

RED CROSS AID TO VETS MOUNTING

Heavier Demands for War Service Laid to New Legislation Granting Wide Benefits.

ACTIVE FORCES AIDED ALSO

Duty to Ex-Service and Service Men First Responsibility of the Red Cross.

A marked increase in the service given by the American Red Cross to ex-service men, through chapters, hospitals, Government and Red Cross offices during the past year, and which volume is expected to be maintained during most of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, is shown in the reports of the war service activities of the organization, just completed.

Service to the disabled and to men now in active service continued to be one of the primary obligations of the Red Cross. The increased activities in this regard were attributed largely to the legislation giving new benefits to ex-service men.

The keystone of the Red Cross service lies in the Home Service work of the chapters to veterans and men still in service. At the close of the fiscal year June 30, 1925, 2,591 chapters were active in this work and had expended approximately \$2,237,000.

Included in their work was assistance to ex-service men in making adjusted compensation papers, in handling of claims reopened, or made possible under liberalized terms of the World War Veterans' Act of 1924; and in many other ways.

An unusual amount of legislation passed by Congress and State bodies has necessitated the issue of much new material in the past year. Legislation was passed during the year liberalizing conditions applying to hospitalization, compensation and other benefits under the Veterans' Bureau; this in turn has entailed reopening of many claims formerly disallowed, filing of many new ones, and many applications for hospitalization. The Claims Service at National Headquarters this year handled 17,506 comparisons with 12,010 cases the previous year.

Increased service to men in hospitals was noted, as well in the number of hospitals in which service was maintained by the organization. Due to new legislation an increase of over 6,000 patients were admitted for hospitalization, a new peak approximating that of March 1922. Since a large number of this group includes patients not eligible for compensation, the solution of their personal and family problems has involved careful study by the National Organization.

There are 30,000 disabled ex-service men in Government hospitals every day of the year, and their need has directly led to a revival of the best known and perhaps most popular activity—the Red Cross sponsored in war—a new campaign for knitted "Red Cross sweaters." These articles are among the few not furnished by the Government.

For the men still on active duty in the Army, Navy and Marines, the Red Cross during the year maintained Field Directors at all important stations, camps, and hospitals, of these armed forces of the country.

A monthly average of 96,931 services and ex-service men were aided by the Red Cross during the year.

The man in service, and the man who has served his country are among the primary responsibilities for which the American Red Cross is chartered by Congress. Nevertheless it has many other obligations and it is on this basis that an appeal will be made for a larger enrollment than ever in the Annual Roll Call, Armistice Day, November 11, to November 26.

Strong Membership Appeal in Red Cross Disaster Relief

Asking themselves "What if disaster should visit our city?" the leading citizens of many communities of the United States have adopted the Scout motto to "Be Prepared."

Impressed by the frequency and the wide range of peace time calamities in their country, they have organized their communities with the thoroughness which normal conditions permit against the possibility of a time when there will be no chance for thought or plan. Red Cross Chapters in many localities are similarly prepared.

THE SPOTLIGHT

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Sophomores
From the result of the Sophomores all being so bright and all talking at once in English class they had a tea party in Miss MacKeller's room at 3:45.

Juniors and Seniors
The Juniors and Seniors are divided into three groups and are selling magazines to get money for the Senior's trip to Washington. The side that sells the most magazines has a party given for them by the losing side.

Florence Moore.
Athletics
Farmington was defeated by Dearborn Friday, 39 to 0. Although they were losing all the time, Farmington kept the same spirit and played hard.
In the evening a banquet and a dance was given by the Dearborn High School in honor of Farmington and Dearborn football teams.
Everyone had a good time and forgot the struggle which they had on the football field.
Middlewood.

Jokes
Maurice: "I wish I could revise the alphabet."
Helen B.: "Why, what would

Find Beach Combing Industry Worth While

The statement that a beach comb at Liverpool has made £4500 in two days may amuse the uninitiated, but at many popular resorts and big ports there are men who make a bit simply from combing the beach.
Whatever is lost upon the sands and much that goes into the sea are eventually brought back by the tide at some time; but the beach comb must be quick, for the next wave may suck his find back to remain hidden for several tides or to be thrown up on another portion of the coast, the Manchester Guardian says.
All sorts of articles are found. Clearer cases, rings, brooches, watches, purses and collars all go to make up the treasure trove of seaside beaches. At the ports much bulkier stuff is retrieved. Barrels of oil or beer, cases of copper or other metal, and piles of loose rope or canvas are found the crop, and these have usually a ready market.
It is a skilled business, too, this combing of the beaches, for not merely are a keen eye and quick grasp essential to make the greatest profit a man must be familiar with the currents of the coast, and so be able to foretell which portion of the beach is likeliest to yield treasure at each season of the year.

