

RED CROSS GIVES FULL ACCOUNTING

War Council Tells How Millions Contributed by Public Were Used For Relief.

BIG TASK IS DESCRIBED

In Twenty Months \$184,000,000 Was Spent Overseas and \$119,000,000 in the United States.

Washington, (Special).—Through a complete report of the work of the American Red Cross in the war by Chairman Henry P. Devision, on behalf of the war council, the organization on the eve of its annual meeting of members during the Third Red Cross Roll Call, November 2 to 11, has rendered an accounting of the many millions given it by the American people to help our fighting men and their allies. The statement is, in part, as follows:

"The war council of the American Red Cross is now prepared to make a complete accounting to the American people of money contributed and expended, as well as the work done by the American Red Cross during the period in which the war council was in control of its affairs. The war council was appointed May 18, 1918, and went out of existence February 28, 1919.

"It was the practice of the war council to give complete publicity to its policies and finances, but it is only now that a picture of the war period as a whole can be presented. It is the feeling of the war council that a report in this summarized form should be made directly to the public, and it provided the money and gave the effort which made the American Red Cross a success.

"A statement of the American Red Cross effort and finance since the war council relinquished its control will be made to the public through the executive committee, and it is important, therefore, that the fact that this report covers the period only to March 1, should be carefully noted."

Following are certain round figures covering American Red Cross participation in the war, as revealed by the war council's report:

Some Outstanding Figures.	
Contributions received (material and money), \$400,000,000	
Red Cross members:	
Adults, 20,000,000	
Children, 1,000,000	31,000,000
Red Cross workers	5,100,000
Relief articles produced by volunteer workers	\$71,577,000
Qualities of soldiers aided by Home Service in U.S.	500,000
Refugees served in U.S.	40,000,000
Nurses enrolled for service with army, navy or Red Cross	23,822
Kind of comfort articles distributed to soldiers and sailors in U.S.	2,700
Kind of comfort articles given to soldiers and sailors in U.S.	10,000,000
Tons of relief supplies shipped overseas	101,000
Foreign countries in which Red Cross operated	25
Patient days in Red Cross hospital in France	1,165,000
French hospitals given material aid	8,780
Splints supplied for American soldiers	294,000
Quilts of bitous cotton and oxygen furnished French hospitals	4,940,000
Men served by Red Cross canteens in France	15,376,000
Refugees aided in France	1,720,000
American convalescent soldiers attending Red Cross movies in France	3,130,000
Soldiers carried by Red Cross ambulances in Italy	148,000
Children cared for by Red Cross in Italy	165,000
Of the \$400,000,000 in money and supplies, contributed to the American Red Cross during the twenty months the war council was in existence, \$253,000,000 was allotted to national headquarters, while \$147,000,000 went to the chapters to finance their activities. Expenditures in the twenty months totalled \$273,000,000, divided as follows: By national headquarters in France, \$57,000,000; elsewhere overseas, \$94,000,000; in the United States, \$48,000,000; cost of chapter-produced articles distributed in France, \$25,000,000; elsewhere overseas, \$8,000,000; in the United States, \$28,000,000, making total expenditures in France, \$82,000,000; elsewhere overseas, \$102,000,000; in the United States, \$119,000,000.	

U. S. ADVISES FARMERS BEST WAY TO INVEST

Transfer of Liberty Bonds Held by Banks Urged as Aid to Cut H. C. L.

Through the State Agricultural colleges of the several states, as well as the other districts of the country, the savings division of the treasury department is starting a campaign to promote savings and investment in government securities, especially the benefit of the farmer. In a letter to the State Agricultural colleges Benjamin R. Andrews, vice director of the savings division, said in part:

"The treasury department is offering this year's \$100,000,000 Treasury Savings certificates (War Savings stamps in larger denominations), and Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness. It is also urging the transfer to private investors of the Liberty bonds still held by banks, which, as the federal reserve bank has pointed out, by reducing the inflated credit situation will be one effective factor for checking rising prices.

"The farmers of the country took their full share in the war loans and for the first time became generally investors in securities. The problem arises of the farmer's own advantage in continuing to invest money in securities, and if so, what form shall the investment take? A leading rural economist recently pointed out that the farmers are made directly to the public, and it is only now that a picture of the war period as a whole can be presented. It is the feeling of the war council that a report in this summarized form should be made directly to the public, and it provided the money and gave the effort which made the American Red Cross a success.

