in hordes, they traveled to Europe, breathless with curiosity and with haste, curious of dress and bearing (to European eyes) and nasal as to speech, with reverence and familiarity amazing contending. "Why do the Americans love so to tear over the world?" I once heard an old French lady ask. It was incomprehensive to her, this mania for leaving home. Her desire of happiness was to stay forever in one place.-Exchange.

LP! The Red Cross SUNK BY SUBMARINE

TORPEDOED WHILE ON PATROL DUTY

TWO-THIRDS OF CREW LOST

First Decisive Blow of German Submarines Almed at American

Navy

Washington.-Lurking in the stormswept Atlantic hundreds of miles off shore, a Teuton submarine Thursday night sank the American destroyer Jacob Jones with the loss of prob ably sixty or more of her crew.

Caught unawares, the destroyervaliant center of other U-boat encounters-apparently sank without s chance for a fight, taking with her more than half of a crew of as fine seamen as ever trod a deck.

Thirty-seven men, hastily scramb ling onto life rafts, had been rescued. according to last information the navy received from Admiral Sims. Seven found a haven on merchant craft nearby; thirty on a second. And, while hopes for the remainder of the crew are meagre, it is barely possible some other vessels without wireless may have taken the frozen, struggling victims from the seas.

The Jacob Jones, one of the crack ships of the foreign destroyer fleet, was fully 500 miles off the British Isles when the attack occurred.

What the Jones' errand was in her distant journey is not revealed, but the presence of merchant craft nearby suggests she was perhaps convoying valuable cargo as she had done many times before.

The complement of the Jones in peace times was five officers, five petty officers and eighty-seven enlisted men. Undoubtedly this has been increased to a hundred or more. From the first report it would appear that the loss of life would be upward of sixty.

The attack, which was at 8 o'clock at night, was delivered by torpedo. In the rolling, icy seas of the north Atlantic winter weather the submarine probably had plenty of opportunity to pick her time for the shot. The submarine probably came upon the destroyer patrolling her course in the dusk and had all the best of the engagement. No details were contained in reports, but it has been the case heretofore that when a submarine gets a hit on a destroyer, it is more due to a chance meeting and good opportunity than fighting skill on the part of the submarine.

The large loss of life would indicate that the torpedo with its deadly charge of high explosive, made a fair hit plump on the destroyer's thin hull and that the submarine hunter probably was blown fairly in two. That she went down quickly is evidenced by the fact that nothing is said of survivors getting off in life boats. Those saved got off on rafts that probably floated off the sinking ship as she plunged down in the lcy darkness.

Lieutenant Commander David Worth Bagley, and Lieut. Norman Scott who were at first reported as lost, were among the survivors rescued after the sinking of the destroyer.

Admiral Sims' reports said that Commander Bagley and the five other men saved with him got away in a motorboat and were picked up and landed uninjured at the Scilly island.

The Jacob Jones, one of the largest and newest American submarine chasers of her type, operating in the Atlantic, was the first American warship to fall a victim to a German submarine, but was the second American destroyer to be lost in foreign waters. The Chauncey sank with her commander Walter E. Reno, two other officers and eighteen enlisted men after being cut in two by the transport Rose Early on the morning of November 20.

Washington.-Vice-Admfral Sims has cabled the navy department that forty-four officers and men were saved of 110 known to have been aboard the destroyer. He added to the list of dead Ensign Staunton F. Kalk of Omaha, Neb., who died from exposure, and to the survivors an unidentified man picked up by the submarine after the destroyer went down.

Navy officers and officials took pride in the fact that the Jacob Jones and her crew had written new honors into navy records before the vessel fell victim to an enemy torpedo. In October the Jones went gallantly to the rescue of the British converted cruiser Orama, accompanied by another American destroyer, when the ormer P. and O. liner was torpedoed. They attacked and put the submarine out of commission, and then, when the cruiser began to settle, transferred all on board to their own decks without accident.

Airman Again Raid England London. - About twenty-five air planes raided England Thursday. Ot these six reached London. Two of the raiders were brought down, the crew of three men on each machine being captured. Bombs dropped by the raiders caused a number of fires in London, but all of them were quickly brought under control. The casualties are believed to be light. This was the first German air raid over England in more than a month. The last previous raid occurred on the night of October 31.



Five Generations in Wars. Five generations of one family have served in the United States wars, the chain being completed by the recent enlistment at Los Angeles of a young man named Bennett. Not only did his two grandfathers, Bennett and Brookover, serve in the Civil war, but his great-grandfather, Daniel Bennett, was also a veteran of that war. The young man's great-great-grandfather, Ass Bennett, was in the war of 1812, and his two great-great-great-grandfathers, Bennett and Harris, were in the Revolutionary war. Although not in direct line of ancestry, young Bennett's uncle, Harry Brookover, represented the family in the Spanish-American war.

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Would Save the Cake.

Johnny had often seen the new food signs posted up everywhere, telling people not to waste food and use what is left. One day he was invited to a birthday party. In a short while the birthday cake was cut up and each child had a piece, and there was a big piece left. The maid was going to take this piece away when Johany call-ed to her and said, "I think I can use the piece that is left."

One Worse.

Friend—I suppose you'd rather lick the kaiser than anybody else on earth. Recruit-There's just one fellow Fd like to get my hands on worse.

Friend-Who's that? Recruit-The guy that hollered "Fire!" just as I got my clothes off for the physical examination.—Judge.

RED CROSS-GOODNESS YES Red Cross Ball Blue, yes. Nothing makes my clothes a beautiful clear white, not the dingy yellow green tinge of liquid blue. Red Oross Ball Blue for me. Yes sir-e, Beb .-- Adv.

The Reason. "What makes wheat nervous, pa?" "I guess it is the way they keep thrashing it, son."

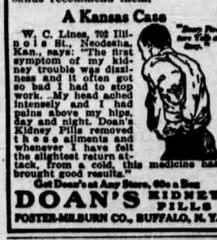
If the man you are talking to looks at his wife it's time to shut up.

The poorest excuse in the world is "I didn't think."

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Why That Lame Back ? Morning lameness, sharp twinges when bending, or an all-day back-

ache; each is cause enough to sue pect kidney trouble. Get after the cause. Help the kidneys. We Americans go it too hard. We overdo, overest and neglect out sleep and exercise and so we are fast becoming a nation of kidney sufferers. 72% more deaths than in 1890 is the 1910 census story. Use Doan's Kidney Pills. Thou sunds recommend them.







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