There's the Rab

"Gargling with strich antibiotics," says a medical journal, "will invariably kill the influenza bacillus," provided, of course, you can catch him and make him gargle.—Boston Transcript.

Great Wall of China Longer Than Supposed

It is one of the Seven Wonders of the World, medieval Europe wrote poems about it, and the Great Lectorapher, friend to Miss Hathorn in the days before Rocky Sharp threw the dictionary told a certain Scotch writer to the signet that it was worth a visit. Chinese poetry and legend is full of the names of Kiu-Ju-kwan and Shan-hak-wan—such as we speak of Dan and Beersheba. But few are the eastern Chinese who have reached the western end—political exiles, for the most part, fleeing from poison or the silken cord of Peking.
It fell to Sir Aurel Stein of the British museum to put an end to the myth of Kiu-Ju-kwan by flading hundreds of miles of wall beyond it in the desert, older and more romantic still, built of bundles of reeds and poplar branches anchored to driven posts. But, important as his discoveries are, rarely a score of Chinese know of them yet, and hence they have not robbed Kiu-Ju-kwan of its unique place in Chinese lore.—Langdon Warner, in the World's Work.

Their Duty to Watch for Strayed Travelers

The official title of a small group of young men who watch for lost travelers in the mountain passes of Switzerland during the winter is "Soldier of the Snow." These soldiers are young Italians who live on the Italian side of the pass. They are exempted from military service, even in case of war, on condition that they aid all lost travelers on the mountain passes. They are supplied with uniforms to distinguish them from smugglers, but not with guns. Their duties are the same as those of the monks of the hospice with whom they are in constant communication by telephone.

Makes Sad Picture of "Night Life" in Mexico

Mexico is no holy city. Secretly she gambles, secretly she indulges in all the vices, secretly her people poison themselves with alcohol and drugs, secretly they assassinate each other.
She is a hypocritical city. She practices every vice that the modern world has invented for its self-indulgence. She indulges in the dissipation of Paris and New York, but without the joy that gives them a pretense of rationality, or the craving for beauty and happiness that sends them a noble pathos. In Mexico vice is petty and affected—an alien parasite on the old colonial life.
We Mexicans are taciturn by nature. Rarely does joy excite us to song and laughter. We know nothing of the high spirits of the French. Were a person to sing at midnight in our streets he would scandalize every good citizen returning from the cinema, contented with having seen his own stupidity distinctly reflected on the screen from eight, interminable reels of celluloid.
Our drunkenness also is sad. Wine rises to our heads in waves of blood. Then we kill—kill as naturally as other men laugh and dance.
Cabarets, centers of wild merriment in the United States and Europe, among us become sad places where people fling expensively, drink economically, and dance hieratically.—Julio Jimenez Rueda in the Excelsior, Mexico City.

Two Last Words, Perhaps

A woman doesn't always get the last word—sometimes she is talking to another woman.—Fitt Panther.

Air "Twister" Caused Terror in England

The first tornado in England of which there is any definite mention occurred nearly three centuries ago in Cheshire and Lancashire. Rotating or spiral storms, such as are comparatively frequent in western America, occur but seldom in Europe.
The "twister" of 1622 is thus described by a contemporary writer: "There arose a great pillar of smoke, in height like a steeple and judged twenty yards broad, which, making a most hideous noise, went along the ground six or seven miles, leveling all in the way. It threw down fences and stone walls and carried the stones a great distance from their places, but falling upon moorish ground, not inhabited, it did less hurt."
"The terrible noise it made so frightened the cattle that they ran away, and were thereby preserved. It passed over a cornfield, and laid it as low with the ground as if it had been broken by feet."
"It went through a wood and turned up above a hundred trees by the roots; coming into a field of cocks of hay ready to be carried in, it swept all away, and left a great tree in the middle of the field, which it had brought from some other place. It overthrew a house or two, but the people that were in them received not much hurt, but the timber was carried away nobody knows whither."

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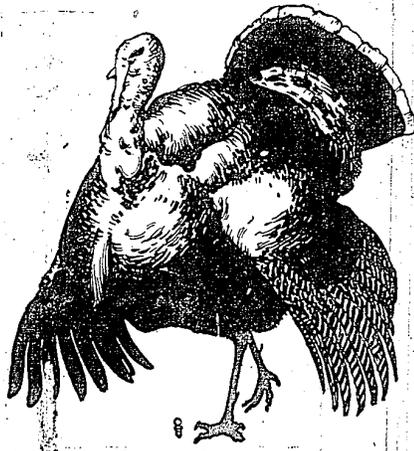
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