"The government is interested in promoting the holding of Liberty bonds, in preventing fraudulent practices by Liberty bond manipulators, and in continuing the flow of money into Liberty bonds and other government securities."

Following are the chief points the treasury department wishes to be brought to the attention of people in rural districts:

Possible investments for farmer: (a) Reinvestment in his own farming desirable as long as more capital can be profitably employed; (b) land mortgages—safe but not readily convertible to cash or convenient as collateral for temporary bank loans; (c) personal notes—risky; (d) shares of stock—speculative and risky; farmer not in position to have special knowledge; (e) government securities, absolutely safe; as to principal and interest—no question as to prior claims, always marketable or redeemable. Government securities now available: \$5 War Savings stamps and \$100 and \$1,000 Treasury Savings certificates, maturing January 1, 1924, redeemable on demand, money paying 4 per cent compound interest; Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, \$500 up, running for a few months with interest at 4 1/2 per cent and 4 3/4 per cent; Liberty bonds and Victory notes, \$50 up, purchasable in open market through local banks. Characteristics of these different securities—bond especially desirable as collateral for temporary loans or banks.

Effect of government investment: (a) Increasing saving fund of the country; the dollar put into government securities releases a buying dollar; (b) expansion of business and trade; effect on foreign trade especially important to farmer as the extension of credits abroad is the sole way of making possible the sale of farm products abroad; increasing capital available for agriculture; (c) high cost of living situation, since increased production and saving are the two fundamental causes for rising prices and investment in government securities provides both; (d) rural land speculation—aided by farmer who puts his surplus into farm lands for lease, or sale; checked by government investment; effect of speculation on future farming.

"Holding your government securities is good citizenship."—Why? The government is still borrowing funds.

Farmer now a mark for fraudulent stock operators, Liberty bond scalpers, flow check fraud.

WORK, SAVE, SUCCEED (W. S. S.)

VIRGIN ISLANDS SET EXAM: E.

Uncle Sam's newest possession, the Virgin Islands, has taken most rapidly to American ideals, according to information received by the Savings Division of the Treasury Department. The small population of the islands consists largely of the foreign-born, yet nearly \$2,500 worth of War Savings stamps has been sold there this year, the per capita purchase comparing most favorably with those of any of the states of the Union. The purchases for the island up to the end of August this year averaged \$17.25 for each square mile of the territory purchased from Denmark in 1916. The sales of the stamps were made through the post office of the islands.

WISE SPENDER IS WISE SOWER. —Police Your Pocketbook; Save—

LOCATES MOTHER AFTER FOUR DAYS IN DESERT SANDS

Four days by camel from Damascus in a little desert village nestled in the blazing sands, lived the Syrian mother of an American soldier, waiting yearning for word from her son who had gone to far-off America.

George Hamway, the son, enlisted with the American colors when this country went to war, and fell fighting in the Argonne, leaving to the mother a \$5,000 government insurance policy. The address of the mother was vague. She lived in the heart of the desert, four days from Damascus—that was the only address George knew.

The task of finding the mother was given to the Red Cross mission in Palestine, and the search was started immediately. Strange by-ways of that land of mystery—the great desert—were visited by Red Cross workers, and at length the mother was found. She was taken to Damascus by camel, accompanied by witnesses establishing her identity, and after much palaver it was explained that the American government would make arrangements to her which meant comparative affluence for her declining days.

War Department Store Prices

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13, 1919. Official price list of articles for sale in the Army Quartermaster retail stores:

Description of Article	Price
Albums, film, negative, 3-14x1-2 new, each	75
Blankets, wool (reclaimed or renovated) each	5.00
Blankets, cotton (new) per pair	3.00
Blankets, wool and cotton (mixed) (new) each	5.00
Blankets, wool and cotton (mixed) (reclaimed or renovated) each	3.50
Blankets, wool (new) each	6.00
Blankets, cotton (reclaimed or renovated) per pair	1.00
Boots, rubber, hip (new) per pair	5.25
Brooms, stable, with handles, each	75
Candles, tallow (new) per lb	20
Cans, metal (reclaimed or renovated) each	20
Cans, ash or garbage (new) assorted sizes, each	10
Cups, canteen each	3.00
Drawers, wool, heavy, winter (new) per pair	1.00
Drawers, wool, light (new) per pair	.50
Drawers, winter, wool heavy (reclaimed or renovated) per pair	.60
Drawers, winter, fleeced-lined (reclaimed or renovated) per pair	.30
Drawers, summer, balbriggan (new) per pair	.25
Drawers, summer, nainsook (new) per pair	.50
Drawers, summer, elastic seam (new) per pair	.50
Drawers, summer, knee length (new) per pair	.50
Drawers, summer, full length (new) per pair	.50
Drawers, summer, balbriggan (reclaimed or renovated) per pair	.25
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Drawers, summer, full length (reclaimed or renovated) per pair	.25
Forks, table, (reclaimed) doz.	24
Gloves, Jersey Knit (new) pair	.20
Gloves, "Barbwire protective" (new) per pair	2.00
Handles, pick "Rail Road" (new) each	21
Hatchets, claw (new) each	1.00
Kettles, camp, with covers (new) each	.40
Knives, table, (reclaimed) doz.	48
Larvets (new) each	.65
Mops, heads cotton (new) each	.37
Leggings, foot (new) per pair	.75
Oversalls, combination (new) per pair	2.50
Oversalls, Bib (new) per pair	1.25
Paper, toilet, rolls, each	.68 1/2
Picks, R. R. (new) each	.70
Pritchels, Blacksmith (new) each	.20
Spades, D handle (new) each	1.00
Spoons (reclaimed) per dozen	.18
Socks, wool, light (new) per pair	.25
Socks, wool, heavy (new) per pair	.35
Thimbles, Saddler's (new) each	.08
Towels, Huck (new) each	.20
Undershirts, wool, winter (new) each	1.00
Undershirts, winter, cotton fleeced (new) each	.50
Undershirts, wool, winter (reclaimed or renovated) each	.50
Undershirts, winter, cotton fleeced (reclaimed or renovated) each	.20
Undershirts, summer (new) each	.50
Undershirts, summer (reclaimed or renovated) each	.25

SUBSISTENCE	
Apples, Evaporated per lb.	1.288
Asparagus, 24 2 1/2 lb. cans to case per can	.20
Bacon, 6 1/2 lb. cans to case per can	2.75
Bacon, in strips, per lb.	.20
Beef, corned, 48 No. 1 cans to the case, per can	.23
Beef, corned, 24 No. 2 cans to the case, per can	.45
Beans, baked, 48 No. 1 cans to the case, per can	.04
Beans, stringless, 24 No. 2 cans to the case, per can	.09
Beans, stringless, 12 No. 10 cans to the case, per can	.40
Cinnamon, 48 1 lb. cans to the case, per can	.07
Cloves, 48 1 1/4 lb. cans to the case, per can	.14
Corn, sweet, 24 No. 2 cans to the case, per can	.09
Cornstarch, 40 lb. case, per pkg.	.04
Farina, 48 No. 1 tins to the case, per tin	.14
Flavoring extract, vanilla, 24 8 oz. to case, per bottle	.33
Flour, issue, 100 lb. bags, per bag	6.00
Flour, oatmeal, 300 lb. bags, per bag	4.00
Flour, barley, 100 lb. bags, per pound	.04
Hash, corned beef, 48 1 lb. cans to case, per can	.22
Hash, corned beef, 24 2 lb. cans to case, per can	.37
Hominy, coarse, 100 lb. sacks, per sack	6.40
Hominy, fine, 24 No. 2 cartons to case, per carton	.04
Macaroni, bulk, 25 lb. to case, per case	2.06
Nutmeg, ground, 48 1 1/4 lb. cans to case, per can	.11
Peas, green, 24 No. 2 cans to case, per can	.09
Pepper, black, 48 1 1/4 lb. cans to case, per can	.09
Pickles, cucumber, per gal.	.20
Potatoes, sweet, 24 No. 2 1/2 cans to case, per can	.12
Potatoes, sweet, 24 No. 3 cans to case, per can	.16
Pumpkin, 24 No. 2 cans to case, per can	.03



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